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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,
Apologies for the delay in issuing last week's newsletter.
Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation
R	Elodie	Reggie
1	Esmee	Jonah
2	Kaitlin	Zak
3	Joey T	Joey D
4	Francesca	Tommy
5	Luisa	Alfie
6	Jasmine	Logan
Headteacher Awards: Elodie (R) and Ivy-Mae (6)		
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 6 with 94.67% Whole School Attendance: 95.83% (Target 96%)		

If you would like us to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school please let us know and we can add these to our newsletter.

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

Reception: DT—Let's Build!

Years 1 & 2: Islam and Judaism

Years 3 & 4: Christmas Crafts—Design and Technology

Year 5 & 6: Structures—Design and Technology

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

Reception: All Around Me—Geography

Years 1 & 2: DT—Moving Pictures

Years 3 & 4: DT—Christmas Crafts

Year 5 & 6: DT—Structures

Christmas Cards

Should children wish to send their friends in school a Christmas card we would appreciate it if the class name could be written on the envelope. Cards will be posted into our Christmas Post Box and our Year 6 children will deliver them in the final week. (Don't forget the capital letters for names.)

Author Visit—Tracey Corderoy

On Wednesday, Tracey visited our Year 3 and 4 children. Tracey has had 76 books published since she started writing in 2010, including the Shifty McGifty series of books and others such as the Spooky School and the Glorious Granny Bake Off! She really enjoyed her time with our children and commented on the range of excellent questions they asked and how keen and well mannered they were.

Village Christmas Tree Decorating—Friday 8th December

Next Friday the children will be walking through the village to help decorate the Christmas Tree. It would be appreciated if they could have weather appropriate clothing, including footwear, coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Many thanks

Christmas Fair—Business Donations

Do you have any contacts with local businesses who may be willing to donate a prize for our Christmas Fair? If so, we would very much appreciate you asking if they are willing to donate any goods or vouchers toward our fundraising event. If they require a letter to confirm this please contact the office and we can arrange this.

Protecting Our Planet—Year 5 and 6

This week our Year 5 and 6 children joined thousands of other pupils, education professionals, scientific experts and leading researchers for virtual sessions as part of the Protecting Our Planet day. They linked up with experts from Edinburgh, Cornwall and the Antarctic to discover how climate change is being mitigated and how aid is being given to the international humanitarian community. The children will be thinking of practical ways in which we, as a small rural school, can have an impact on solving this global problem.

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
Friday 8th December	All	Decorate the Christmas Tree	Coats and sensible footwear please
Monday 11th December	R12	Christmas Cracker Workshop (Visitors)	No cost to parents Charity Funded
Monday 11th December	All	Christmas Movie Night	Donations toward popcorn/drinks
Tuesday 12th December	R12	Nativity Rehearsal (afternoon)	Families with small children
Wednesday 13th December	R12	Nativity Rehearsal (afternoon)	Adults only
Thursday 14th December	All	School Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 14th December	All	Christmas Carols and Songs 5:30pm start at St James Church	Arrive at 5:15 please
Friday 15th December	All	Christmas Fayre	R,1,2,3—1:30 to 2:30 4,5,6—2:30 to 3:30
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.
Wednesday 20th December	All	Pantomime Visit Tyne Theatre Newcastle Peter Pan	No cost to parents Charity Funded Late return to school Approx 5:30pm
Thursday 21st December	5&6	Christmas Party—Party clothes	Coats and sensible shoes please.
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