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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,
Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation
R	Freya	Abigail
1	Lochlan	Elsie
2	Kaitlin	Rosie
3	Clayton	Joey T
4	Ellie	Scarlett
5	Cameron	Bilge
6	Ivy and Jasmine	Corey
Headteacher Awards: Lochlan (1) and Anna (5)		
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 6 with 98% Whole School Attendance: 93.9% (Target 96%)		

Reading Raffle Winners!

This term's reading raffle winners were Sonny (R), Harriet (1), Oscar (2), Joey D (3), Erin (4), Alfie (5) and Archie (6). Well done for collecting lots of 5 times a week reading raffle tickets to enter the draw!

100% Attendance Awards

This term the following children achieved 100% attendance and received a reward: Sunny C, Reggie R, Ava, Harriet, Dexter, Zak, Jaxon, Joey T, Jeni, Francesca and Michael. Well done!

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

Reception: Christmas Crafts

Years 1 & 2: Computing—Programming

Years 3 & 4: Computing—spreadsheets

Year 5 & 6: Computing—Presentations

The following topics will be covered during their next school week:

Reception: Art—Printing

Years 1 & 2: Art—Colour Creations

Years 3 & 4: Art—Printing, textiles and painting

Year 5 & 6: Painting Portraits

Some Thank yous!

Once again, thank you for all your support in making this Christmas a very special one that we hope the children will remember for a long time! We could not have offered such a wide range of experiences without your support. The children particularly enjoyed seeing the Peter Pan pantomime—some of our children's first time visiting a theatre and Elsie even got to make a star appearance on the stage and we have already been asked by some children if we have booked for next year!

The staff would also like to thank you for your kind gifts and we would like to pass on the thanks we received from St James' Church for the donations received at the Carol Service—a total of £81 was sent to the Children's Society to help those children less fortunate than ours.

Wednesday 10th January—Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Children will need their swimming costumes and towels the first week back to school and will be swimming every Wednesday until the Easter half term.

Morning and After School Club—Returns to the Portakabin!

We are pleased to let you know that after the Christmas break we will return to using the Portakabin for both morning club and after school clubs. Therefore, please use the video entry system attached to the gate on Ashfield Terrace.

Lunches next week (8th January)

Monday: Chicken korma, rice and cake

Tuesday: Tuna melt, pasta and brownie

Wednesday: Roast chicken, vegetables and ice-cream roll

Thursday: Lasagne, sweetcorn and chocolate crispie

Friday: Pizza, fries and muffin

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On behalf of the staff and governors we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2024!

Enjoy this special time of year and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th January.

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Y3&4	Swimming—Years 3 and 4 First session 10th January	Summer term R/1/2
Monday 8th January	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Friday 16th February	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing times
Monday 26th February	All	School reopens at 8:30am	
Thursday 28th March	All	School closes for Easter Break	School closes at 2:00 After school club 3:30
Monday 15th April	All	School reopens at 8:30am	
May	Y2	SATs test administered	
Monday 6th May	All	School closed—Bank Holiday	Reopens Tuesday 7th
Monday 13th May 24	Y6	SATs week	
Thursday 23rd May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing times
Tuesday 4th June	All	School reopens at 8:30am	
Week commencing 10th June	Y1	Phonics Screening Tests	
Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June	Y6	London residential	
Friday 19th July	All	School closes for Summer Break	School closes at 2:00 After school club 3:30

Regards

Mr G Parnaby—Headteacher