

**Friday 20th
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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,
Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Reggie	Freya	
1	Emily	Ava	
2	Cassius	Jack	
3	Rosalee	Charlotte	
4	Sienna	Scarlett	
5	Archie	Henry	
6	Archie	Kayla	
Headteacher Awards: Emily (1) and Archie (5)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 4 with 96.2% Whole School Attendance: 89.7% (Target 96%)			

Well done to Reggie B on gaining his stage 2 swimming award

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

Reception: Harvest

Years 1& 2: Geography - Our school & local area

Years 3& 4: Geography - The United Kingdom

Year 5& 6: Geography - U.S.A.

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Years 3& 4: Geography - Shilbottle & United Kingdom

Year 5& 6: Geography - U.S.A.

Parent/Teacher meetings—Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October

Many thanks to those parents who responded requesting a specific appointment time. The teachers have sent a dojo message to all parents with their allocated appointment time next week. Both the school and other parents would be extremely grateful if the appointments could be kept to their 10 minute allocated slot to save other parents being delayed. If you feel you would like a further discussion please let the teacher know and this can be arranged at a mutually agreeable time.

Harvest Festival—St James' Church—Thursday 26th October 1:30pm

This year we will be supporting a local food bank and would ask that any of the following items are donated to the school no later than Wednesday 25th October.

Items desperately needed are: cereals, biscuits, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned deserts (such as rice pudding), laundry items, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo and tinned or dry animal food.

Shilbottle Forum are also intending to have a bake sale at our Harvest Festival.

New Portakabin

As far as we are aware we should be able to move into the new facilities around 13th November. Following this the demolition and removal of the old portakabin and reinstalling the playground will commence with a view to have the project completed by 29th November.

Coats/shoes

Unfortunately, we still have a number of children arriving in school without suitable coats or shoes to enable them to go outdoors in the colder and wet weather. We would appreciate it if you could ensure children are suitably dressed for the weather as they will be outdoors during break times.

Lunches

Next week the meal options are:

Monday: Chicken Korma, rice naan bread & peas - Chocolate Brownie

Tuesday: Roast Chicken, y puds, roast potatoes, veg & gravy - Ice cream roll

Wednesday: Sandwich (ham, cheese or tuna) & crisps - Cake & custard

Thursday: Sandwich (ham, cheese or tuna) & crisps - Cake & custard

Friday: Chicken goujons, chips & beans/sweetcorn - Pudding of the day

(All subject to change)

Helping the environment

We have been informed by our clothes recycling company that we have hit the target of recycling 1,000kg of clothes since the clothes recycling bank was installed. We have earned £600 which we use towards reducing the cost to parents for school visits. As a bonus for achieving this target the company have also donated a free apple tree which will be planted at the front of the school. A huge thank you for your support to date and please let other members of the community they can also use our clothes recycle facility.

Northumberland County Council are also offering an opportunity for residents to apply for a free tree to plant at home. Please see this link for further information:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Climate-Change/Free-trees.aspx>

Finally, a very special thank you to Corey (with some help from his little brother Jaxon) who used his own initiative to send all our families, staff and our friends at Friendly Frogs an acorn seed and instructions how to plant them home this week. It is really good to know our planet is in good hands in the future when children such as ours will be looking after it!

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	All	Swimming—Years 5 and 6	Spring term Y3/4 Summer term R/1/2
Mon 23rd and Tues 24th	All	Parent/Teacher meetings	See Dojo for your appointment time
Thursday 26th October	All	St James' Church Harvest Festival 1:30pm <i>Parents may take the children home afterwards after being signed out by their teacher.</i>	There will be no after school football today.
Friday 27th October	All	End of Half Term	Normal closing time. After School 5:30pm
Tuesday 31st October	Year 6	Deadline for applications for High School—apply online via NCC School Admissions	
Monday 6th November	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Tuesday 21st November	1&2. 5&6	Puppetry Workshops (Visitors)	No cost to parents Charity Funded
Thursday 29th November	3&4	Visit from Author—Tracey Corderoy Signed copies of books will be available to purchase	No cost to parents Charity Funded
Monday 11th December	R12	Christmas Cracker Workshop (Visitors)	No cost to parents Charity Funded
Tuesday 12th December	R12	Nativity Rehearsal (afternoon)	Families with small children
Wednesday 13th December	R12	Nativity Rehearsal (afternoon)	Adults only
Thursday 14th December	All	Christmas Carols and Songs 5:30pm start at St James Church	
Wednesday 20th December	All	Pantomime Visit Tyne Theatre Newcastle Peter Pan	No cost to parents Charity Funded Late return to school Approx 5:30pm
Friday 22nd December	All	School closes for Christmas	
Monday 8th January	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Monday 13th May 24	Y6	SATs week	