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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Ava	Dexter	
1	Stanley	Rosie	
2	Clayton	Gracie	
3	Amelie	Francesca	
4	Archie	Thomas	
5	Logan	Jasmine	
6	Flynn	Dylan	
Headteacher Awards: Emily S (N) and Ethan C (6)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 1 & 3 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 94.7% (Target 96%)			

This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:

Reception: Science Experiments
Years 1&2: Stories of Christianity
Years 3&4: Living things and their habitats
Year 5: Classification
Year 6: Seeing Light

Next week in our school the children will be learning about the following topics:

Reception: Food & Diet
Years 1&2: Why is the Torah special?
Years 3&4: Jewish Celebrations
Year 5: How does faith help people?
Year 6: What would Jesus do?

Chickenpox

You may be aware that cases of chickenpox are increasing in the area. To date we have only had two cases but would ask that you are vigilant in checking for any signs. You may also wish to contact a medical professional with regard to vaccines.

Professor Brainstorm—Science Workshop

Professor Brainstorm visited school this week, to perform a series of demonstrations to prove that science is fun. Many of the activities looked like magic, but the Professor was able to explain the science behind them. He had lots of keen volunteers to help. We met Zog who showed us all how electricity can safely pass through people and we found out about conductors and insulators. He made water disappear, then showed us where it had gone. Then he froze a banana in liquid nitrogen until it was hard enough to use to hammer to nail it to wood and many many more magical activities. The whole school were amazed, surprised and sometimes shocked by the science we saw. The children were very keen to share their knowledge with Professor Brainstorm and showed a great understanding of the scientific principles they have learnt about both this year and in the past. They were very appreciative and thanked him for the show.

I think we can all agree that SCIENCE IS FUN!

Teachers Strike

Just a brief update to make you aware that there are no more planned strikes for the remainder of the academic year. The unions are giving the Education Secretary this time to consider the report from the independent pay-review body. All teaching unions are also currently balloting members with regard to possible industrial action in the Autumn term. As always we will aim to keep you updated as soon as possible and wish to thank you for your support during these difficult times.

ShilbottleVillage Forum

The Forum recently held a completion for the Coronation, below is a list of winners. The winners have been given their prize today in assembly.

Key Stage 1: Dexter, Esmae, Elsie, Stanley, Kaitlin & Joey T

Key Stage 2: Jasmine, Daniel & Maia

Dates for the Future (please add to your home calendar/phone calendar)

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	R,1&2	Swimming at Willowburn	
May	2	SATs test papers to be sat during this month	
Tuesday 23rd May	5&6	Newcastle United Visit	Need packed lunch, waterproof coat and trainers.
Thursday 25th May	1&2	Class Assembly for Parents	School Hall 2:30pm
Friday 26th May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 6th June	All	School reopens—Summer Term	Gates open 8:30am
6th to 16th June	4	National Multiplication Test	
Week commencing Monday 12th June	1	Phonics Screening Test	
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June	6	Y6 London Visit with other Alnwick Partnership schools	Prompt 8:00 am departure Wed 14th
Thursday 22nd June	5&6	Safety Workshops—Online and other dangers	
Friday 30th June	All	Sports Day/Summer Fair	Reschedule for 7th July if necessary
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	3&4	Robinwood Residential	
Thursday 13th July	Pre R and R	Parents Class Assembly 2:30pm	School Hall—doors open at 2:20pm
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly	School Hall 5:45pm
Friday 21st July	All	School closes for Summer break	Reopens Tuesday 5th September
Tuesday 5th September 2023	All	School reopens for the 23/24 academic year	