

Shillington Lower Newsletter

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Our value of the month: Peace



FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018

Federation Consultation Outcome

Following our consultation to formally federate, I am pleased to inform parents and carers that the Governing body of both schools has ratified the decision to federate. A letter from both Chairs of Governors went to all parents to confirm this. We are planning for the launch to be January 1st 2019. The schools will become the Shillington and Stondon Federation but will still be known as Shillington Lower School and Stondon Lower School. From the viewpoint of Parents, you should notice no difference to how things are now.

Miss Woodham

REMINDER.....REMINDER.....Pantomime—Wednesday 5th December

We will be leaving school on Wednesday morning to travel to the Gordon Craig Theatre, so the gate will open at 8.30am. All children to arrive at 8.30 please so that we can register and get them on the coaches in order to leave on time. There will be 3 coaches parked outside school in the morning so please be aware of this also. Children will need a coat with them. They will not need a snack or drink with them as school will provide these during the interval. Children will have their lunches as normal once we return to school.

KS1 Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 13th December 2018

Year 1 and 2 will perform at All Saints Church on Thursday 13th December at 2pm.

All parents and carers are welcome.

The children will return to school to follow the end of day routine before being released at 3.30pm as usual.



Pixie News

It is a very busy time in Pixie class. Our Xmas display this year is focused on Lapland. We have had lots of fun playing with water, ice and the arctic animals. The children have been to the library to look in a Atlas and find Lapland. We have also looked at lots of photos of the country. Rehearsals are well under way for our Nativity which we're sure you will all enjoy!

Unicorns News

In Unicorns this week they have been writing letters to Father Christmas and sharing all the things they have been doing this year to be 'good'. Next Tuesday we plan to walk to the post office to post our letters so please ensure the children remember warm coats, hats and suitable footwear in case it's chilly. We have been working hard with Dragon class on our rehearsals of our Christmas Carols by candlelight. Last week the children shared some fantastic homework all about toys. The children really enjoyed sharing pictures, photos and what they had learnt.

Centaur News

This week Centaurs have been thinking about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world. We have looked at Christmas in Australia and have had lots of discussion about what it would be like to spend Christmas Day on the beach in the blazing sun.

In English we have been exploring the origins of fairy tales and delving into looking at their characters and personalities. Deep discussion was had about the questions; 'What is beauty?' and 'Is the Queen in Snow White beautiful?' What do you think?

Rainbows News

This week, we have been so busy practicing our Nativity performance. We are really excited for you all to come and watch. We have also been writing letters to Santa, which we will be posting at the Post Office next week! In Maths this week, we have been focusing on measuring. We have used rulers to measure heights and lengths, had fun in the water tray measuring water and also been using the weighing scales to measure how heavy things are.

Dragons News

We've already started rehearsals for our Christmas Carols by Candlelight, we are very excited to share all our hard work with you! In Science we've been learning about how heat changes different materials and carried out an experiment with sugar. We have also been discussing 'self-improving' and setting ourselves targets for learning.

Phoenix News

This week in Year 4 we have been thinking of ways to share our ideas of how to save the environment. The children came up with the idea of making leaflets and posters for younger generations and were very enthusiastic about passing on their message. We have also been investigating how to use practical resources to multiply numbers by 10 and 100 and how to record this. In PE the children have been creating their own routines, using different jumps and methods of travel which the children are really beginning to perfect.



We are joining in with fundraising for Save the Children again this year and are asking everyone to wear their Christmas Jumper on **Wednesday 12th December** for a minimum donation of £1.

The School Council are also holding a Design a Christmas Jumper competition. A Jumper Design sheet will be coming home and if children would like to enter all they have to do is bring their design back to school by Mon 10th Dec along with the entry fee of 50p (proceeds also go to the Save the Children charity). Results will be announced on Weds 12th Dec.

Message from the PTFA.....

We are still in need of volunteers to help run a stall at the Christmas Fayre on Fri 7th Dec.

Please contact Lydia (or the school) if you are able to spare even 20 minutes to help maximise the funds the PTFA are able to raise for the benefit of the children at their biggest fundraiser of the year.

The Christmas Post Box will be out in school starting from Monday 3rd Dec. Children are able to post Christmas cards for their friends and the school council will sort and deliver these around the school.



Diary Dates

5th Dec—Panto Trip * **Children in school at 8.30am please ***
 7th Dec—Deadline for return of photo orders through school
 7th—9th Dec—Xmas Tree Festival at Congregational Church
 10th Dec 2.30pm—Pixie Class & Rainbows Nativity
 11th Dec 9.30am—Pixie Class & Rainbows Nativity
 13th Dec 2pm—Years 1&2 Carols by Candle Light at All Saints Church
 18th Dec 9.15—10am—Xmas Crafts Parent Open Session
 4th Feb 2019—Yr 4 Young Voices

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 note there is no Inset day on Monday 3rd June 2019 as shown on Central Bedfordshire academic calendar

We have so far received some very impressive Eco Christmas decorations for our entry to the Christmas Tree Festival—please keep sending them in.



Please note, our school email has now changed to;

office@shillingtonlower.co.uk

A **huge** thank you goes to Mr Lawton and his father who have kindly fitted our kitchen door.

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Jack

Henry C

Unicorns

Adora

Lottie

Dragons

Sebastian

Jazmine

Centaurs

Penny

Healey

Phoenix

Harry T

Summer

Exciting

Writing

Rainbows

Maddie

Annabelle

Unicorns

Juhaym

Martha

Dragons

Imogen

Joey

Centaurs

Amelie

Healey

Diana

Phoenix

Alexcia