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Shilbottle Primary Newsletter

Week 19 – 8 February 2019



For your support when we had to close school because of the weather and then the drains ... hopefully there will be no more days in the near future like the 2 we have had recently!

STAR OF THE WEEK



RECEPTION: Archie S
YEAR 1: Lucas A
YEAR 2: James P
YEAR 3: Sophie M
YEAR 4: Euan R
YEAR 5: Sian G
YEAR 6: Finlay Mc

PRESENTATION AWARD

RECEPTION: Julian S
YEAR 1: Ivy-Mae P
YEAR 2: Maia R
YEAR 3: Brendan A
YEAR 4: Michael G
YEAR 5: Noah P
YEAR 6: Sian Mc



P.T.A of Shilbottle Primary AGM

Wednesday, 13 February 2019

6:00 p.m.

The Haven Community Centre

😊 ALL WELCOME 😊

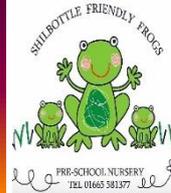
PLEASE check class dojo for your parent appointment times – the teachers have messaged you with the times 😊

Friendly Frogs Pre School Nursery

Do you have a child or know someone who does [aged 2 – 4 years] who is ready for Pre-School Nursery? A small number of spaces are available so ... call in and have a look!

Children younger than 2?

Have you put their name on Friendly Frogs waiting list to secure their place?



HEAD TEACHER AWARD



Noah H, Cameron H
Jasmine H



ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Y1 PUPILS

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Minecraft is played by millions of children around the world, who use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks in a digital, pixelated landscape. It is classed as a 'sandbox game', which means players have the freedom to build their own creations with 'blocks' they collect and also have the opportunity to explore other people's creations with their characters. Players can choose from thousands of different 'servers' to join, which are created by other players, making every experience of Minecraft unique.

Minecraft has approximately **74m** users each month

AGE RESTRICTION 10+

What parents need to know about MINECRAFT

GROOMING

As the majority of users who play Minecraft are children, this makes it an 'appealing' gateway for groomers. It has been reported that some users have created worlds in Minecraft to lure young people into a conversation to ask for explicit photos. There have even been more serious cases in which children have been persuaded to meet these people in real life.

CYBERBULLYING & GRIEFING

In multiplayer mode there is a live chat feature which allows players to talk to other players through text. This chat functionality includes basic filtering to block out external links and offensive language being shared, but varies between each server. Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player during the game. This can be done by ruining somebody's creation or generally doing something to spoil gameplay for another. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating for players.

COMMUNICATING WITH STRANGERS

Minecraft incorporates thousands of servers to choose from which are a single world or place created by the public and allow users to play the game online or via a local area network with others. No two servers are the same and each has its own individual plug-ins which are controlled by the creator. This means that some servers will allow communication with strangers.

VIRUSES & MALWARE FROM MODS

There are several websites that offer downloadable 'mods' which modify gameplay in a number of ways. Most of the mods will be safe to use, but as they have been created by the public, they will often contain viruses that can infect your child's device and potentially try and find personal information about you or your child.

AGE RESTRICTION & 'FANTASY VIOLENCE'

According to the 'Entertaining Software Rating Board' (ESRB), Minecraft is suitable for users aged 10+. Due to its 'Fantasy Violence', the ESRB states that this rating has been given as 'players can engage in violent acts such as setting animals on fire and harming them with weapons. Mild explosions are occasionally heard as players use dynamite to fend off creatures and mine the environment.'

CHILDREN MAY BECOME ADDICTED

As with other games, Minecraft is a game where players can keep returning with constant challenges and personal goals to achieve. Children may find it difficult to know when to stop playing, becoming absorbed in the game and losing track of time.

National Online Safety Top Tips for Parents

DISABLE OR MODERATE CHAT

To avoid potentially inappropriate comments in a live chat, you can follow these steps to turn live chat off: 1. Select 'Options' 2. Toggle the Chat button to 'Hidden' or 'Commands Only'. Bear in mind that the chat feature is also where your child can enter commands during the game, so this may restrict their game play.

SCAN 'MODS' FOR MALWARE

Minecraft 'mods' add content to games to give extra options to interact and change the way the game looks and feels. However, although 'mods' can bring fun for a child, it's important to consider that downloading and installing 'mods' could potentially infect their device with a virus or malware. In 2017, security company Symantec stated that between 600,000 and 2.5 million Minecraft players had installed dodgy apps, which hijacked players's devices and used them to power an advertising botnet. Install a malware scanner on every device that your child plays Minecraft on and make sure it's regularly kept up-to-date.

SET TIME LIMITS

With 'Gaming Disorder' becoming an official health condition, we suggest setting a reasonable time limit when playing Minecraft. Parents can use parental controls on devices to limit the time a child plays games. It is worth having a conversation with your child to understand which 'mode' they are playing the game. This may help you decide on the amount of time you would like them to play. For example, a mini game will have an 'end', but this will depend on how long the game creator has made the game last. In 'survival mode', the game has no end and as there is no goal to be achieved other than the child's own e.g. after they have built something.

MONITOR YOUTUBE TUTORIALS

Many Minecraft users turn to 'YouTube' for video tips on improving their game play and discovering new techniques. Although many videos are age-appropriate, some include sexual references and bad language. We suggest watching Minecraft tutorial videos together with your child. If your child is under the age of 13, we suggest installing 'YouTube Kids' which provides a safer platform for children to safely find the content they want.

PLAY IN 'CREATIVE' OR 'PEACEFUL' MODE

Even though the age limit is 10+, Minecraft can be quite overwhelming at times, especially for younger players or SEND children. We suggest restricting your child to play in 'creative mode' or 'peaceful mode' which takes away the survival element and removes the 'scariest' monster/zombie characters.

CHOOSE SERVERS CAREFULLY

To protect your child from engaging in conversation with strangers, advise them to only enter servers with people they know and trust. Your child can also create their own multiplayer server and share this with their friends, which is safer and more controlled than joining a stranger's server.

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MULTI -SKILLS FESTIVAL for YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO – 14 February 2019

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Mrs Burroughs who teaches P.E. every week in Key Stage 2 has arranged for a multi-skills festival after school for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils in Shilbottle, Hipsburn, Felton and Swarland. The festival is being held at The Duchess' High School in Alnwick [where our children usually attend secondary school] from 3:30 – 5:00. There will be dribbling skills, agility ladders, mini hurdles, speed bounce, standing long jump, throwing and catching skills, throwing into a target, and some hand-eye coordination skills. We have joined in with all of the KS2 festivals and it would be great to have a group from Key Stage One representing Shilbottle Primary ☺.

As with all after school sporting activities we are unable to arrange transport for your child although a member of Shilbottle school staff will be at the High School to meet you.

Please read and complete the form on ParentMail and let us know whether you are coming.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENT ITEMS

Can I please ask you to check your parent-mail for any outstanding items that you may have - this needs brought up to date before we break up next week, all of which can be paid on-line this will include:

School Lunches, Swimming, Skipping Festival, and Music.

PARENTMAIL

When I send out text's my report shows that we still have a few parents contact details coming up as failed or unconfirmed. If certain mobile numbers are not in use please can you delete from your Parent-mail account. Making sure your new details have been applied.

Thank you!

Year 5 & 6 are **outside for P.E.** [rugby] on a Thursday afternoon – they were reminded the night before that they would need their outdoor kit and shoes ... most of them did a really good job at remembering to bring the right clothes and footwear this week rather than rely on the spare box [which wasn't there] – Let's see if EVERYONE can remember next Thursday!

After School



February 2019

Monday	Karate Ensemble	R – Y6 Y3 – Y6
Tuesday	Football Coding Club	R – Y5 R – Y6
Wednesday	Art Lego	Y5 – Y6 R – Y6
Thursday	Volleyball	Y3 – Y6
Friday	Street Dance	R – Y6

After school clubs are on as normal in the last week of this ½ term ☺

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Dates at a glance [so far...]

Mon 11 Feb	Pupil Premium / SEND meetings		afternoon
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Tues 12 Feb	Pupil Premium / SEND meetings		afternoon
Tues 12 Feb	Parent Evening Appointments	Rec, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	2:10 – 4:50
Wed 13 Feb	Pupil Premium / SEND meetings		afternoon
Thurs 14 Feb	Class Assembly	Year 1	2:30
Thurs 14 Feb	Multiskills Festival @ DCHS	Y1 / Y2	3:30 – 5:00
16 Feb – 24 Feb	½ TERM HOLIDAY ☺		
Wed 27 Feb	Beach School @ Alnmouth	Reception	All day
Wed 27 Feb	U11 Football v Hipsburn [H]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Tues 5 Mar	School Games Qualifier – Tag Rugby	Year 5 / Year 6	1:00 – 3:00
Wed 6 March	Beach School @ Foxton	Reception	All day
Thurs 7 March	U11 Football v Whittingham [A]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Thurs 7 March	Jarrow Hall Anglo-Saxon Farm	Year 4	All day
Tue 12 March	School Games Qualifier – football	Year 5 boys team	1:00 – 3:00
Tue 12 March	Maths SATs revision	Y5 / Y6 parents/children	3:15 – 4:15
Wed 13 March	U11 Football v St Paul's [H]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Thurs 14 March	Quicksticks Competition @ DCHS	KS2	3:30 – 5:00
Fri 15 March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day	Whole School	All day
Mon 18 March	School Games Qualifier – Quicksticks	Y5 / Y6 teams	12:00 – 4:00
Wed 20 March	U11 Football v Ellingham [A]	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
25 – 27 March	Robin Wood Residential	Y3 / Y4	All day
Wed 27 March	School Games Qualifier – Y5 football	Y5 team	1:00 – 3:00
Wed 27 March	U11 Football v Ellingham	U11 team	3:30 – 4:30
Wed 3 April	Beach School @ Boulmer	Reception	All day
6 Apr – 22 April	EASTER HOLIDAY ☺		
Wed 24 April	School Games Qualifier – netball	U11 team	3:30 – 5:00
Mon 29 April	School Games Qualifier – quadkids	U11 team	1:00 – 3:00
Tues 30 April	District Nurse PSHE talk	Year 5	1:00 – 2:00
Wed 1 May	Beach School @ Low Newton	Reception	All day
6 May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY ☺		
Thurs 9 May	PARA SCHOOL GAMES DAY	KS2	All day
Fri 10 May	School Games Qualifier – tennis	Year 4 team	12:00 – 2:00
13 May – 16 May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Year 6	Mornings
Wed 15 May	Beach School @ Boulmer	Reception	All day
Mon 20 May	School Games – Personal Best	Year 3	10:00 – 12:00
Tues 21 May	Rounders Competition @ Hipsburn	KS2	3:30 – 5:00
25 May – 2 June	½ TERM HOLIDAY ☺		
5 – 7 June	London Residential	Year 6	All day
Mon 17 June	School Games – Personal Best	Year 4	10:00 – 12:00

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What's on in the wider community...

Alnmouth Golf Club	Alnmouth Golf Club - juniors
Alnmouth Juniors FC	Thursday night training
Alnwick Academy of Dance	Alnwick Academy of Dance
Alnwick Bears RLFC	www.alnwickbears.co.uk
Alnwick Highland Dancers	Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00, Lindisfarne Middle School Hall Reception upwards
Alnwick Junior Harriers	Tuesday & Thursday 6 – 7 pm @ Lindisfarne Sports Centre contact Alison Hutchings on: ah.juniorharriers@gmail.com
Alnwick Town Juniors FC	http://www.alnwicktownjuniors.co.uk/
Amble Junior Netball	Thursday evenings [6:30 – 7:30pm] for Y3 upwards at James Calvert Spence College [JCSC] Amble. Y2 are welcome but parents need to stay. £1.50 per week.
Alnwick Mini & Juniors Rugby [Year 1 upwards]	Every Sunday 10:30 – 12 noon ☺ Year 1 – Year 3 = tag rugby; Year 4 upwards = contact rugby.
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Wednesday evenings, Felton or Alnwick info@northumberlandscouts.org.uk
FC Amble Juniors	FC Amble Juniors
Felton Juniors FC	Felton juniors
Judo Alnwick	Alnwick Judo https://www.getintomartialarts.com Monday, 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Karate	Monday and Friday evenings @ Willowburn
Longhoughton Rangers FC	Longhoughton Rangers Football Club
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	Register your interest at https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/ Monday evenings during term time at Warkworth Primary School.

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