

Shillington Lower Newsletter

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Our value of the month: Hope

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2018

Our last school day is next Wednesday 19th December and so on behalf of everyone at Shillington Lower school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and merry Christmas. Enjoy all the family festive times and have plenty of fun. We hope you all have a happy New Year and look forward to seeing everybody back in 2019!

Miss Woodham

School Closure Emergency Procedures

We would always aim to open the school, as we understand how disruptive sudden closures can be for working parents. However should it become really snowy and icy and staff are unable to make journeys safely or the site is too dangerous for children to be at, then we would alert you in the following ways.

1. Text messages and emails via Parent mail
2. The schools online SOS system which will be regularly updated and can be found at: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webapps/sos/>
3. Local radio stations give out updates
4. We would endeavour to get a message onto the PTFA Facebook page

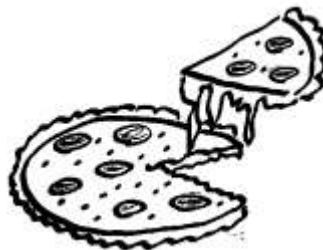
If there is snow and we are open and it is safe to do so, then we would allow the children outside to play in the snow so please then make sure your child has suitable clothing, footwear and warm clothing including gloves.



On Wednesday we all had our tasty Christmas dinner sitting together in the hall. Classes made and decorated paper hats to wear. Zoe and Sam prepared and cooked all the food and we were all served by the PFTA members. Thank you to everyone who helped to make lunch run smoothly. The staff and children all really enjoyed it!

Dinners—Weds 21st December 2018

We are changing the menu on the last day of term—instead of the advertised roast chicken Zoe will be serving salmon fish fingers/pizza and chips.



Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Sophie

Jack H

Unicorns

Limani

Phoenix

Dragons

Edward

Liam

Centaurs

Diana

Finley

Phoenix

Rosanna

Jessie

Exciting Writing

Rainbows

Annabelle

Amelie

Unicorns

Martha

Dragons

Joey

Rosemary

Centaurs

Connor

Diana

Alex

Phoenix

Elio

Alexcia



Pixie News

Wow what a busy few weeks we have had in Pixie Class. We had lots of fun at the pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. The children were extremely well behaved and sat through the whole performance.

We hope you all enjoyed our Nativity play. Thank you again for the children's costumes. We were so proud of all of the children, they sang beautifully and all looked wonderful.

We have a fun few days left next week with our Christmas party and Christmas crafts to send us into the holidays feeling festive.

Unicorns News

In Unicorns we have been finding out all about Germany and their Christmas traditions. We were really lucky to have a visit from Mrs Loader who shared lots of interesting information about Germany and how they celebrate.



Centaur News

Christmas has arrived in Centaurs! We have been watching and reading The Snowman and exploring the meaning of true friendship that it portrays. We have also been working our brains really hard trying to solve many Christmas themed problems in Maths and stylishly decorating the class tree, which we are sure you will be amazed at next week if you come to our parent session. Also during French the children made some beautiful porcelain bauble decorations with Mrs Young, who we would like to say a great big thank you to for organising such a lovely activity.

Rainbows News

Rainbows have been working hard over the past couple of weeks learning their songs and words for the Nativity. They were really confident performing this week and made us all very proud. We learnt about Christmas in England and have created a lovely display in the school. The children have been recapping their phonics

Dragons News

What a Christmassy time we've had in Year 2!

We learnt about Norway and then worked together to make a Christmas in Norway display just outside our classroom. Then we performed an amazing carol service at the Church with Year 1, we hoped you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Well done to everyone who made a Christmas tree decoration using recycled material, they all looked amazing!!

The winner was Martha from Rainbows.

We had two runner ups,

Harry T from Year 4 and Lorelei from Rainbows.



Phoenix News

This week in year 4 we have gone Christmas crazy! The children have written some outstanding Christmas stories and without exception have worked extremely hard. Once the children have perfected their stories they will be reading them to younger children in the school, which they are very excited about. In Maths the children have been looking at patterns linking different timetables and have used these skills to de-code some Christmas messages. As a whole school we have been learning about how other countries celebrate Christmas and year 4 have found out about Turkey's festivities and created a display outside our classroom.



Diary Dates

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

4th Feb 2019—Yr 4 Young Voices

22nd—24th May—Yr 4 Residential Trip

Term Dates

2018 - 19

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2018

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)

We say goodbye to Mrs Hanafin next week as she moves onto a new job.

Good Luck Mrs Hanafin, we will all miss you!



Dinner Money due for next Term

The total payable for the next half term is £56.70 if your child has hot dinners every day and is in Years—Pixie, Year 3 or 4

A massive thank you to Lydia and all of the PTFA who put together our Christmas Fayre last Friday. An amazing effort and lots of hard work! Thank you from all at the school. We would also like to make a special mention of Mr Barrett who donated all proceeds of the burger van. Everyone enjoyed joining in with the fun!



Thank you for all your donations for Save the Children this week. Our Xmas Jumper Day raised £129.29 this year. Winners from our Christmas Jumper competition were:

Limani, Evie P, and Tommie

Please check at home and return any outstanding library books before the Christmas Holidays—thank you!

