

**Friday 27th
November
2020**



Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

This week in our School ...

This week the children have been working on their RE block in afternoon sessions. The children will be learning about the following areas of the curriculum next week:

Reception & Year 1: The Nativity
 Year 2: Stories of Christianity
 Years 3 & 4: French—On the move
 Year 5: French—Time Travel!
 Year 6: French—School Life

Celebrations

Our children who achieved awards in school this week are:

| Class | Star | Presentation | Reading | Mathletics |
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| R | Charlotte C | Joey T | | |
| 1 | Donnie T | Tommy C | | |
| 2 | James R | Serenna J | | |
| 3 | Rebecca R | Ivy-Mae P | Michael G (Word Millionaire!) | |
| 4 | James P | James G | | |
| 5 | Ebony B | Cameron H | Liam S | |
| 6 | Violet G | Finley M | | Isabelle M Izzy M Connor W |
| Headteacher Awards: Gracie S (R) and Jay T (5) | | | | |

Other awards and achievements

We are very pleased to announce that two of our children won prizes in the recent RAF Boulmer Christmas Card Competition.

Hamish M (Year 3) came runner up in the 4 to 7 age category and James G (Year 4) was the winner in the 8 to 11 age category!

We are all extremely proud of you both and that you have been recognised for your amazing artistic skills! Well done!

Shilbottle around the World

This week we learnt about: **Iran** 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: **Greenland**

The 2metre Distancing Rule/Collection arrangements (**Reminder**)

Once again, we would like to remind parents of the need to maintain the 2m social distancing rule at all times, including drop off and collection times. We have now placed posters on the school fence (2m apart) to help parents maintain this distance. It would also be greatly appreciated that once you have collected your child at the end of the day you move away from the exit to enable staff to release the next child. For the health and safety of all children, staff have been instructed not to release a child until their parent is at the gate and other parents are a safe distance away. We are currently one of the reducing number of schools who have not needed to isolate bubbles or staff and we aim to maintain this as long as possible, but this is heavily reliant on your cooperation.

Earrings

Since September we no longer allow children to wear earrings for safety reasons. It would be appreciated if you could check your child is not wearing any earrings before they set off for school each morning. Many thanks!

PE kit—suitable outdoor clothing (**Reminder**)

For obvious reasons we are aiming to conduct our PE lessons outdoors and hope to continue this despite the drop in temperature. Therefore, could you ensure your child has a warm sports top, such as a hoodie for these lessons. At present we have children doing PE outdoors wearing either a T-shirt or their coat as they do not have suitable clothing in their PE kits, both of which are not ideal as we strive to ensure all children achieve their best within these lesson.

Dates for the future

Please note that this year children will not be asked to bring any food items into school for their Christmas Celebration Day. If parents wish to make a contribution toward school funds to purchase items for the celebration day (party prizes, drinks etc) this may brought to school on the day. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

| Date | Year group | Event | Notes |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2020 | | | |
| 7th December (Monday) | 3&4 | Christmas celebration day | Non uniform (this class only) |
| 9th December (Wed) | All | School Christmas Dinner | |
| 10th December (Thurs) | 5 | Christmas celebration day | Non uniform (this class only) |
| 11th December (Friday) | 6 | Christmas celebration day | Non uniform (this class only) |
| 14th December (Monday) | 2 | Christmas celebration day | Non uniform (this class only) |
| 15th December (Tuesday) | R & 1 | Christmas celebration day | Non uniform (this class only) |
| 18th December (Friday) | All | School closes for Christmas (2:00pm) | No toys this year sorry |
| 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 | |

Regards
Mr Parnaby
Headteacher