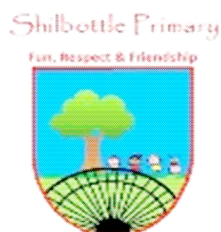


**Friday 23rd
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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

This week in our School

The children have been learning about the following topics. They have also been learning about St George, the patron saint of England, as today is actually St George's Day!

Reception: Rosie's Walk

Years 1&2: Let's Go on Safari and Clay Sculptures

Years 3&4: The Romans

Year 5: Mountains and Deserts

Year 6: The Mayans

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading	Mathletics
R	Joey T	Joey D		
1	Jeni H	Francesca S	Arianna M	
2	Alfie B	Anna S	Serenna J Mollie S	
3	Jay W	Daniel K	Lucas A	
4	Kacey O	Morgan H	Ethan G Morgan H Imogen R	Morgan H (Silver and Gold Award!)
5	Isabella S	Finnlay B	Layla P Eva B Ebony B	
6	Finley M	Izzy M	Orla M	Isabella M
Headteacher Awards: Joey T (R) and Vincent B (6)				

Topics—Week beginning 26th April 2021

Next week the children will be working on the following topics:

Reception: Rosie's Walk—Story maps

Years 1&2: Computing—We are researchers

Years 3&4: Languages—Going Shopping

Year 5: Languages—Time Travel

Year 6: Languages—School time and subjects

Car safety

Unfortunately, whilst waiting for children to enter the school each morning some staff have witnessed children being brought to school not wearing a seatbelt. This is a basic safety measure adults caring for children must adhere to as it may save their lives in the event of an accident. Please note should this continue we will be passing on the relevant details to our school police officer.

Year 6 Parents visit to Duchess High School

The DCHS will be in touch directly with families regarding arrangements for any transition visits. However, please note that when parents are offered a selection of dates to visit the school one evening (at present this is planned for 22nd/23rd/24th June) you only need attend one of these dates—not all three. Safety regulations permitting, the Alnwick Partnership are intending to allocate Thursday 6th July as the transition day when the current Year 6 children will spend the day at the Duchess High School, please check your emails for further updates nearer the time.

Dress code

Earrings—please note no children are permitted to wear earrings in school, some children continue to do this especially on Monday mornings.

Labels—as the weather improves children often remove jumpers/cardigans etc whilst outdoors however returning these items to their rightful owner is proving increasingly difficult as very few of them have the children's name inside. If using a pen to write names on labels please check this periodically to ensure it has not been washed off.

Long hair—we ask that all children with long hair, which can distract them whilst working in class, tie their hair back. This also reduces any possibility of headlice moving from one child to another.

Polo shirt—whilst the school uniform dress code states the polo shirts should be yellow we have decided to amend this for the summer term only. As we are located very close to agricultural fields the flies from the fields are often attracted to the yellow polo shirts which has upset some children in the past. Therefore, in the summer term only, we will be permitting children to wear white polo shirts (not T shirts) if they would prefer.

Safety in the sun

As the weather begins to improve—let's hop it lasts! - may we remind parents about keeping the children safe in the sun. Ideally children should have all day suncream applied before coming to school. Please note staff cannot put cream on children therefore if they need to have it reapplied during the day they need to be able to do this independently. We also ask that children do not share any suncreams with others in case they have an allergic reaction. In addition to wearing suncream children should have sunglasses and a cap.

Parking considerably

Whilst the school has no jurisdiction over parking places outside the school grounds some of our families asked us to send a message asking those adults dropping children off or collecting be considerate of the needs of others when parking—for example not blocking the lower kerbs which pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters may need to access.

Language

Sometimes whilst writing letters to parents I find myself writing about things I would never have thought would be necessary to do so. However, this week we have had a couple of incidents in school where our younger children have used inappropriate language towards their peers. This is something we take very seriously. When questioned about this the children stated that they have heard it at home. Thankfully incidents such as these are extremely rare. We would like to reassure those families whose children do not overhear such language at home that we deal with these matters in a timely and appropriate manner. We would also ask that adults consider the language they use at home and the potential consequences their child may face should it be repeated in school.

Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
2021			
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	
6th July (Thursday)	All	Transition Day—new classes	Y6-DCHS
16th July (Friday)	All	School closes for Summer (2:00pm)	
7th September (Tuesday)	All	School reopens	