

**Friday 15th
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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,
Apologies for the delay in issuing last week's newsletter.
Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation
R	All	Sunny C
1	All	Thomas
2	All	Oscar
3	All	Jaxon
4	All	Donnie
5	Anna	Alicia
6	Charlotte	Lucas
Headteacher Awards: Kaitlin (2) and Jay (6)		
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 2 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 91.5% (Target 96%)		

Congratulations to Corey, Serenna and Lucas P for their acting roles in Scrooge last weekend at the Alnwick Playhouse. Corey in fact took the lead role of Scrooge! Also, congratulations to Jaxon who has achieved his 25m swimming award, this is actually his end of Year 6 target and he is still in Year 3! We look forward to seeing how far you can swim by the end of Year 6!

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

Reception: Nativity

Years 1 & 2: Christmas Decorations

Years 3 & 4: Computing—google slides/Christmas crafts

Year 5 & 6: Computing/ Christmas Crafts

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

Reception: Christmas Crafts

Years 1 & 2: Computing—Programming

Years 3 & 4: Computing—spreadsheets

Year 5 & 6: Computing—Presentations

Please check our Christmas Events letter for all the information and times about the events over the week.

Thank you!

First of all may we thank you for your support during the Christmas events this week. We hope you enjoyed the Nativity and Carol Service. Please note we ask that any photos/videos are not shared on social media. May we also thank you for the very kind donations toward the Christmas events, such as, the movie night and all the lovely messages we received thanking staff for giving up their own time.

Wednesday 20th December—Pantomime Day

We ask that children wear their uniform so they may easily be identified by staff. Children should not bring any bags (including reading books) as they **may** be dismissed directly from the bus on our return. Staff will text parents to let them know the expected time of arrival back at school (estimated between 5:15 and 5:30 depending on traffic) and it would be greatly appreciated if you could be waiting at the school gates to enable a prompt dismissal.

Village Christmas Tree

We hope you have had an opportunity to visit the village Christmas tree and read all the lovely messages written by our children for someone special to them. An extra special thanks to Mrs Haddow, Mrs Noble and Mrs Angier for organising this. The children were amazing as always, despite the weather, and were very grateful for the treats they received for attending.

Lunches next week (18th December)

Monday: Meatballs, rice and cake

Tuesday: Roast Chicken, vegetables and ice-cream

Wednesday: Cheese and Tomato wrap/Pasta and a marshmallow crispie

Thursday: Sausage Roll, waffles and cheesecake

Friday: Chicken goujons, fries and pudding

Christmas Parties

Please ensure children wear sensible shoes. We also ask that parents of our younger children ensure they can visit the toilet independently as we have previously had occasions where children are not able to undress themselves in their party clothes.

Christmas Fair

This afternoon is our first Christmas Fair and we will update you in next week's newsletter. Many thanks to Mrs Hichcliffe and Mr and Mrs Maddison for organising this.

End of Term—Friday 22nd December

Please note school closes at 2pm next Friday but children may be collected any time from 1pm. We will be offering After School Club until 3:30pm

After School—Choir

Our new music teacher, Mrs Barber, is offering to hold an after school choir/singing lessons each Monday from Monday 22nd January between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. This will be charged at our usual rate of £3.00 per session. We will be writing to you in the new year asking children to sign up for this as we must have a minimum of 12 children attending to make this financially viable.

Portakabin

After further delays due to the weather we are hoping to have some outdoor space for the children to use from next Thursday. The children have been amazing having to cope with indoor plays and lunch times all this academic year. 'IF' we do get this space we will be allowing the children to have some additional outdoor time, therefore, we ask that they are suitably dressed for the cold weather.

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Monday 18th December	All	Special visitor. Non-uniform/ Christmas Jumper (no sports kits)	Donations toward treats for children at panto please.
Monday 18th December	R12	Christmas Party—Party clothes	Coats and sensible shoes please.
Tuesday 19th December	3&4	Christmas Party—Party clothes	Coats and sensible shoes please.
Wednesday 20th December	All	Pantomime Visit in the afternoon Tyne Theatre Newcastle Peter Pan	No cost to parents Charity Funded Late return to school Approx 5:30pm No school bags
Thursday 21st December	5&6	Christmas Party—Party clothes	Coats and sensible shoes please.
Friday 22nd December	All	School closes for Christmas	School closes at 2pm After School until 3:30pm
Monday 8th January	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Every Wednesday	Y3&4	Swimming—Years 3 and 4 First session 10th January	Summer term R/1/2
Monday 13th May 24	Y6	SATs week	

Regards

Mr G Parnaby—Headteacher