

**Friday 11th  
February 2022**



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# Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

**This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:**

Reception: Handa/Africa

Years 1&2: Science-Materials

Years 3: Science-Forces & Magnets

Year 4&5: Science-Forces in action

Year 6: The Human Circulatory System

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Reception: Handa/Africa

Years 1&2: Science-Habitats

Years 3: French-Festivals and getting to know you.

Year 4&5: French-Come to my party

Year 6: French-Places in town

*Remember Topic Knowledge Organisers are available on the website to support any home learning activities.*

## Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Jack C	Rosie H	
1	Gracie S	Clayton B	Jaxon Mc Eric R
2	Francesca S	Zara C	Jeni H Francesca S
3	Thomas P	Lydia B	Luisa J Serenna J
4	Archie B	Ethan G	
5	Anna S	Jasmine H	
6	Bella S	Jacob J	
Headteacher Awards: Francesca S (2) & Rhys C (4)			

## After School Club

With reference to last week's newsletter please note the After School Club provision will be closing at 4:30pm until further notice. Should the demand increase in the future we will then be returning to our usual times. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Late Arrivals

Should you arrive at school after the school gates have closed at 8:40am prompt we ask the an adult accompanies the child to the office to explain the reason for the late arrival. This ensures children arrive in school safely. Children should not be dropped off outside the school to make their way into school when no staff are present at the gate to supervise them.

## PTA Fundraising—Reminder—any support would be gratefully appreciated.

The PTA have an excellent opportunity by working with a local charity to raise funds for the school. The charity have agreed to match fund any monies raised pound for pound up to £700. Meaning for every £1 donated the school will benefit by £2!

If you would like to make any donations to the PTA this can be sent to school in a sealed envelope. Alternatively, if know of any local businesses who would be willing to donate to our fund raising efforts it would be greatly appreciated.

## Current COVID-19 Reporting

We have a number of positive cases throughout the school and would ask that parents/carers inform the school on the first day of a positive lateral flow test result. When reporting your child's absence due to COVID it should be made clear that the child has tested positive for COVID. Some absences have been reported 'unwell' or 'high temperature' etc with no reference to COVID. Absences should be reported **by an adult**, not an older sibling or other child.

Please ensure you report positive cases through the Track and Trace as this assists Public Health England with monitoring levels of cases in the area.

## Parent Governor - Reminder

At present we have one of our Parent Governor positions on the Governing Body's term of office due to expire soon. The current post holder may be interested in renewing but we would also like to make all parents aware of their eligibility to apply for this position. We are therefore asking all parents if they would like to express an interest in this vacancy. Should more than one parent wish to apply we would then follow the statutory process for elections. As part of this process the interested parents would complete an application outlining the skills and knowledge they can contribute to the Governing Body. This would be shared with all parents and a vote would be held to elect the Parent Governor. Safeguarding checks (DBS) would be required for the successful parent and they would be asked to commit to attending both committee and full governing body meetings at least six times a year alongside carrying out other visits and reporting outcomes to the Governing Body. *Should you be interested in this position please email the school admin address no later than Monday 14th February.*

## Clothes Recycling Bank

Please remember if you have any clothes which could be recycling we have a clothes recycling bank near the school office entrance. To maintain safety we ask that this is accessed via the same entrance that the children enter school each morning. Please do not access via the vehicle access on Ashfield Terrace as delivery vans may be entering or leaving the premises.

## Dates for the future

Date	Year group	Event	Notes
<b>2022</b>			
Every Wednesday —Spring term	4&5	Swimming	
Friday 18th February	All	School closes for half term and TTD	
Tuesday 1st March	All	School reopens	
Wed 30th March to Friday 1st April	4&5	Dukeshouse Wood trip	
Friday 8th April	All	School closes at 2pm (Easter)	After school closes at 4:30pm
Monday 25th April	All	School reopens	
Monday 2nd May	All	Bank Holiday (school closed)	Reopens 3rd
Mon 9th to Thurs 12th May	6	Year 6 SATs week	
Friday 27th May	All	School closes for half term	
Monday 6th June (closed)	All	Teacher Training Day	Reopens 7th
Tues 7th to Fri 10th June	Y1	Phonics Screening Test	
Wed 8th—Fri 10th June	6	London Trip	
Monday 4th July	All	School closed	Reopens 5th
Friday 22nd July	All	School closes at 2pm	After school closes at 4:30pm