



SHILLINGSTONE C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for diaries:

w/b Monday 27th October- Half Term holiday

31st October Final deadline for secondary school applications.

Monday 3rd November- Back to school - Autumn Term 2

Monday 3rd November- Celebration of Learning Book Look. Parents welcome in **2.30 – 3pm** to look at your child's books with them.

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th November- Year 5 Residential Visit to Leeson House visit

Monday 10th November - School Council Toy and Book Fair

Tuesday 11th November 3.30 – 5pm - Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings *see below

Wednesday 12th November 3.30 – 7pm - Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings *see below

Thursday 13th November - Michael Rosen Day! A day of poetry

Monday 17th November - Celebrate Children in Need today in school (school council lead – more details to follow)

Friday 21st November – Special Breakfast Club - Waffles

Wednesday 3rd December - Bedtime Stories 5-6pm

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

Tuesday 16th December – Special breakfast Club - Cinnamon rolls

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

Tuesday 17th December – Pyramid Carol Concert

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

Please see our school website for updates on events and news.

New teacher for Ocean class

On Thursday this week we interviewed 2 candidates for our Ocean class Teacher as Mrs Swaffield is leaving at Christmas.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Kelly McCall has been appointed. Mrs McCall brings a wealth of experience and both children and staff agreed that she was the best fit for our school between the two very strong applicants.

We will look forward to welcoming Mrs McCall into school for some transition days during the next half term and when she begins as class teacher in January.

***Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings**

Please have a look and make an appointment if you haven't yet done so.

We have added more appointment slots for Woodland and Ocean on Arbor. There are now enough slots for every child.





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School Council

School Council have decided to hold a toy and book sale on Monday 10th of November to raise money for a 'First Aid Day' in school in December.

Please have a good sort out over the half term and bring in any toys and books that your child no longer plays with that are in good condition the first week back after the holidays.

On the day of the sale, the children in all classes will have the opportunity to buy some of the toys and books so please send them in with money (no more than £3) to purchase anything. Thank you for your support.

PTA News

The Disco was a great success; we had 89 children attend. The total for the disco was £239.77. A big thank you to all that helped at the disco and supported the event it is truly appreciated.

The total made from the doughnut sale was £64.58, thank you to everyone who helped and bought doughnuts.

We would also like to thank the Three Okefords preservation society for their generous donation of £700 and thank all those who volunteered their time to work at the steam rally, this donation can benefit the school and its pupils for future trips and equipment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd November at the school, 2.15pm, all welcome.

Bikeability

If you wish for your child to take part, please use the QR code at the bottom of the letter to register their place.

This is open to all children in Years 5 & 6. If your child has completed these courses before, they are more than welcome to repeat the course if you feel this would be beneficial. Priority will be given to children who haven't done it previously and/or those in Year 6.

Level 1/2 Bikeability Course

Bikeability is the new cycle training for the 21st century, designed to give the next generation of children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. To get their Bikeability award, children will be instructed on how to ride their bikes to the Government-approved National Standard for Cycle Training, which sets out the training and skills essential for making cycling trips in today's road conditions. The standard has been developed by over 20 organisations and is maintained by the professional body for cycle training, the Cycle Training Standards Board.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/said-needs-more>





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Spooky Halloween crafts

Join us if you dare for spooky halloween crafts at the library, fancy dress optional



Sturminster Newton Library

Thursday 30 October
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Drop in session. No booking required

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information:

sturminsternewtonlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

01258 472669

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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:

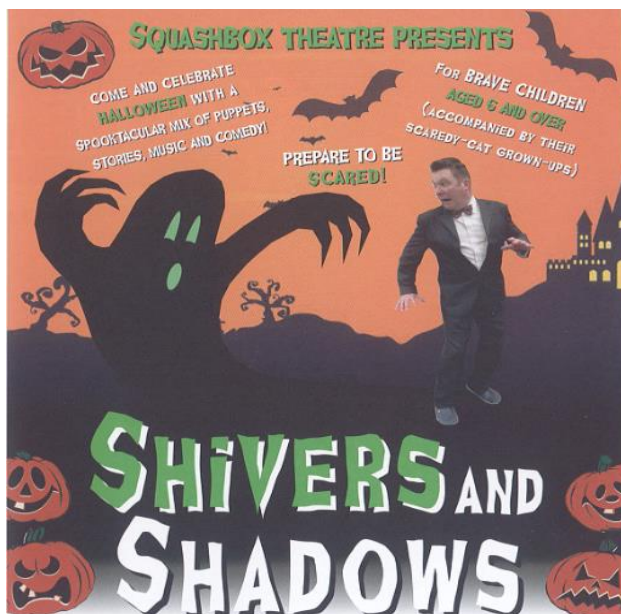
- A child in one of our schools
- A strong alignment with our values and mission
- Experience in premises/estates, law, human resources and business are all of interest, but not essential.
- Integrity, sound judgment, and a collaborative spirit

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



CHILD OKEFORD VILLAGE HALL
Sunday 26 October, 3pm

£8, £6 (u18s), £24 (family) online at artsreach.co.uk
or from Rosemary Blundell: 01258 861621

Bring a cushion or rug to sit on

*Post-show Shadow Puppet workshop, £4 per child. Booking essential

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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



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Kindest regards,

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)

