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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

This week in our School ...

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

Reception & Year 1: RE -Our Nativity

Year 2: RE—Christian rites of passage

Years 3 & 4: Design and Technology (Bridges and Christmas Craft)

Year 5: Design and Technology—Gingerbread Houses.

Year 6: Design and Technology—Christmas Craft from around the World.

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading	Mathletics
R	Bobby M	Clayton B		Jaxon M Rosalee M
1	Arianna Mc-R	Donnie T		
2	Anna S	Alfie B	Henry E	
3	Logan D	Jasmine H		Michael G
4	Maisie C	Imogen R		
5	Cameron H	Eva B	Alfie B	
6	Michael G	Liam W	Joseph L Finley M	
Headteacher Awards: Thomas P (2) and Ava J (6)				

Shilbottle around the World

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

Christmas Cards

Each year the children enjoy giving Christmas cards to all their friends. This year (as with most things!) the arrangements will be slightly different for giving Christmas cards. We ask that children wishing to send cards do so within their own 'bubble' only. For obvious reasons we are working hard each day to ensure the sharing of resources between bubbles is kept to a minimum therefore we kindly ask that children do not send cards to children in other classes. Hopefully next year we can all return to normal.

Christmas Celebration Day for each class

Please see the dates for the diary section at the end of the newsletter for the dates of your child's celebration day. Please note this is a non-uniform/party clothes day for the allocated class only. Children may choose to wear a Christmas jumper this day but we will not be having a dedicated Christmas Jumper Day this year. Children will still be outdoors at break and lunch times therefore please ensure they have a coat and suitable footwear.

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.

All other children are expected to wear their uniform.

Reception/Year 1 Nativity

As we are unable to offer our usual Nativity service both Miss Harrison and Miss Hedley have worked extremely hard to create a digital story board of the children in costume retelling the Nativity Story. This has been shared with the children's parents and we aim to share this with everyone by adding it to our website as soon as possible. Many thanks for the messages of gratitude we have received for this as we aim to keep things as normal as possible for the children during these challenging times for us all.

Complaints Procedure

Please note our Complaints Policy is available on the school website. Should you have a complaint we ask that you contact the Class Teacher in the first instance, at which stage most complaints can be resolved. Should you wish to take this further we then ask you speak to the Phase Leader and finally the Headteacher. We aim to respond to all communication within 5 working days. If you feel your complaint has not been fully addressed at this stage we would refer you to the Complaints Policy. We would also hope that the school has developed a working relationship with parents and carers and that you would contact the school in the first instance as opposed to sharing your concerns on social media. We will send a copy of the Parent Code of Conduct as a separate document for our new and joining parents to refer to.

Other Projects

As a school we thought it may also be useful to share some of the other longer term projects we are currently working to develop the school and offer the children best possible opportunities to develop both physically and academically during their time with us. Obviously these are being developed alongside the day to day running of the school during the pandemic which has had an impact on the timescales. Whilst we cannot guarantee the success of any of these projects as many depend on funding we are doing our utmost to achieve them all. For several years we have been working with the local councillors and NCC to reduce the speed limit outside the school to 20mph and install additional road safety measures such as signs. We have applied for DfE funding to improve the broadband within the school and have fibre optic installed, we have had several issues in school regarding broadband, particularly as we are unable to support virtual meetings alongside other users simultaneously. We have also applied for capital funding to improve the Portakabin facilities and at the last meeting were informed we are one of the final eleven projects being considered. We have secured additional funding a local charity (subject to planning permission) to build a Multi Use Games Area on the field to improve the outdoor facilities and PE provision for the children. As these projects progress we will keep you updated but this may take some time, particularly in the midst of the pandemic.

Dates for the future

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