



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER · TOGETHER WE LEARN

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Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 11th November

Parent Consultation Appointments
3.30pm – 7pm

Thursday 12th November

All classes holding book sale led by the School Council

Monday 9th November

All after school clubs cancelled until further notice – new government guidance

Friday 13th November

Non-Uniform Day – donations in aid of Children in Need

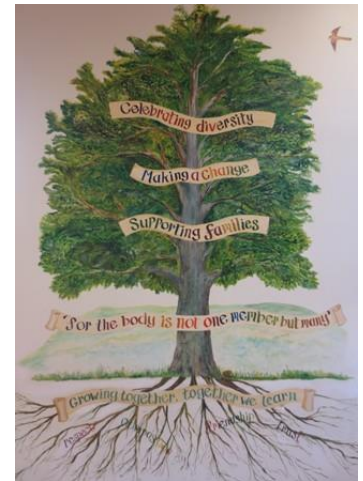
Tuesday 17th November

Parent Consultation Appointments
3.30pm – 5.30pm

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 5th November 2020

Dear parents,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from 7.9.20 to 22.10.20 is 97.10%

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn Term 1:

Jungle Class – 94.37%	Woodland Class – 99.30%	Ocean Class - 98.18%	Desert Class – 95.87%
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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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Drop-off and pick-up of children

Thank you to everyone who is using the one-way system in the school playground, it is working really well. Please remember to socially distance to keep us all safe and well.

A parent has made a good suggestion about using the side gate which leads onto the public pathway, rather than the main school gate when leaving the school grounds. If you are able to use this route, it may ease the bottle neck on the front gate with families coming in and out.

Thank you also to parents who are wearing face coverings since the revised advice out this week. Please also remember that due to underlying health conditions there may be a reason why someone cannot wear a face covering – we all need to be kind to each other during these difficult times.

PE Kit

Many thanks for ensuring that the children are wearing their PE kit into school on the correct days. Please see the table below with revised clubs for Autumn Term 2.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Desert - PE lesson Ocean – PE lesson	Desert - PE lesson Ocean – PE lesson	Woodland – PE lesson Jungle – PE lesson	Woodland – PE lesson Jungle – PE lesson

After School Clubs – cancelled from Monday 9th November

Unfortunately due to new guidance received today we are no longer able to offer after school clubs until further notice.

Bonfire Safety Notice

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding everyone about the dangers of fireworks to help keep people safe this bonfire and fireworks season. With many organised events cancelled, emergency services are preparing for a busier night than usual as people celebrate in their own gardens. We are asking everyone to show RESPECT this Bonfire Night.





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Respect the Firework

Whilst most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause real misery. Remember that fireworks are explosives, and as such should be treated with respect and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the Firework Code.

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm
- Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

Respect the Emergency Services

We are currently amidst a global pandemic and we are asking people not to take risks, putting additional pressures on our emergency services. Injuries can be prevented by following the Firework code. If you suffer a burn, ensure you:

- **Cool the burn under cold running water for at least ten minutes.**
- **After the burn has been cooled, cover it with cling film or a clean plastic bag.**
- **Call 999 if necessary. Always seek medical advice for a baby or child that has been burned.**

Respect your neighbours

Fireworks can frighten people and animals. The elderly and children are frequently scared and intimidated by firework noise. After all, fireworks are explosives. Tell your neighbours if you're a planning on letting off fireworks and avoid purchasing really noisy ones. Please be considerate when having a firework party and make sure the noise is over by 11pm.

You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for:

- Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight
- New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am

Show some respect this Bonfire Night.





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Maypole Nursery

Maypole Nursery will be closing at the end of December. Shillingstone Primary School is very keen to ensure that we continue to have nursery provision on the school site and are pleased to announce that the tender documentation is currently being advertised for a new provider.

The tender documentation for a procurement is being run by the Schools' Buying Hub South West on behalf of the Shillingstone Primary School who are part of the Sherborne Area Schools Trust.

The procurement is being run through the InTend portal:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/schoolsbuyingclub>

Parent Consultation Meetings

We have sent home both in paper copy and electronically the information needed to login to schoolcloud and book your video appointment. You will still be given a 10 minute appointment time to discuss your child's progress at school. The appointments will be carried out on the 11th and 17th November but bookings close on the 10th November at 2pm. If you have difficulties please contact the school office.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Children in Need are focusing on Mental Wellbeing this year. We will be supporting the charity by having a Non-Uniform Day with suggested donations of £1 to be sent to Children in Need. Unfortunately with the current situation we won't be having a cake sale or toy sale this year.

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/>





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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.

Yours sincerely

Jane Whitehouse-Sharpe
Head Teacher

