



SHILLINGSTONE C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Monday 17th November - Celebrate Children in Need today in school (school council lead) Children wear spotty, yellow or sporty clothing. Non-school uniform.

Friday 21st November – Non uniform day in exchange for Christmas raffle prizes

Friday 21st November – Special Breakfast Club – Waffles

Friday 21st November - Planet Earth ECO day. Nature Games in school. Waste-free lunch.

Wednesday 3rd December - Bedtime Stories 5-6pm

Friday 5th December afternoon Year 6 climbing at Bryanston

Wednesday 10th December - School lunches Christmas dinner (Swiftkitchen)

Wednesday 10th December – Nativity Performance 2pm -

Thursday 11th December – Nativity Performance 5.30pm

Thursday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Friday 12th December - PTA Christmas raffle- school hall 2:30pm Parents welcome.

Tuesday 16th December – Special breakfast Club - Cinnamon rolls

Wednesday 17th December- PTA Christmas Party in school. No lunch needed – PTA provide lunch. Children wear own clothes on this day.

Tuesday 17th December – Pyramid Carol Concert for those children attending choir club

Thursday 18th December - End of Term service 2:40pm Holy Rood Church

Please see our school website for updates on events and news. Here are a few highlights this week to catch up on...

Year 5s had a great time on their residential at Leeson House! Have a look at our photos.

We had a fantastic day in school yesterday, celebrating poetry.

Seniors from WI visited Year 6 and had a lovely time seeing our wonderful school.

Children in Need



To celebrate and raise money for 'Children in Need' this year we are going to be working in mixed aged teams across the school to complete a 25km track challenge. All children can come to school on **MONDAY 17th November** dressed in **spotty, yellow or sporty** clothing. Please make a donation for Children in Need on our Justgiving page, following the link below. We are unable to take cash for this event. The fastest team will each receive a medal.

www.justgiving.com/page/shill-prim

Thank you for your support
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On **Friday 21st November** we will be taking part in another **Planet Earth Games Challenge - Eco Day!**

We will be taking part in nature games throughout the day, our challenge is to step outside, get active, and rediscover the joy of playing games in nature – just like children have done for

generations! Children will:

- Play traditional outdoor games such as conkers, stone-skimming or a nature scavenger hunt.
- Explore how being active outdoors makes us feel happier and healthier.
- Create our own nature-based game using natural materials or outdoor spaces – then teach it to others.

In addition to this, we will also be encouraging children who bring in a lunch box to take part in a **Waste-Free Lunch Day**. If your child does bring in a packed lunch, we would love it if you could bring in a lunch without single-use plastics.

Thank you for all of your fantastic support!

Girls Football

We have a sponsor for our girl's football team. Hannah Stickland whose company is Pink Moon has kindly agreed to sponsor them. This means they are able to have their own football kit. We would like to thank Hannah for her support and will share a picture of the new kit once it has arrived, please see below information about Hannah's company.



Pink Moon Dorset is a local wellbeing and lifestyle business offering a handpicked range of gifts, jewellery, candles, crystals, and more — all chosen to bring a little calm and positivity into everyday life. Alongside our products, we host wellbeing events and therapies across Dorset, creating welcoming spaces for people to relax, connect, and support their personal wellbeing. At the heart of Pink Moon Dorset is a love for community, creativity, and mindful living — celebrating the best of what our beautiful county has to offer. To find out more visit pinkmoondorset.co.uk or find us on

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Wonderful support from Little Lives charity

LITTLE LIVES UK
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

We are very lucky to have the support of Carlie and Meggie, from Little Lives, in our school. They have been working with our school for over a year now and many of our school children have benefitted from their support already.

Little Lives UK is proud to be a children's charity dedicated to transforming the lives of children across the UK.

Our mission is to empower the next generation by providing essential free resources for mental health support, enabling them to build brighter and more promising futures.

To find out more, please click on the link to their website: <https://www.littlelives.org.uk/>

PTA News

Don't forget Friday the 21st November, we will be having our non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prize donations! We thank you in advance for your support. Below is a reminder of the class donation categories. Monday and Tuesday the 24th/25th November we would love to see some parents join us in making up the hampers for the raffle – hot drinks and cake will be provided.

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Jungle and Woodland – chocolate/sweets/biscuits

Ocean – Savoury items – (e.g. jars, preserves, crackers, breadsticks etc)

Desert – children's items (e.g. felt pens, bubbles, paints, colouring books, play dough etc)

Raffle tickets are available every afternoon at 3pm from the playground or you can purchase from Mrs Adams in the office.





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Recycle and Re-Use!

Please remember you can always create your own. Jazz up an old jumper by adding sequins and sparkles!

If you have an old Christmas jumper that is in good condition, that you no longer need, please hand in to the school office.

We will then put them out the front of school, nearer the time, and if anyone doesn't have one, please help yourself.

Save the Children – What we do?

In the UK and around the world, we make sure children keep safe, healthy and learning. Please support this charity by donating what you can. This will be through our Just Giving page, nearer the time.



Performances

The younger children in the school take part in our school nativity each year – all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a role. This may be speaking, acting, and /or singing the songs.

Please note the evening performance on your calendar as the children will need to return to school to perform.

A polite reminder....

Please choose which performance you will attend. We do not have space for parents to attend both performances.

We do not sell tickets for coming to watch these performances. We ask for donations on the door, to support future performances and resources. (We have buy a license every time we perform a Nativity or school production!)



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Make a lasting impact on education in your community



SAST is seeking passionate and committed individuals to join our Board of Trustees as Foundation Trustees who are linked to the local community. This is a unique opportunity to shape the strategic direction of our Trust and ensure that every child receives the highest quality education.

AS A FOUNDATION TRUSTEE YOU WILL:

- Uphold the Christian ethos and values of the Trust
- Provide strategic oversight and ensure robust governance
- Support and challenge the executive leadership team
- Help ensure financial sustainability and educational excellence

We welcome applications from individuals with:

- A child in one of our schools
- A strong alignment with our values and mission
- Experience in premises/estates, law, human resources and business are all of interest, but not essential.
- Integrity, sound judgment, and a collaborative spirit

The time commitment is approximately 6-10 meetings per year, plus occasional school visits and training sessions.

Interested?
Thank you for considering this role.
To find out more, please contact Brida.Skipworth@sast.org.uk
www.sast.org.uk



Previous attachment

Parent and Carers Support Space

An informal and welcoming group offering peer support to local Parents and Carers who care for a young person with mental health related conditions, where you can learn different strategies and gain confidence.

For further information please contact:
Email: alice.bennett@dorsetgp.nhs.uk
Tel: 01258 452501

When: 1st Friday of each month - 10.00am-11.30am

Where: The Brewery Tap, Blandford St Mary



Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)