

**Friday 20th
January 2023**



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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Celebrations

| Class | Star | Presentation | Reading |
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| R | Sonny | Lochlan | |
| 1 | Jack | Stanley | |
| 2 | Joey T | Jaxon | |
| 3 | Amelia | April | |
| 4 | Alfie | Serenna | |
| 5 | Rowan | Hamish | |
| 6 | Dylan | Tommy | |
| Headteacher Awards: Clayton (2) and Kayla (5) | | | |
| Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 2 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 94.3% (Target 96%) | | | |

Teachers Strike Action—Wednesday 1st February

Please see the parentmail form sent yesterday and complete as soon as possible please. Please note there are also three other days of strike action planned which are Tuesday 28th February (this may affect our planned Parent/Teacher meetings), Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. We are currently unaware of how this will impact us as hopefully negotiations will result in these no longer going ahead. However, we feel it is best to advise parents to enable you to make any necessary plans.

Country Assemblies

Some children have requested we revisit of weekly country assembly and therefore this week we have been learning about Argentina. You may want to ask the children if they can remember some key facts such as the capital city, population and whether it is a democracy or not.

Office Hours

Please note the office is only staffed part time and no staff are available during 12noon and 1pm each day or a Friday mornings.

Traffic Safety Measures—Roadworks

We have been informed by County Hall that the roadworks department may be starting some safety improvements outside the school entrances next Tuesday. This is weather dependent but we would ask, where possible, you walk to school and continue to be considerate to the residents when parking at both drop off and collect children. We have been trying to have safety bollards and signage put in place outside the school entrances for a number of years as we are very aware the children's entrances and exits are directly onto busy roads. Obviously the safety of all the children is all our responsibilities and we are hoping the improvements will contribute to keeping the children safe. The school gates will close at 8:40am prompt as always but it may take you slightly longer to get to school whilst the works are being carried out and therefore we ask that you take this into consideration.

Head Lice

Some parents are still advising us that they are currently treating their children for headlice. It would be greatly appreciated if you could thoroughly check your child's hair this weekend and apply the necessary treatment if needed.

Year 3&4 Class Assembly for Parents—Thursday 30th March

We will be inviting parents of our year 3 and 4 children to attend a class assembly in the school hall where children will be sharing their learning with you. Doors open at 2:20pm for a 2:30pm start.

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

| Date | Year | Event | Notes |
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| Every Tuesday | R1234 | Dance Workshops (NFC) | Spring 1 term only |
| Every Wednesday Spring Term | 5&6 | Swimming at Willowburn | |
| Friday 27th January | 6 | Careers Workshop at DCHS | No charge to parents |
| Wednesday 1st February | All | Teacher strike action day | See letter 19th January |
| Friday 17th February | All | School closes for half term | Normal closing hours |
| Tuesday 28th February | All | School reopens | Gates open 8:30am |
| Tues 28th Feb and Wednesday 1st March | All | Parents Evening | 3:30– 6:00 |
| Thursday 30th March | 3&4 | Class assembly for parents | Doors open at 2:20 |
| Friday 31st March | All | School closes for Easter Break | |
| Monday 17th April | All | School reopens | Gates open 8:30am |
| May | 2 | SATs test papers to be sat during this month | |
| Monday 8th May | All | Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles III coronation | School will reopen Tues 9th May |
| Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May | Year 6 | SATS week | New dates confirmed by DfE |
| Thursday 18th May | All | Professor Brainstorm Workshop | School Hall |
| Tuesday 23rd May | 5&6 | Newcastle United Visit | |
| Thursday 25th May | 1&2 | Class Assembly for Parents | School Hall 2:30pm |
| Friday 26th May | All | School closes for half term | Normal closing hours |
| Tuesday 6th June | All | School reopens—Summer Term | Gates open 8:30am |
| Every Wednesday Summer Term | Planned R/1/2 | Swimming at Willowburn (classes to be confirmed) | First session 7th June |
| 6th to 16th June | 4 | National Multiplication Test | |
| Week commencing Monday 12th June | 1 | Phonics Screening Test | |
| Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June | 6 | Y6 London Visit | |
| Thursday 22nd June | 5&6 | Safety Workshops—Online and other dangers | |
| Friday 30th June | All | Sports Day/Summer Fair | Reschedule for 7th July if necessary |
| Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July | 3&4 | Robinwood Residential | |
| Friday 21st July | All | School closes for Summer break | Reopens Tuesday 5th September |
| Dates to be confirmed. These events have been booked but we are awaiting confirmation of the exact dates from the organisations involved. | | Mariam Rezaei (Music/DJ) Lexie Ward (Theatre) Kema Kay (Music/Rap) Dance Workshops Multi Skills Tournament | |