

**Friday 11th  
November 2022**



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# Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

## Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Ava	Thomas	
1	Rosie	Cassius	
2	Joey T	Bobby	
3	Rebecca	Jeni	
4	Henry	Amelia	
5	Year 5	Hamish	
6	Maia	Ethan	
Headteacher Awards: Joey T (2) and Thomas (4)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Reception & Year 6 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 95.2% (Target 96%)			

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

Reception: Autumn

Years 1&2: We are game testers

Years 3&4: We are software developers

Year 5: We are artists

Year 6: We are app developers

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

Reception: Autumn

Years 1&2: What do Hindu's celebrate

Years 3&4: Christianity

Year 5: Christianity

Year 6: Humanism

## **Whole School Assemblies**

This week our theme was 'Should more be done to help rescue pets' and it was linked to the increase in number of pets being abandoned in these financially challenging times. This was linked to the Fundamental British Value of the Democracy and how children's voice is important and should be respected with regard to their ideas about any topic.

## **Remembrance Sunday**

There will be a laying of the wreath and short service at the War Memorial this Sunday at 2pm. Children in school have been thinking of those who gave their lives for us and in keeping with our tradition have made poppies to be displayed in the Haven.

## **Planetarium Visit**

Yesterday all our children had the amazing opportunity to visit the mobile Planetarium and be part of some Space related workshops. It was too big to fit in our school hall so thankfully our friends at the Community Hall were able to help us out. A huge thank to Kielder Observatory for providing this free of charge and Miss Harrison, our Science lead, for organising this.

## **Early Reception intake (January 2023)**

Do you know any friends or family who have children who will be aged 4 when we reopen in January (10th)? If so, please ask them to contact the school as we give children who will be attending our Reception class in September an opportunity to start working with us early. Children and parents are welcome to visit the school and discuss the plans for joining us.

## **Reading for Pleasure Books**

If you have any children books, comics or magazines (in good condition) that you wish to donate to the school for the children's 'Reading for Pleasure' book areas they would be greatly appreciated.

### **Safeguarding Children—Whatsapp**

Whilst we are aware the legal age for using Whatsapp is 16 years old and therefore none of our children should have access to this we are also aware some families have older siblings who may be using this regularly. We have there sent a separate email with parental advice for keeping your child safe while using Whatsapp.

### **Parent Meeting Appointments**

Many thanks to those parents who returned their slips by the deadline of today. Don't worry if you have not returned your slip as the teacher will allocate you a remaining time and inform you of your appointment times next week.

### **Children in Need**

Next Friday is Children in Need day and we will be having a non-uniform day. Children must wear sensible shoes and have a coat for outdoor break times. Please note all children will also be having a PE lesson as part of our work with NUFC this day and should therefore be able to get changed independently.

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	3&4	Swimming	
Friday 18th November	All	Children in Need day—Non-uniform. Donations please	Sensible shoes and coats PE Day
Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd November	All	Parent Meetings	Time will be confirmed via Dojo
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	
Tuesday 20th December	5	Christmas celebration	
Wednesday 21st December	3&4	Christmas Party	
Thursday 22nd December	R/1/2	Christmas Party	
Friday 23rd December	All	School closes for Christmas break	Close at 2pm No After School Club
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Tuesday 10th January	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May	Year 6	SATS week	
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th July		Y6 London Visit	
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	Years 3&4	Robinwood Residential	