

**Friday 20th  
November  
2020**



# Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

## This week in our School ...

This week the children have been working on their RE block in afternoon sessions will continue next week. The children will be learning about the following areas of the curriculum next week:

Reception: What is Christmas?

Year 1: Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas?

Year 2: Christmas Celebrations

Years 3 & 4: Why is the Bible important to Christians?

Year 5: Buddhist Beliefs/ The Christmas Story

Year 6: The Christmas Story

## Celebrations

Our children who achieved awards in school this week are:

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading	Mathletics
R	Gracie S	Eric R		
1	Tommy C	Osian D		Francesca S
2	Alicia K	Amelia G		
3	Jasmine H	Rowan M		Archie B Charlotte M Corey M
4	Dylan S	Morgan H	Morgan H Imogen R	
5	Erin A	Christopher B		
6	All children for their positive attitude during a mock SATs week	Ava J	Vincent B Indie D Charlie F	Orla M
Headteacher Awards: Jeni H & Amelie M (1) and Anna S (4)				

## Other awards and achievements

If your child has any awards they have received outside of school please let us know so we can share their success with the whole school community.

## Shilbottle around the World

This week we learnt about: **China** and the children are really enjoying discussing the similarities and differences between all the countries we are learning about.

Next week we are learning about: **Iran**

## Children in Need

Many thanks for all the kind donations as part of our non-uniform day which we will be forwarding onto Children in Need on your behalf. We raised a fantastic £154.70 for the charity which will help the charity continue their excellent work, especially during these more challenging times we are all facing.

## The 2metre Distancing Rule/Collection arrangements

Once again, we would like to remind parents of the need to maintain the 2m social distancing rule at all times, including drop off and collection times. We have now placed posters on the school fence (2m apart) to help parents maintain this distance. It would also be greatly appreciated that once you have collected your child at the end of the day you move away from the exit to enable staff to release the next child. For the health and safety of all children, staff have been instructed not to release a child until their parent is at the gate and other parents are a safe distance away. We are currently one of the reducing number of schools who have not needed to isolate bubbles or staff and we aim to maintain this as long as possible, but this is heavily reliant on your cooperation.

## Greggs Stall

After school on Fridays the Shilbottle and Hampeth Mutual Aid group will be setting up a stall near the school car park entrance. Any donations received would be greatly appreciated to cover the costs of the weekly delivery. The success of the stall is reliant on the users ensuring they use this provision safely. Therefore, please ensure you maintain the 2m distancing rule as you would in all other places and do not block the entrance of the school car park.

## Thanks to the Shilbottle Forum

Many thanks to the Shilbottle Forum who have donated sweets to the all the children as a token of their appreciation for all the hard work they did creating poppies for the War Memorial in the village. In addition to this our Year 6 children also created artistic copies of the In Flanders Field poem by John McCrae for which some children received gift vouchers (1st place Isabella M, joint 2nd places Vincent B, Orla M and Euan R).

## Facebook

We kindly ask that parents and users of Facebook and other social media forums carefully consider the postings they make and how they may be interpreted by others. Whilst we are all working extremely hard to ensure the children are kept safe we have also needed to deal with queries from concerned parents regarding posting which may have given the impression that either children or their extended families are COVID positive when in fact this is not the case. As a school we would hope that all families have confidence in our ability to act in a timely and appropriate manner with any reports of positive COVID results within the school community.

## Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
<b>2020</b>			
16th to 20th November	All	Anti Bullying Week	Odd socks on Monday
9th December (Wed)	All	School Christmas Dinner	
18th December (Friday)	All	School closes for Christmas (2:00pm)	
<b>2021</b>			
4th January (Monday)	All	School reopens	
12th February (Friday)	All	School closes for half term (3:15pm)	
23rd February (Tuesday)	All	School reopens	
26th March (Friday)	All	School closes for Easter (2:00pm)	
12th April (Monday)	All	School reopens	
3rd May (Monday)	All	Bank Holiday—School Closed	
28th May (Friday)	All	School closes for half term (3:15pm)	
8th June (Tuesday)	All	School reopens	
16th July (Friday)	All	School closes for Summer (2:00pm)	
7th September (Tuesday)	All	School reopens	

Regards  
Mr Parnaby  
Headteacher