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# Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

## This week in our School

This week the children have been learning about the following topics.

Reception: Lighthouses

Years 1&2: Science - People and their pets

Years 3: The Cheviots and the River Aln

Year 4&5: From Shilbottle to Africa

Year 6: Earth Matters—Biomes, vegetation belts and climates

## Topics—Week beginning Monday 11th October

Next week the children will be learning about the following topics

Reception: Gingerbread Man

Years 1&2: Geography-Where we live

Years 3: The Cheviots and the River Aln

Year 4&5: From Shilbottle to Africa

Year 6: Earth Matters—Biomes, vegetation belts and climates

*Please remember a copy of the Knowledge Organiser for your child's topic in KS1 and 2 can be found in the class pages of the school website. This gives you an overview of the learning, including key vocabulary words and their meanings.*

## Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading	Mathletics
R	Rosie H	Stanley S		
1	Jaxon M	Joey D	Bobby M	
2	Tommy C	Amelie M	Matilda F Rebecca H Scarlett M Donnie T	
3	Mollie S	Henry E	Luisa J Amelia G	
4	Logan D	Archie B	Logan D	
5	James G	Dylan S		
6	Alfie B	Erin A		Alfie B
Headteacher Awards: James P and Amelie M				

## Parent View—Ofsted website

We are currently talking to children about their opinion of the school to help us to continually develop. A key part of this improvement process we would like to ask parents for their opinions. We would be extremely grateful if you could spare some time to complete 12 questions on the following website

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views> Many thanks

## Black History Month

October is also Black History Month—in school we will be discussing some of the most important people in history from this ethnic group. We have discussed well known figures such as Martin Luther King Jnr and some lesser known such as Katherine Johnson, the mathematician who helped get people to the moon! Children were also able to make links to some of their previous learning and discuss their work on Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks.

## Children's birthdays

Whilst we appreciate the gesture of children wanting to bring cakes into school for their classmates to celebrate their birthdays may we ask that any items to be shared are shop bought and individually wrapped (eg mini size treats). This ensures we are sure of their suitability for children with allergies and that they have not been handled by others. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Office Hours

Please note the office is staffed between 8:30am and 12noon and then from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Mrs Lowes is based in the office Monday to Thursday and Miss Hood each Friday. If you need to call the office to discuss any non urgent matters it would be appreciated if you could call after 9:00am after we have registered all the children and accounted for any absences.

## Newcastle United Women's Team—Season Tickets

Shilbottle Primary and Newcastle United Foundation have worked in partnership for a number of years to promote the importance of children's physical wellbeing. We have twice weekly visits from their coaches and they also support us with other areas of the curriculum such as financial awareness, first aid training and mental wellbeing.

The Foundation have kindly donated two adult and two children's season tickets for the Women's teams matches for when they play at home. Matches are played on a Sunday at Druid Park, Woosington with a 2pm kick off time. If you are interested in having an opportunity to 'win' the set of four tickets please email the school office no later than Friday 15th October at 12noon and all names will be placed into a draw. There is no charge for this entry as it is aimed at encouraging children into sport (ideally girls).

## Worry Boxes

We are introducing 'Worry Boxes' into our classes. We have had these especially designed for our school to encourage children to share any worries they may have. The boxes are lockable therefore only staff can see what children have placed in them. Our older children will be able to write a short note about their concerns and our younger children will simply write their name and place it in the box so that one of our team can chat to them in private.

## Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday — autumn term	6	Swimming	
Friday 22nd October	All	School closes for half term and TTD	
Monday 1st November	All	School reopens	
Friday 17th December	All	School closes at 2pm	
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Tuesday 4th January	All	School reopens	
Friday 18th February	All	School closes for half term and TTD	
Tuesday 1st March	All	School reopens	
Friday 8th April	All	School closes at 2pm (Easter)	
Monday 25th April	All	School reopens	
Monday 2nd May	All	Bank Holiday (school closed)	
Mon 9th to Thurs 12th May	6	Year 6 SATs week	
Friday 27th May	All	School closes for half term, TTD and Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays	
Tuesday 7th June	All	School reopens	
Friday 22nd July	All	School closes at 2pm	

Regards  
Mr G Parnaby  
Headteacher