



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER · TOGETHER WE LEARN

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Dates for diaries:

Friday 11th December

Santa Dash – come to school dressed as santa or Christmas themed clothing – trainers needed!

PTA Christmas Online Pantomime

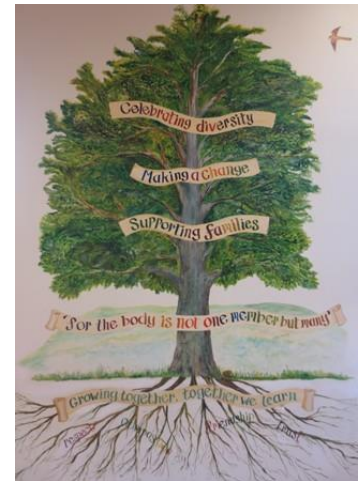
Thursday 17th December

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 3rd December 2020

Dear parents,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 7.9.20 to 27.11.20 is 96.99%

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn Term so far:

Jungle Class – 94.43%	Woodland Class – 99.30%	Ocean Class - 98.49%	Desert Class – 95.18%

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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Consultation on the SAST Admissions Policy 2022/23
7th December 2020 to 15th January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders,

Sherborne Area Schools' Trust is the admissions authority for all schools within the Trust. Under section 1.42 of the Schools Admission Code 2014, SAST schools are obliged to consult with parents, carers and other stakeholders about the content of its Admissions Policy, irrespective of the policy being changed, at least every seven years. This consultation must be for a minimum period of 6 weeks and should take place between 1 October and 31 January.

There have been no substantial changes to the Admissions Policy since the last consultation in December 2019 in terms of criteria for entry. However, we have added to the list of SAST schools and their feeder schools as we have had new schools join in 2020.

With regard to the changes described above, you are respectfully invited to review this updated 2022/23 policy and provide any comments directly to the Trust by email or by post to the following address by 15th January 2020:

Steve Hillier, CEO

Sherborne Area Schools' Trust

St. Aldhelm's House, c/o The Gryphon School

Bristol Road

Sherborne

Dorset DT9 4EQ

office@sast.org.uk

The SAST Admissions policy can be accessed via the school office or via the SAST website –

www.sast.org.uk

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

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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The Vale Pantry in Sturminster Newton

The Vale Pantry was set up in 2020 in order to provide affordable and nutritious food to local residents. For a weekly membership of £4.50, members of The Vale Pantry will be able to choose a selection of food with a value of £15 - £20 each week. The pantry is here to help you top up your weekly shop, and the variety of food available includes fresh fruit and veg, store cupboard favourites ...

<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/thevale/>

Blandford Food Bank

It is that special time of the year again when our attention turns to the exciting season of Christmas. However, for many, this year will not be the one they were expecting or hoping for.

Blandford Foodbank have been getting ready by collecting seasonal goodies from generous donors and have received over 400 brand new toys to distribute to those families most in need.

Each family will receive:-

Two food parcels

- One delivered during the week beginning 21st December with a Christmas goodie bag
- Second delivered during the week beginning 28th December

Toys for each child up to the age of 12/13 years old.

A meat voucher.

If you are a family that has suffered by lose of a job or being self-employed but unable to work or claim financial aid and finding it hard to make ends meet (you do not need to be on benefits) please contact me in the strictest confidence and I shall provide your details to the Blandford Foodbank.

Mrs Allsop in Woodland Leaving

Mrs Allsop will be leaving us on 10th December. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her most sincerely for all her hard work in Woodland. We wish Mrs Allsop every success in her new job.

Christmas Post Box in school

A message from Year 6 We will be creating separate post boxes this year – one for each bubble.

*You may send Christmas cards to anyone in the school. Please write their name and their class





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clearly on the envelope. *Post them into the post box within your bubble. ***Post boxes will be open from Tuesday 1st December. *Cards must be posted by Friday 11th December.** *The cards will be quarantined for at least 48 hours (over the weekend). *Year 6 children will sort the cards the week beginning Monday 14th December. *The cards will be delivered during the last week of term.

KS1 Nativity

The children in KS1 (Reception and Woodland) will be doing their nativity next week. We will be recording the nativity and posting it on our school website and a SAST Utube channel. We are mindful that there are children in school who are not to be included and they will not be filmed.

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.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely

Jane Whitehouse-Sharpe
Headteacher

