

Shillington Lower Newsletter

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FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2018

Our value of the month: Peace

- Freedom from disturbance
- Getting along with other people
- Putting an end to conflict and aggression



In school we will be discussing Remembrance Day. As well as remembering those who died in the wars we will examine the need for peace in our homes and in school starting with ourselves as individuals. We will emphasize that a peaceful environment is more productive in terms of time spent positively rather than precious time wasted in dispute.

Thought for the month: 'Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.'
Ralph Waldo Emerson

At home you may like to encourage your children to make a special effort this month to avoid squabbles and keep the peace. Hopefully you will all feel more relaxed and happy! You could suggest that some of your children's pocket money this month is spent on a poppy. Using their own money should make this symbol more meaningful for them.

Make (or buy) a 'Peace cake'. If you have had a peaceful day everyone gets a slice at the end of the day as a treat and a celebration. Put aside short periods of peace and quiet when you can read together or listen to restful music.

We wish you all a very peaceful November.

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows
Isabelle
Zac

Unicorns
Whole Class!
Heath

Dragons
Cooper
Tommy

Centaurs
Alfie
Evie

Phoenix
Alexcia
Wesley

Exciting Writing

Rainbows
Martha

Unicorns
Elsie

Dragons
Oliver

Centaurs
Quinn

Phoenix
Elio

A reminder for a peaceful and safe Bonfire night—Always follow the firework code

- Stand well back
- Keep pets indoors
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked
- Light at arm's length, using a taper
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never go near a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode

The school council are selling Poppies and stationery on behalf of the Royal British Legion during the school day. If your child would like to purchase a Poppy please send donations in a sealed envelope. The stationery is priced individually at either 50p or £1, please also send this in a sealed envelope.



Pixie News

Pixie Class have had lots of spooky fun this week. We have enjoyed carving and painting pumpkins as well as making our very own bats. We have been focusing on shapes with the children chalking shapes on the playground and choosing different shaped toppings when we made our own pizzas.

Unicorns News

In Unicorns we have started our new topic of toys this week. Sharing with the class our favourite toys and games we like to play and why.

In English we have been sharing our half term news and writing about all the fun things we have got up to. We have also been using our adding skills to count the correct amount of animals legs needed for different spooky magical potions.

Centaur News

We are coming to the end of our current book focus 'Stone Age Boy' in English. We have been learning all about the different features of a recount text and perfecting our skill of writing in the past tense. We will hopefully have some fantastic pieces of work to share with you next week on Seesaw. If you have not yet signed up to the Seesaw App, please do so as we are starting to post!

Over the next 2 weeks we will be completing our Science topic of 'Animals Including Humans' and moving onto exploring rocks; so keep your eyes open for any interesting rock formations while you are out and about, photograph it and send it in!

Rainbows News

Rainbows have had a lovely week back. We enjoyed circle time and telling our friends everything we have been up to over the half term break. We have also been making pumpkin pictures and mark making in some orange and black rice. We have been practicing our formation this week and learning some tricky words. This week we have been focusing on shape in Maths.

Dragons News

Our current focus book in English is *Amazing Grace*. At the end of the story Grace plays the part of Peter Pan in the class production. We've been listening to songs from the Disney version of Peter Pan and were so inspired we have decided to write our very own songs! In History we've been comparing modern day London to London during the time of The Great Fire.

Phoenix News

This week year 4 spent a morning working with other year 4 pupils at Lower Stondon School. The children worked in small groups to solve a variety of halloween themed maths problems. All children worked well with their groups and were extremely well behaved. They completed tasks such as weighing pumpkins and calculating the area and perimeter of a haunted house. The children all had a great time and made some new friends. Thank you to parents who helped out with transport, it was very successful.

Diary Dates

Flu Vaccinations, Years R-4— 8th November

School Photographs—21st November

Panto Trip—5th December—**Children in school by 8.30am please**

Pixie Class & Rainbows Nativity—10th December 2.30pm (details to follow)

Pixie Class & Rainbows Nativity—11th December 9.30am (details to follow)

Years 1&2 Carols by Candle Light at All Saints Church —13th December 2pm (details to follow)

Xmas Crafts Parent Open Session—18th December 9.15—10am

Young Voices, Yr4—4th February 2019

Term Dates

2018 - 19

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 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)

Please can we remind parents that KS2 snacks brought in from home should only be fresh or dried fruit or vegetables (no fruit winders, cheese strings or yoghurt raisins) as per our Parent Info Booklet which is available on our website;

<http://www.shillingtonlower.co.uk/information-1/parent-handbook>

Thank you for your co operation.



Book Fair

We had a successful book fair. Thank you to everyone who bought books, we were able to purchase books to the amount of £120.00 for the school to use.

Please see attached flyer with details of an offer for £5 off a £25 spend with The Book People with commission going to the school.

We have a pond area within school and we really could do with a small manual lawnmower or small petrol lawnmower to be able to keep this tidy. If you have/or know of one which is working but no longer needed we would be very grateful for the donation.

