



SHILLINGSTONE C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

w/b Monday 24th November – Guess How Many Sweets are in the Jar fundraiser

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 16th 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.

Faith Ambassadors

We are looking for a few children to become faith ambassadors for our school.

These children would be involved in helping to lead Collective Worship in school, meeting once a term with Reverend Gubbins and members of the Church to help strengthen links with the school and helping out with School Church services at the end of terms. If you feel this might be something your child would like to help with, please do let us know by popping into the office or catching Mr Wright before or after school. Depending on interest, we will either appoint or create a shortlist for interviews!

Daniel England Worship

We thoroughly enjoyed our worship led by Daniel this week. He was really engaging and the children loved the songs that he shared with us. Lots of them were asking where to find them and wanted to share them with you at home. I have posted the links below:

['Thank You' song with lyrics by Daniel England](#)

['Jesus Really Loves Me' song with lyrics by Daniel England](#)





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PTA News

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

Does your child love to bake and get creative? Take part in our Great Christmas Bake Off! 12th December – 50p per entry and all bakes will be judged in school by three members of staff. Our categories are:

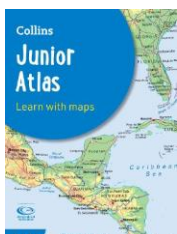
- Christmas Cookies or Biscuits
- Christmas Cupcakes
- Mince Pies

We have a 'star baker' prize kindly donated by Hollie's mum, Sonia, and runner-up prizes! We will be selling off the bakes at the Big Christmas Raffle from 2.30pm on the afternoon of the 12th along with hot drinks and mulled wine. Don't forget to grab your raffle tickets - we have amazing hampers and prizes such as Amazon vouchers, family passes for Farmer Palmers, Crazy Monsters, Moors Valley, Teddy Rocks, Breakfast for 2 in The Black Cat Café and many more.

Thank you so much to all families for your continued support. We hope to see some of you Monday or Tuesday to help with festive preparations.

The PTA have very kindly given each class some money to spend.

Desert Class have bought 10 copies of this atlas which has been very useful for our geography topic work. Desert Class and Woodland Class have also bought two bean bag chairs each for our reading corners in our classrooms.





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How Many Sweet in the Jar fundraiser

50p a go.

We will run this event in school during next week. Please come to the school office and see Mrs Adams to take part. The winner will be announced in our assembly on Friday afternoon.

This is a fundraiser to raise money for our First Aid Day in school (for the children to receive some basic training). We have done this in the past and it has been really engaging.



Poppy Appeal

We raised £47.32 for this good cause. Thank you to those who supported by buying poppies and merchandise.

Children in Need



Thank you for everyone's contributions so far. We have raised £170!

We have not quite reached our target of £200 yet so if you haven't donated, there is still time to do so. Just click on the link below to visit our Just Giving page.

[Teresa Adams is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)

Music Tuition opportunities – for families in receipt of Pupil Premium in Ocean and Desert Class

We are very excited to be able to offer subsidised music tuition with Mrs Cooper. Dorset Music Service are able to fund 25% of the costs and the school can fund another 25%, meaning that parents would pay 50% of the usual cost. This would mean parents would pay £9.25 per week for half an hour music tuition (instead of the usual £18.50). We can support your application for this funding and this will be for the Spring Term (hopefully to be extended after that). Mrs Cooper can teach guitar, piano, recorder, violin and keyboard. There are limited places available.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please speak to Mrs Adams in the school office, Mrs Vail or Mr Wright.





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Wonderful support from Little Lives 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
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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/>



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.



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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 to buy a license every time we perform a Nativity or school production!)

Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)