

**Friday 28th
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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,
This week in our School

This week the children have been learning about the following topics.

Reception: Chinese New Year

Years 1&2: Geography - Around the World

Years 3: Geography - Where we are and what we do

Year 4&5: Geography - Shilbottle to Scandinavia

Year 6: Geography - Trade and Economics

Topics—Week beginning Monday 31st January

Next week the children will be learning about the following topics

Reception: Chinese New Year

Years 1&2: Science - Materials

Years 3: Science - Forces and Magnets

Year 4&5: Science - Forces in action

Year 6: Science - The Human Circulatory System

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Reggie B	Dylan S	
1	Jaxon Mc	Rosalee M	
2	Matilda F	Francesca S	
3	Alicia K	Thomas P	
4	Rebecca R	Rebecca R	
5	Dylan S	Ethan C	
6	Cameron H	Oskar T	
Headteacher Awards: Ameila M (2) & Malakai Mc (3)			

Monday 4th July

Please note on the dates for the diary that the school will be closed on Monday 4th July as this is the additional bank holiday to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Late Arrivals

Should you arrive at school after the school gates have closed at 8:40am prompt we ask that an adult accompanies the child to the office to explain the reason for the late arrival. This ensures children arrive in school safely. Children should not be dropped off outside the school to make their way into school when no staff are present at the gate to supervise them.

Current COVID-19 Reporting

We have a number of positive cases throughout the school and would ask that parents/carers inform the school on the first day of a positive lateral flow test result. When reporting your child's absence due to COVID it should be made clear that the child has tested positive for COVID. Some absences have been reported 'unwell' or 'high temperature' etc with no reference to COVID. Absences should be reported **by an adult**, not an older sibling or other child.

Please ensure you report positive cases through the Track and Trace as this assists Public Health England with monitoring levels of cases in the area.

PTA Fundraising

The PTA have an excellent opportunity by working with a local charity to raise funds for the school. The charity have agreed to match fund any monies raised pound for pound up to £700. Meaning for every £1 donated the school will benefit by £2!

If you would like to make any donations to the PTA, have any ideas for fundraising events, or know of any local businesses who would be willing to donate to our fund raising please let the class teacher know via Dojo and we will collect ideas and hopefully we can meet our £1400 target!

Parent Governor

At present we have one of our Parent Governor positions on the Governing Body's term of office due to expire soon. The current post holder may be interested in renewing but we would also like to make all parents aware of their eligibility to apply for this position. We are therefore asking all parents if they would like to express an interest in this vacancy. Should more than one parent wish to apply we would then follow the statutory process for elections. As part of this process the interested parents would complete an application outlining the skills and knowledge they can contribute to the Governing Body. This would be shared with all parents and a vote would be held to elect the Parent Governor. Safeguarding checks (DBS) would be required for the successful parent and they would be asked to commit to attending both committee and full governing body meetings at least six times a year alongside carrying out other visits and reporting outcomes to the Governing Body. Should you be interested in this position please email the school admin address no later than Monday 14th February.

Plans for the Future

As a school we are easing restrictions according to guidelines with a degree of caution. At present we are not holding assemblies and children are not mixing with other classes. However, we are 'hoping' after half term to restart assemblies and children mixing more. Part of these plans include ways to invite parents back into the school, particularly parents of our younger children who we are all too aware of have not had the opportunities we had hoped to be more involved in school life. Please be assured we are all looking forward to the days where we can gather and celebrate the children's achievements together in person knowing it is safe to do so.

Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
2022			
Every Wednesday —Spring term	4&5	Swimming	
Friday 18th February	All	School closes for half term and TTD	
Tuesday 1st March	All	School reopens	
Wed 30th March to Friday 1st April	4&5	Dukeshouse Wood trip	
Friday 8th April	All	School closes at 2pm (Easter)	After school closes at 4:30pm
Monday 25th April	All	School reopens	
Monday 2nd May	All	Bank Holiday (school closed)	Reopens 3rd
Mon 9th to Thurs 12th May	6	Year 6 SATs week	
Friday 27th May	All	School closes for half term	
Monday 6th June (closed)	All	Teacher Training Day	Reopens 7th
Tues 7th to Fri 10th June	Y1	Phonics Screening Test	
Wed 8th—Fri 10th June	6	London Trip	
Monday 4th July	All	School closed	Reopens 5th
Friday 22nd July	All	School closes at 2pm	After school closes at 4:30pm