

Friday 10th
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Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Harriet	Emily S	
1	Stanley	Oscar	
2	Rosalee	Charlotte	
3	Rebecca	Tommy	
4	Serenna	Thomas	
5	Rowan	Daniel	
6	Tommy	James P	
Headteacher Awards: Lochlan (R) & Alicia (4)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 3 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 92.2% (Target 96%)			

Remember if your child is achieving in other areas outside of school, such as swimming awards, we would like to hear about it so we can add it to our newsletter and share it with the rest of the school community.

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

Reception: Artic & Antarctic
Years 1&2: Everyday materials
Years 3&4: Sound
Year 5: Electricity
Year 6: Circulatory System

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

Reception: Artic & Antarctic
Years 1&2: Everyday Materials
Years 3&4: Sound
Year 5: Electricity
Year 6: Circulatory System

Teachers Strike Action—Tuesday 28th February—UPDATE

Whilst teachers are not required to give any notice of their intention to strike a letter was issued to parents yesterday informing you of the actions which will be taken by the school. Please ensure you have read this.

Please note this will follow the teacher training day on Monday 27th February. School will be open to all children from Wednesday 1st March 2023.

Internet Safety Day

This week has also seen internet safety day which has enabled us to repeat our reminders of how to be safe when online. As a school this is something we do on a consistent basis each time the children need to access online information. Obviously, as a school the filters and blocked websites are thoroughly monitored by both ourselves and Northumberland County Council. However, we are aware that a vast majority of our children have their own devices at home. During a whole school assembly we were taken aback by the number of children who claim (and we appreciate this may not reflect reality) that they have unmonitored access to the internet at home. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of ensuring adults at home are monitoring their children's use of devices. A few questions you may want to consider are: When did I last check my child's browsing history? Which social media platforms do they access? How confident am I that my child is not talking to strangers online? When did I last ask my child about what they would do if they experienced bullying or felt in danger when online? Is the content my child is accessing age appropriate? Has my child ever shared their personal details with someone online? Who sees my child on webcam?

Remember keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Tuesday	R1234	Dance Workshops (NFC)	Spring 1 term only
Every Wednesday Spring Term	5&6	Swimming at Willowburn	
Friday 17th February	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 28th February	All	School reopens/Strike Day 2	Gates open 8:30am
Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March	All	Parents Evening - New dates are 1st and 2nd March (not 29th/30th) Apologies!	3:30– 6:00 New dates
Thursday 23rd March	3 4 5	Jarrow Hall Visit	Packed lunches
Thursday 30th March	3&4	Class assembly for parents	Doors open at 2:20
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
Thursday 18th May	All	Professor Brainstorm Workshop	School Hall
Tuesday 23rd May	5&6	Newcastle United Visit	
Thursday 25th May	1&2	Class Assembly for Parents	School Hall 2:30pm
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	
Thursday 22nd June	5&6	Safety Workshops—Online and other dangers	
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	