

# Shillington Lower Newsletter

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**Our value of the month: Friendship & Mutual Respect**

FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents

Our values are very important in our schools. I ask the whole of our community to share our school values and to live them both inside and outside of school. Friendship and respect are arguably two of the most important and the ones that we are focusing on this month. With this in mind, I urge parents to remember and always follow these messages. Some of our children have very serious and potentially life threatening allergies to nut. We ask parents not to send items in packed lunches that contain nuts. We do this to minimize the risk for these pupils of coming into contact with nut products either through ingesting them or physical contact/touch. This includes when children are out on school trips and sports events.

I also need to ask parents to be considerate when parking locally at drop off and pick up time. We have had messages from local residents this week about this. I understand how frustrating it must be for local people and I also understand how difficult parking around schools is for everybody concerned. I don't think there is a school which does not have this as an issue for them. The only way to tackle this is for everybody to just show some consideration and understanding. If you are able, then walking regularly and making this a regular habit is healthy and better for everybody as well as the environment.

Finally, I have also been made aware that some children are going to the toilet in the car park and park after school. We have also had a complaint about that from a member of the public. We do our best to ensure that children use the toilet before they leave school as part of the getting ready for home time routine. But children do sometimes get distracted and forget. In an emergency we will absolutely let children back into school to use the toilet before they leave so if you are planning an extended park visit after school, perhaps ask your child just to pop back into school to go to the toilet rather than let them go in the car park or play park for all sorts of safety, hygiene and safeguarding reasons.

Thank you to everybody for their respect and understanding.

Miss Woodham

## Pixie News

This week we started our topic 'Autumn'. We joined Rainbows and went on a super autumn walk. We collected conkers, acorns and jumped in lots of Autumn leaves. With all our Autumnal finds we have made lots of lovely craft including leaf and hand print hedgehogs. We are looking forward to singing our harvest song at church next week.

## Rainbows News

This week in Rainbows we went on an Autumn walk. We found lots of lovely leaves, all different shapes and colours. We used our magnifying glasses to explore them some more. We also made some lovely leaf and hedgehog pictures with the items we collected. In Maths this we have been using Numicon to find different ways of representing numbers.

## Unicorns News

In English this week we have created and described trucks using adjectives and our imagination. We have also enjoyed making our own butter and then eating it with sandwiches the next day.

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Open Session and enjoyed learning alongside them all on Wednesday.

## Centaurs News

Centaurs have been extremely busy over the last 2 weeks. We have started some new learning on writing a recount in English and in Maths we have been learning new strategies to help us add and subtract.

Our most exciting venture though has been our fantastic visit to Baylab for a Bee Workshop. I think I can safely say that we all learnt a lot about how important honey bees are and how we as humans can help to protect their environments. During our session we tasted honey, completed a bee anatomy class, looked at bees through microscopes, took part in quizzes and even did a very scientific experiment to answer the question 'does honey contain acid?' Maybe you could ask your children to fill you in on our findings for that experiment!



Shillington Lower School are hosting a Book Fair from the 15th October until 19th October. Please come along and browse as this will bring much needed commission into the school for us to buy more books for our library.

*The Book Fair will run;*

*Monday 19th October - after school.*

*Tues /Wed/Thurs/Fri before school from 8.30am.*

*Tuesday 16th October and Thursday 18th October during parents evening.*



## Dragons News

We've been super busy in year 2! In Maths we have extended our place value learning to adding. We've also been trialling going outside for fitness half-way through maths lessons to give our brains a wake up! We all think this is helping us with our learning. In science we learnt about waterproof materials and created mini umbrellas for Norbert, our class mascot, he got a little bit wet!



## Phoenix News

We have had a great week in Phoenix class. We were busy learning about Christopher Columbus and created a giant picture with our parents. We have also had a special visitor come to see us. Nadine Dorries came to talk to us about democracy and her role as an MP. The children asked some very interesting questions.

## Open Morning for Parents of Prospective Shillington Pupils

Tuesday 30th October 2018

Please remember our Open Morning is approaching and we would be grateful if friends and family could spread the word. We have been advertising this with posters locally and via local social media, but these are not as effective in the end as our own parents and families.

Of course the school is happy to receive visitors enquiring about places across all year groups at other times, but this is a key moment for letting people see the school in full flow and getting a taste of why Shillington Lower is such a good place for children to start their great educational journey.

### **Harvest Festival – 15th October—All Saints Church**

Our Harvest Festival takes place at All Saints Church in Shillington on Monday 15th October at 2pm. Each class will present a short item to mark the occasion and parents and carers are invited to join us at the church for this celebration. Children will be dismissed from school at the end of the day as usual. Don't forget to send in non-perishable items such bottles and packets, store cupboard basics such as tea, coffee, sugar, rice, pasta, tinned goods etc. We plan to donate all the goods to the Food Bank (The Need Project). Please support us to support our local community.



#### Shillington

#### Superstars

Rainbows

Matthew

Martha

Unicorns

Juhaym

Ben N

Dragons

Ethan A

Teagan

Centaurs

Maisy

Logan

Phoenix

Rosanna

Harry M

#### Exciting Writing

Unicorns

Toby

Dragons

Natalia

Ethan S

Centaurs

Daniel

Loui

Lochlann

Phoenix

Harry M

## Diary Dates

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Harvest Festival—15th October 2pm at All Saints Church, Shillington

Parent Consultations—16th October & 18th October

Book Fair—15th—19th October

Open Day for 2019 Rainbows—30th October

Flu Vaccinations, Years R-4— 8th November

School Photographs—21st November

Young Voices, Yr4—4th February 2019

### **Term Dates**

**2018 - 19**

#### **Autumn Term 2018**

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2019

(Half Term 22nd - 26th October 2018)

(Closure Day 29th October 2019)

#### **Spring Term 2019**

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

(Half Term 11th - 15th February 2019)

#### **Summer Term 2019**

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019

(Half Term 27th - 31st May)

(School Closed Monday 6th May 2019)