

**Friday 2nd  
December 2022**



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# Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

## Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Dougie	Harriet	
1	Rosie	Jack	
2	Clayton	Joey D	
3	Rebecca	Tommy	Ellie Jeni Amelia
4	Lydia	Alfie	
5	Hamish	Corey	Kayla
6	Jacob	Ciara	
Headteacher Awards: Charlotte 2 & Ivy-Mae (5)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Years 2, 3 & 4 with % Whole School Attendance: 97.4% (Target 96%)			

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	3&4	Swimming (last session 21st Dec)	
Tuesday 6th December	5&6	Dance City Workshop	In school. No cost to parents
Tuesday 13th December	All	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day	Jumpers optional
Wednesday 14th December	R/1/2	Nativity (School hall)	2pm-3pm -Families with children
Thursday 15th December	R/1/2	Nativity (School hall)	2pm-3pm Adults
Thursday 15th December	All	Carol Service at St James Church	5:30—6:30
Monday 19th December	6	Christmas celebration	
Monday 19th December	All	Movie Night	Collect at 5:30pm Donations please
Tuesday 20th December	5	Christmas celebration	
Wednesday 21st December	R/1/2	Christmas Party & 'Visitor'	(New date)
Thursday 22nd December	3&4	Christmas Party	(New date)
Friday 23rd December	All	School closes for Christmas break	Close at 2pm <i>No After School Club</i>

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

Reception: Nativity

Years 1&2: Perfect Pizzas

Years 3&4: Greetings and feelings

Year 5: My school, my subject

Year 6: What's the time

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

Reception: Nativity

Years 1&2: Fruit and Vegetables

Years 3&4: Christmas Craft

Year 5: Moving toys

Year 6: Christmas decorations

**Whole School Assemblies**

This week our theme was 'Are some jobs more important than others? This was linked to the strikes planned by the NHS, the first in its 106 year history and other services such as transport. The Fundamental British Value of the Democracy and the right to vote.

**Advent Assembly—Reverend Helen O'Sullivan**

We are very grateful to Reverend Helen for attending the school this week to talk to the children about the meaning behind Advent. Our school has always worked closely with the St James' Church and other members of the church community regularly visit the school to lead assemblies as part of our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum.

**Author Event (Year 6)**

On Wednesday our Year 6 children took part in a virtual meeting with Emma Carroll the author of 'Secrets of a Sun King' which will be linked to the future history topic work of the Ancient Egyptians.

**Christmas Raffle Donations**

Thanks to those who have bought our raffle tickets sent home earlier. If you require any tickets please do Miss Hood or the class teacher and we will send you more. Again, thanks to the donations we have received for prizes, we have approached some local businesses for donations and when we have had all our responses we will update you with the prize list. If you would like to donate a gift towards our raffle please send these to the school office. Many thanks

**Movie Night—Monday 19th December**

Staff will once again be holding a 'Movie Night' on the above date. This will allow parents a few extra hours to do some last minute preparation before the children finish school. Children will have a selection of movies to watch and we will provide popcorn and juice. If you would like to donate toward the cost of the movie/popcorn/juice please send this to the school office. The movies shown will be available to all ages and will therefore be rated PG, it is assumed that by allowing your child to attend you are given permission for them to watch the movie. If you would rather your child be collected at the usual end of day times please feel free to do so. We will also be writing to our Year 5 and 6 parents to confirm the dismissal arrangements for those who are happy for their child to walk home unaccompanied at this time, but ask that you consider the fact it will be much darker than usual dismissal times.

**Christmas Nativity and Carol Service**

Some parents have asked whether they need to purchase tickets to attend these events. We have never charged for such events as the intention is to have as many members of the community come together to celebrate important events and occasions. We will be writing to parents soon with regard to whether they are able to attend the Carol Service on Thursday 15th December at 5:30pm or no. This event takes a lot of organising, including chairs being taken from the school to St James Church and allocation of narrator parts. In addition to this, we are also intending to have our youngest children attend and create the Nativity scene. Therefore, it would really help us with the planning if we know who will definitely be attending.

**Keeping the children safe**

This week a member of the community has telephoned the school to express their concern for the speed which some parents are driving through the village at the start and end of the day. They are concerned that there is a real chance that if this continues that there is going to be an accident. We would really appreciate your support in keeping all the children safe.

***Dates for the Future (please add to your home calendar/phone calendar) 2023***

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday Spring Term	5&6	Swimming at Willowburn	First session 11th January 2023
Tuesday 10th January	All	School reopens 8:30am—Spring Term	
Friday 27th January	6	Careers Workshop at DCHS	Free to parents
Friday 17th February	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 28th February	All	School reopens	Gates open 8:30am
Tues 28th Feb and Wednesday 1st March	All	Parents Evening	3:30– 6:00
Friday 31st March	All	School closes for Easter Break	
Monday 17th April	All	School reopens	Gates open 8:30am
May	2	SATs test papers to be sat during this month	
Monday 8th May	All	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles III coronation	School will reopen Tues 9th May
Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May	Year 6	SATS week	New dates confirmed by DfE
Friday 26th May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 6th June	All	School reopens—Summer Term	Gates open 8:30am
Every Wednesday Summer Term	Planned R/1/2	Swimming at Willowburn ( <i>classes to be confirmed</i> )	First session 7th June
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	
Friday 30th June	All	Sports Day/Summer Fair	Reschedule for 7th July if necessary
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	3&4	Robinwood Residential	
Friday 21st July	All	School closes for Summer break	Reopens Tuesday 5th September
Dates to be confirmed. These events have been booked but we are awaiting confirmation of the exact dates.		Hannabiell Sanders (Music/ Percussion) Mariam Rezaei (Music/DJ) Lexie Ward (Theatre) Kema Kay (Music/Rap)	In school events—no cost to parents