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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

This week in our School ...

This week the children have been working on developing our writing and art skills. Next week we will be continuing to work on our Art Project and we will share more information in next week's news letter. Reception are reading 'The Mixed Up Chameleon'.

COVID 19 Updates

- Please ensure you continue to adhere to the Government guidance of maintaining 2m distance wherever possible. We are aware some parents are gathering in groups when dropping children off and collecting and kindly ask that we all continue to abide by the rules to reduced the chances of transmission.
- Children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 will be dismissed at the gate. Staff have been advised not to allow children to cross the road to any adults waiting opposite the school.
- Data from last week shows we are one of only 16 schools out of the 225 schools in Northumberland that have not reported any cases. Let us all make sure we are doing our utmost to remain in the small group of schools.
- Should any of your children test positive following a PCR test, I would like to remind you of the contact number to inform the school immediately. We ask that you:
Text **07594379089** with the name of the child and the date of the test result.
(This number should not be used for any other reason)
The close contacts of the child who tested positive self isolate.

If we receive any notifications of a positive result within your child's bubble we will aim to inform families as soon as possible as your child will be required to self-isolate. We highly recommend that all families have a plan in place should you be contacted.

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading	Mathletics
R	Gracie S	Clayton B	Jaxon M Gracie S	
1	Jeni H	Tommy C		
2	Alicia K	Amelia G	Malaki M Cameron C Elliott R	
3	Corey M	Rebecca R		
4	James P	Ciara H		
5	Layla P	Brendan A		
6	Indie D	Lana C		
Headteacher Awards: Cameron C (2) and Oskar T (5)				

Red Nose Day donations

Many thanks for all the donations for the charity and we will inform you of our total raised when it is safe to count the money given. Your support is greatly appreciated as always.

Community School Clothing Scheme

This is the largest school uniform exchange in the North East of England. Visit their website for further information

<http://www.communityschoolclothingscheme.org/>



Homework

It has come to our attention that there may be some families encountering difficulty accessing Mathletics. Please note school staff may be able to help with sign details (these have been issued in the past) but you can contact Mathletics directly via the 'Support' section of their website Mathletics.com if you have any technical issues. Teachers have been advised to send paper based math homework as well as setting the Mathletics homework. We ask that children complete **one** of these in order to ensure those families encountering issues with accessing the website can still support their children.

Unfortunately we have a number of children who are not completing their homework. Please note this work is not optional and any incomplete tasks will be completed by children in their 'free' time if not returned by the Thursday deadline. If homework remains incomplete for more than two weeks the key stage leader will contact the family so that we can offer support..

Device donations

A HUGE thank you to all who kindly donated to our appeal for devices to support the home learning. So far we have been able to supply families with five new chromebooks, three reconditioned laptops and four reconditioned I pads. All donations and recycled devices have now been allocated to families whom I am confident are very grateful to have received these.

Remote Learning Review

Once again, a big thank you to all the families who took a few minutes to respond to the remote learning review we sent last week. This was one of our highest number of responses to date. A summary of the results will be sent to you via Parentmail.

Year 6 Transition

The Duchess High School are currently forming plans to support the transition of the children in Year 6 to the next stage in their learning journey. They may request email addresses and contact details for all families as they usually get in touch directly with you. Please ensure your Parentmail account details are up-to-date and correct. If you do not wish to have your details shared with the High School please let us know in writing as soon as possible.

Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
2021			
26th March (Friday)	All	School closes for Easter	School will closed at normal closing times.
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