

**Friday 6th
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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

This week in our School ...

The children are continuing their learning about the following topics as you may wish to ask them about what they have been studying:

All year groups have been learning and reminding themselves of the importance of E-Safety. This has been particularly important this year as children have often spent more time online this year than in the past.

E-Safety is an integral part of our Computing curriculum regardless of the topic being studied. I have visited each class this week and reviewed the learning with the children and I have been extremely impressed how knowledgeable and aware they all are of the importance of staying safe online. I would highly recommend you spend some asking your child about their learning this week as I am confident you will feel reassured by the sensible approach and awareness of how to keep themselves safe.

Celebrations

Our children who achieved awards in school this week are:

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading	Mathletics
R	Gracie S	Joey D		
1	Jeni H	Zara C		
2	Malakai M	Cameron C	Luisa J Amelia G	
3	Lucas A	Hamish M		Michael G
4	Maisie C	James G		
5	Finn B	Amelia S		
6	Kenzie A	Isabella M	Daniel S Orla M	
Headteacher Awards: Mollie S (2) and Jacob O (4)				

Other awards and achievements

Congratulations to:

Kenzie A (6) who has been awarded the 'Players Player' at the ARFC, this demonstrates his excellent teamwork skills as this has been voted for by the players.

Noah B (6) received the 'Try of the Season' award for his excellent efforts and determination.

Connor W (6) has been selected to train with the BUFC Advanced Training Squad in recognition for his outstanding skills and effort.

Well done to all the boys, we are all extremely proud of you and are confident you will continue to achieve many successes long into the future!

Remembrance Sunday (8th November)

Traditionally, the school has always supported the excellent work of the Shilbottle Forum by attending the wreath laying and having children read at the service. Unfortunately this year we are not able to do this and therefore our Year 6 children will be laying a wreath later today as a mark of respect to all those who gave their lives in all wars.

If you visit Sainsbury's this weekend you may also see the 'Lest we forget' sign created from poppies made by the children which the school has donated as centrepiece to their display.

Reception Photograph

Our 'new starter' photograph has been published in the Northumberland Gazette this week alongside several other school, however we have managed to make the front cover too!

Shilbottle around the World

This week we learnt about: **Australia** 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: **Thailand**

Children in Need

We are all very aware of the impact COVID19 has had upon both the demand for support from charities and the reduction in funding opportunities these charities are able to access. Next Friday (13th November) we will be holding a non-uniform day and we kindly ask for donations towards this year's Children in Need fundraising efforts. Please remember sensible shoes and coats should be worn as children will still be playing outdoors and some year groups may be having PE lessons. We ask that children do not have any hair spray/chalks in their hair.

Ofsted

Yesterday we held several virtual meetings with Ofsted. Due to the lockdown restrictions they were unable to visit the school and therefore the meetings were held virtually throughout the whole school day. Despite a few technical issues with the broadband we managed to complete all the reviews successfully. The focus of the 'visit' was the impact of COVID19 upon the school and the subsequent recovery plans. As the main aim of these visits to school is to inform Government research and future plans there are no grading outcomes from the visit. However within the next two weeks we will receive a letter which we will share with parents upon receipt.

Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
13th November (Friday)	All	Children in Need—Non uniform day	Donations appreciated
18th December (Friday)	All	School closes for Christmas (2:00pm)	
2021			
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	

Year 6 Transition

A huge thanks to all our Year 6 parents for completing the transition process prior the end of October deadline. This is the first year we have not been contacted by County asking us to contact parents and remind them of the deadline which saves us a lot of unnecessary admin time.

Regards
Mr Parnaby
Headteacher