

**Friday 9th
December 2022**

Dear Parents and carers,

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Elsie	Harriet	
1	Kaitlin	Reggie	
2	Jaxon	Charlotte	
3	Amelie	Tommy	
4	Anna	Luisa	
5	Jasmine	Charlotte	
6	Tommy	Morgan	
Headteacher Awards: Gracie (2) & Corey (5)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year Reception with 100% Whole School Attendance: 92.9% (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 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>



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Shilbottle newsletter

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

Reception: Autumn

Years 1&2: Christmas Decorations

Years 3&4: Christmas Decorations

Year 5: Christmas Crafts

Year 6: Christmas Decorations

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

Reception: Christmas Decorations

Years 1&2: Video Creation

Years 3&4: Comics

Year 5: Websites

Year 6: Programming

Whole School Assemblies

This week our theme was 'Is television as important as it once was?' This was linked to the BBC celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Fundamental British Value of the Individual Liberty and whilst children may have access to a huge range of media they, with guidance from their parents, need to take personal responsibility for what they watch and access. This was linked to children knowing how to find if content is age appropriate and the possible consequences of accessing social media meant for older children/adults.

Strep A—We issued a letter and information to all parents on Wednesday following advice from the DfE and NHS and therefore ask that you read this carefully. We have been advised today that one child in school does have Strep but this has not been diagnosed as Strep A at this point.

Please note school staff are not medically qualified to offer advice if you do have any concerns about your child's health. We highly recommend you contact your GP in the first instance or call 111 and in the event of an emergency dial 999.

Christmas Jumper Day—Tuesday 13th December

Please note that whilst this is regarded as Christmas Jumper Day children may still wear their uniform. Please note this is not a non-uniform day and therefore children are expected to wear either their uniform, a Christmas jumper or something Christmas themed, such as, a hair band. We are very aware of the cost of living increases and do not want families to feel they need to buy a jumper for this day. Anyone who has any spare Christmas jumpers can donate these to the school if they wish and we can distribute them to children depending on availability.

Carol/Christmas Songs Service—Thursday 15th St James' Church 5:30 to 6:30pm

Many thanks to the parents who responded to the parentmail form letting us know whether you are able to attend. Our KS2 children will be singing a selection of Christmas songs and carols and some children will be narrating the Christmas story. Our younger children will be provided with costumes and form the nativity scene. We are expecting a good attendance to this event and doors will open at 5:15pm with some seats reserved for the children. Where possible, we would be grateful if children in prams/buggies are at the rear of the church for health and safety reasons. Children will be dismissed one year group at a time at the end of the performance, starting with our youngest children. We really appreciate your patience during dismissal time as we must ensure all children are accounted for. All children will be dismissed to their parents and therefore if other family members are collecting please make the class teacher aware of this before Thursday.

Movie Night—Monday 19th December

We will be contacting you next week to establish numbers for the Movie Night. Donations toward the cost of the movies/popcorn are gratefully appreciated.

Christmas Raffle Donations (this will be drawn on Tuesday 20th December)

We are getting closer to our Christmas raffle draw and therefore if you wish to buy any additional tickets please let us know. Prizes include chocolate, gift sets, hair vouchers, running fox voucher and many more.

Christmas Parties

Children are allowed to wear their party clothes all day, however we do ask that they are appropriate (no cropped tops or heels) and suitable for playing outdoors. We highly recommend that children do not wear their best clothes as they will still be playing outdoors if weather permits and will therefore need appropriate footwear and a coat.

Dance City (Y5&6)

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
Wednesday 1st February	TBC	Premier League Tournament	Organised by Newcastle United
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
Tuesday 23rd May	5&6	Newcastle United Visit	
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 (classes to be confirmed)	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 from the organisations involved.		Hannabiell Sanders (Music/ Percussion) Mariam Rezaei (Music/DJ) Lexie Ward (Theatre) Kema Kay (Music/Rap) Restart the Heart First Aid Dance Workshops Multi Skills Tournament	