

**Friday 13th
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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Jonah	Dexter	
1	Zak	Dylan	
2	Rosalee	Charlotte	
3	Zara	Amelia	
4	Anna	Malakai	
5	Corey	Logan	Archie Corey
6	Flynn	Maia	Imogen
Headteacher Awards: Bobby M (2) and James G (6)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year Reception & Yr 5 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 95.3% (Target 96%)			

Welcome back to our first Newsletter of 2023. As you can see from our 'Dates for Diary' sections we already have lots of things planned for the remainder of the year and it would be very useful if you could add those events relevant to your child to your calendar/phone.

The children have all returned with ease, there were a few sleepy children arriving at the beginning of the week but they all seem to have gotten back into their bedtime routines and have improved as the week has gone on. Our new intake of children are doing amazingly well which demonstrates the effectiveness and importance of our transition programme and share work with Shilbottle Friendly Frogs staff.

Reading Raffle

Please keep encouraging your child to read 5 times a week so they can receive a raffle ticket for our half termly draw.

PE Kit

Thank you for ensuring all children returned to school with their PE kit. As the weather becomes increasingly changeable this may lead to last minute changes to the PE timetable and therefore we highly recommend children bring PE either each Monday and take them home each Friday or leave their kits in school for the half term. All black or grey jogging trousers and hooded tops may also be advisable for colder weather.

Car Park

We ask that the car park is not used as a short cut home or to access the bicycle storage areas. Staff and visitors may be reversing cars in this area and we are trying to avoid any accidents. The bicycle storage areas can be accessed via the same gate the children enter school each morning. If you are asking family members to collect children at the end of the day it would be appreciate if you could also ask them to avoid using the car park area.

Scaffolding

We had hoped this would have been removed during the holidays and have requested this is removed as soon as possible. Particularly during high winds we always avoid the area close to the scaffolding and the children know they should not go near it. We would appreciate your support with this by not allowing children to play on the scaffolding or go near it when collecting at the end of the day.

After School Clubs

We would really like to develop this provision in the coming year which would enable us to both extend the hours and range of activities provided without impacting on the school's budget. If you feel you could provide support in this area by running a club such as a school choir, art club, sports activities etc please let us know and we can work together on this project. We would ask volunteers to commit to at least one half term for an hour per week.

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Tuesday	R 1 2 3 & 4	Dance Workshops (NFC)	Spring 1 term only
Every Wednesday Spring Term	5&6	Swimming at Willowburn	
Tuesday 10th January	All	School reopens 8:30am—Spring Term	
Monday 16th January	5&6	Hannabiell Sanders (Music/ Percussion)	Free workshop (charity funded)
Friday 27th January	6	Careers Workshop at DCHS	No charge to parents
Wednesday 1st February	TBC	Premier League Tournament	Organised by Newcastle United
Friday 17th February	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 28th February	All	School reopens	Gates open 8:30am
Tues 28th Feb and Wednesday 1st March	All	Parents Evening	3:30– 6:00
Friday 31st March	All	School closes for Easter Break	
Monday 17th April	All	School reopens	Gates open 8:30am
May	2	SATs test papers to be sat during this month	
Monday 8th May	All	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles III coronation	School will reopen Tues 9th May
Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May	Year 6	SATS week	New dates confirmed by DfE
Tuesday 23rd May	5&6	Newcastle United Visit	
Friday 26th May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 6th June	All	School reopens—Summer Term	Gates open 8:30am
Every Wednesday Summer Term	Planned R/1/2	Swimming at Willowburn (classes to be confirmed)	First session 7th June
6th to 16th June	4	National Multiplication Test	
Week commencing Monday 12th June	1	Phonics Screening Test	
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June	6	Y6 London Visit	
Friday 30th June	All	Sports Day/Summer Fair	Reschedule for 7th July if necessary
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	3&4	Robinwood Residential	
Friday 21st July	All	School closes for Summer break	Reopens Tuesday 5th September
Dates to be confirmed. These events have been booked but we are awaiting confirmation of the exact dates from the organisations involved.		Mariam Rezaei (Music/DJ) Lexie Ward (Theatre) Kema Kay (Music/Rap) Dance Workshops Multi Skills Tournament	