



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER · TOGETHER WE LEARN

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Dates for diaries:

Friday 11th December

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PTA Christmas Online Pantomime

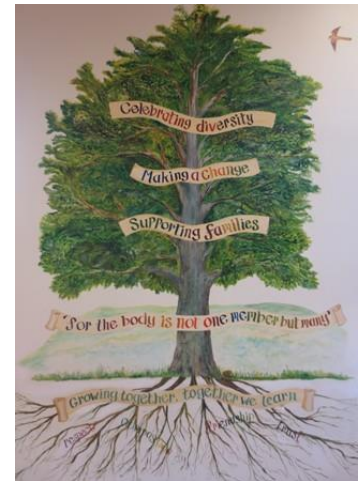
Thursday 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day

For the body is not one member but many. Corinthians 12: 12-14

Growing Together. Together we learn.

Our vision reminds us that the body of Christ, or the people that are the whole of humanity, are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one; we are strongest working together in unity. As we all we work together we demonstrate our Christian values of **respect, compassion, friendship and trust.**



Our ambition is to: Celebrate diversity, Make a change, and Support families.

Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear parents,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from 7.9.20 to 13.11.20 is 96.99%

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn Term 1:

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| Jungle Class – 94.10% | Woodland Class – 99.46% | Ocean Class - 98.37% | Desert Class – 95.38% |
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School attendance is vital for your child to reach their full potential. If your child is unwell, please ensure that you telephone the school office on the morning of the first day of absence. Your help with this is much appreciated.





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School Council Book Sale

We hope your children came home with some lovely new books to read after the book sale last week. We were delighted to send £67.00 to the poppy appeal and also were able to buy a wreath to put on the village memorial in remembrance of all those who have lost their lives during conflict, in order that we may live in peace.

Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all parents who either donated online or sent a donation in to school to support Children in Need this year. Mental Wellbeing is a very worthy cause which many will have suffered with this year due to the covid restrictions we are living with. The children enjoyed wearing their non-uniform and we have managed to raise a whopping £195.50 including gift aid – brilliant effort!

Message from the PTA

Hi everyone! Please remember to start at the GivingMachine for all your online shopping, for every purchase through the GivingMachine website or mobile app the PTA receives a percentage of your spend totally FREE! You'll also find special offers and discount codes for various retailers on the website, the link is below.

Thank you!

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/shillingstone-ce-va-primary-school/>

Christmas tableau at Holy Rood

From 12th December the porch at Holy Rood church will be transformed into a beautiful Christmas nativity scene.

Do go and have a look and take a moment to reflect on the wonder of the Christmas story - that God was born as a baby in a stable in Bethlehem.

Santa Dash – Friday 11th December

The Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Ambassadors will be leading and planning our Santa Dash. Children should come to school dressed as Santa or in Christmas themed clothing but will need their trainers. Further details to follow!

PTA Christmas Pantomime Online

All classes will be watching an online pantomime of Cinderella in their own classrooms. This is the closest thing we can do instead of our usual annual trip to the pantomime in Poole.





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Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 17th December

Due to the Santa Dash and Pantomime we will be swapping our Christmas Jumper Day to Thursday 17th December. We will be supporting Save the Children Fund on this day and a donation would be appreciated to help the less fortunate children in the world.

Starting School for the first time in September 2021

If you have a child who is born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they will be due to start school in September 2021. Applications are open until 15th January 2021. Applications can be made online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions We are only conducting telephone enquiries at the moment due to Covid-19 regulations.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Please see over the page a parent questionnaire related to this year's meetings. Please return to the school office. We have sent a paper copy home for each family.

Yours sincerely

Jane Whitehouse-Sharpe
Headteacher





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Parent questionnaire

Parent consultations

This term we conducted the parent consultations virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We would appreciate some feedback on how you felt the School Cloud IT system worked. Please could you answer the following questions and return the questionnaire to the office. Many thanks.

1. Were the instructions sent by the school regarding the booking of an appointment easy to follow.

| Yes | No | Comments |
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2. Did you have any problems booking an appointment and if so were we able to rectify the problem?

| Yes | No | Comments |
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3. Was the School Cloud system easy to use to access your appointment and was the video and sound link clear? If you were unable to access the School Cloud, was the telephone call from the teacher successful?

| Yes | No | Comments |
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4. Were you able to discuss everything you needed to during the meeting about your child's progress in school?

| Yes | No | Comments |
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Any other comments not mentioned above:

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