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# Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,  
**Celebrations**

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Sunny C	Bobbi-Rose	
1	Dexter	Esmac	
2	Rosie	Stanley	
3	Jaxon	Joey T	
4	Donnie	Tommy	
5	Alfie	Luisa	
6	Corey	Archie	
Headteacher Awards: Thomas (1) and Archie (6)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year Reception/Year 1 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 97.2% (Target 96%)			

*(Please let us know if your child needs a special mention in our newsletter for their achievements outside of school).*

Well Done Reggie R for gaining your 5m swimming award!

Also, well done to Archie S and Serenna on raising £5 for the school from their bake sale. Great initiative and it will help towards our projects for the future.

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

Reception: Science - Autumn - Seasonal Changes

Years 1& 2: Geography - Our school and local area

Years 3& 4: Geography - The United Kingdom

Year 5& 6: Geography - The United States

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

Reception: Autumn - Harvest

Years 1& 2: Geography - Our school and local area

Years 3& 4: Geography - Our region

Year 5& 6: Geography - U.S.A.

## **New Portakabin**

As you may have noticed the new portakabin finally arrived and we are so pleased to see it finally in place after years of planning! If the plans go to schedule we are hoping to have the project finalised by the end of November, including the removal of the existing portakabin and the resurfacing of the playground. The company Portakabin who are installing have asked children to paint a picture of their choosing and the winner will assist the crane driver in the demolition of the current portakabin. Children may do a painting (must be paints) at home and at school if they wish and entries will need to be in school no later than 12 noon on Monday 6th November—possible a half term project to keep them occupied!

## **Mental Health Week**

Further to our letter sent on Tuesday regarding Mental Health Week we hope you have found this week's homework task of talking to the children useful.

## **Safety**

We are really impressed with the number of children using scooters and bikes but we would ask that you reinforce the importance of using these safely as we have had a number of reports of children on roads, not stopping at junctions and coming from behind parked cars.

## **Acorns**

If you have any acorns can you please kindly drop them off at school, one of our Year 6 boys is trying to get enough so that he can give every child one in school so they can plant it.

## **Lunches**

Next week the meal options are:

Monday: Chicken supreme with rice & peas - Cake

Tuesday: Sausage, mash, carrots & gravy - Chocolate crispy

Wednesday: Roast chicken, y-puddings, roast potatoes, mixed veg & gravy - Ice cream

Thursday: Cheese & tomato wraps, pasta & sweetcorn - Rice pudding

Friday: Pizza, chips, sweetcorn or hoops - Muffin/Pudding of the day

*(All subject to change)*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Every Wednesday	All	Swimming—Years 5 and 6	Spring term Y3/4 Summer term R/1/2
Thursday 26th October	All	St James' Church Harvest Festival 1:30pm Parents may take the children home afterwards after being signed out.	<b>There will be no after school football today.</b>
Friday 27th October	All	End of Half Term	Normal closing time. After School 5:30pm
Tuesday 31st October	Year 6	Deadline for applications for High School—apply online via NCC School Admissions	
Monday 6th November	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Tuesday 21st November	1&2. 5&6	Puppetry Workshops (Visitors)	No cost to parents Charity Funded
Thursday 29th November	3&4	Visit from Author—Tracey Corderoy Signed copies of books will be available to purchase	No cost to parents Charity Funded
Monday 11th December	R12	Christmas Cracker Workshop (Visitors)	No cost to parents Charity Funded
Tuesday 12th December	R12	Nativity Rehearsal (afternoon)	Families with small children
Wednesday 13th December	R12	Nativity Rehearsal (afternoon)	Adults only
Thursday 14th December	All	Christmas Carols and Songs 5:30pm start at St James Church	
Wednesday 20th December	All	Pantomime Visit Tyne Theatre Newcastle Peter Pan	No cost to parents Charity Funded Late return to school Approx 5:30pm
Friday 22nd December	All	School closes for Christmas	
Monday 8th January	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Monday 13th May 24	Y6	SATs week	

***Mr G Parnaby—Headteacher***