

**Friday 27th  
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# Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,  
**Celebrations**

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Sonny L	Elodie	
1	Jonah	Harriet	
2	Reggie	Kaitlin	
3	Jaxon	Gracie	
4	April	Zara	
5	Thomas	Archie	
6	Ivy-Mae	Lucas	
Headteacher Awards: All children			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 4 with 96.9% Whole School Attendance: 88.2% (Target 96%)			

**Well done to Sonny L on gaining his Stage 2 Swimming Award**

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

Reception: Harvest

Years 1& 2: Geography - Local Area

Years 3& 4: Geography - Shilbottle & United Kingdom

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

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

Reception: Remembrance

Years 1& 2: What do Christians believe God is like?

Years 3& 4: Remembrance

Year 5& 6: What does it mean if Christians believe God is Holy?

**Harvest Festival—**

Many thanks for attending and donating to our collection to celebrate Harvest. Despite the bad weather there was not a spare seat in the church which is an excellent reflection of the support and encouragement our children receive from the village community. We are confident you will have been extremely impressed with the singing and reading and are very proud of the children. All donations will be given to the Alnwick Food Bank to help support families, we have sent a photograph via dojo to show the excellent range of items we received.

**Coffee Afternoon - Friday 10th November 2:15pm**

As we continue to work closely with the Shilbottle Forum to support each other, they have kindly asked to hold a coffee afternoon in the school hall on Friday 10th November. Members of the Forum will bake cakes and work with the children to decorate them for sale at the Coffee Afternoon. All funds raised will be donated to charity including The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We kindly ask that families do not arrive before 2:15pm as we also have a theatre company in the hall until 2:00pm and therefore we will not be able to allow entry until 2:15pm.

**Art Competition**

Portakabin have asked children to paint (must be paint) a picture for a competition and the prize is to help operate the crane which will demolish the old portakabin. Children have painted a picture in school and they may also paint another picture at home. Entries must be received no later than Friday 10th November. A possible holiday activity during the half term break!

**PE Kit for outdoors**

As the weather turns colder we ask that children have suitable jogging trousers and long sleeved tops for PE outdoors. Wherever possible we always aim to have lessons outdoors as we have limited indoor space and it enables the children to have some fresh air.

**Lunches**

Next week the meal options are:

Monday: Sausage, mash, carrots & gravy - Rice pudding

Tuesday: Roast chicken, yorkshire pudding, roast pots, mixed veg & gravy - Ice cream

Wednesday: Sandwich (cheese, ham or tuna) & crisps - Cake & custard

Thursday: Sandwich (cheese, ham or tuna) & crisps - Cake & custard

Friday: Pizza, chips, beans & sweetcorn - Pudding of the day

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

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	All	Swimming—Years 5 and 6 Last session is Wednesday 13th December	Spring term Y3/4 Summer term R/1/2
Tuesday 31st October	Year 6	Deadline for applications for High School—apply online via NCC School Admissions	<b>Please note our school is not involved in this process and places are not automatically allocated.</b>
Monday 6th November	All	School reopens 8:30am	
Friday 10th November	R,1, 2	Thumbelina (Dance/Theatre)	No cost to parents Charity Funded
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	
Monday 18th December	All	Special visitor. Non-uniform.	Donations toward treats for children at panto please.
Monday 18th December	R12	Christmas Party—Party clothes	Coats and sensible shoes please.
Tuesday 19th December	3&4	Christmas Party—Party clothes	Coats and sensible shoes please.
Thursday 21st December	5&6	Christmas Party—Party clothes	Coats and sensible shoes please.
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	

***Regards***  
***Mr G Parnaby—Headteacher***