

**Friday 29th April
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: Stone Age
Years 1&2: Super Scientists
Years 3: Animals including humans
Year 4&5: Living things and their habitats
Year 6: Electricity

Next week in our school the children will be learning about the following topics:

Reception: Stone Age
Years 1&2: Super Scientists
Years 3: Animals including humans
Year 4&5: Living things and their habitats
Year 6: Electricity

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

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Zac Mc	Kaitlin B	
1	Clayton B	Joey T	Joey T
2	April Mc	Jeni H	Scarlett M Jeni H
3	Amelia G	Anna S	
4	Lucas A	Lucas P	
5	James G	Kacey O	
6	Oskar T	Sam C	
Headteacher Awards: Zak Mc (R) & Archie B (4)			

Parent Meetings

Thanks to those parents who were able to make their child's progress meeting this week. We received lots of positive feedback and it was great to have you back in the school after too long away due to restrictions.

Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks to those parents who have completed their questionnaires and the prize donated by Notes of Northumberland went to D Balmbra. The Governors and I will be reviewing these next week and your comments will help us plan for the future.

School Uniform

Please remember we do allow children to wear white polo shirts in the summer term rather than the yellow. Acting on feedback from parents who informed us that their children were reluctant to remove their jumpers on hot days due to the insects from the fields being attracted to the yellow polo shirts we do allow white polo shirts in the summer term only.

St James' Easter Egg Hunt

Elizabeth and Philip have asked me to thank everyone who attended the Easter Hunt during the holidays (invite was inside the brown bag the children received). She informs that over 50 children attended and a good time was had by all. The eggs had been donated and they collected £160 towards the Ukraine appeal.

Shilbottle Gets Active

The PTA Crowdfunder is making fantastic progress and we have pledges worth £739 which is 28% of the total. Now we have 20 backers we should be able to get a grant from the North of Tyne Mayor. Every pledge made will help to show that the project is needed, the minimum pledge is £2. If you were considering pledging £5 and there are two adults in your household, you could pledge £2.50 each which would show more support for the project than a single £5 pledge.

The aim of the project is to raise funds for sports equipment, so our children can make full use of the new MUGA. Have a look at the project and make a pledge here

www.spacehive.com/shilbottle-pta

Online safety—things to consider:

- When did you last check your child's online activity and who they are talking to online?
- Have you set all the parental controls available?
- Is your child at the legal age to access all the online platforms or social media apps they are accessing?
- What would you do if you do have a concern or an incident? Remember, while it may be tempting to immediately delete any apps/online gaming where children can talk to strangers you will also be deleting any evidence which may be useful to the authorities. Most online companies have an alert section to enable parents to report any suspicious activity or you can get advice from the CEOP website. It is extremely important you report any concerning activity to the authorities to ensure the safety of not only your child but all children, we all have a responsibility to protect children.

Dates for the future

Date	Year	Event	Notes
2022			
Every Wednesday —Spring term and Summer 1 Term	4&5	Swimming	
Monday 2nd May	All	Bank Holiday (school closed)	Reopens 3rd
Mon 9th to Thurs 12th May	6	Year 6 SATs week	
Friday 13th May	5	NUFC Visit—Newcastle	
Wednesday 25th May	1&2	Discovery Museum educational visit	
Friday 27th May	All	School closes for half term Jubilee Celebrations in afternoon	Parents welcome
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 - depart 8am prompt	
Thurs 16th June	3/4/5	Centre for Life educational visit	
Monday 4th July	All	School closed	Reopens 5th
Wednesday 6th July (new date)	Y6	Transition Day	Y6 at DCHS
Friday 22nd July	All	School closes at 2pm	After school closes at 4:30pm
Tuesday 6th Sept	All	School reopens for 22/23 academic year	Gates open 8:30am

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!