

Shillington Lower School

Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020



Our Value this
Month is:

Reflection

Countdown to Christmas

Although Christmas will not be the same as usual we will endeavour to make the final few weeks of term as special as possible for all the children and staff.

Performances

Our classes have already started to create their own Christmas style performances. We are still unable to have parents on site to perform to so we will be videoing them instead. More details will follow along with a request for permission.

These performances will be available during the final week for you all to watch and enjoy.

PTFA at Christmas

As many of you will know the PTFA usually put together a fantastic Christmas fayre which is one of their biggest fundraisers. Sadly this will not go ahead this year but they really want to give the children something special along with raising some much needed funds so we will be holding a Christmas Fun day at school on

Friday 11th December.

More information to follow.



DIARY DATES

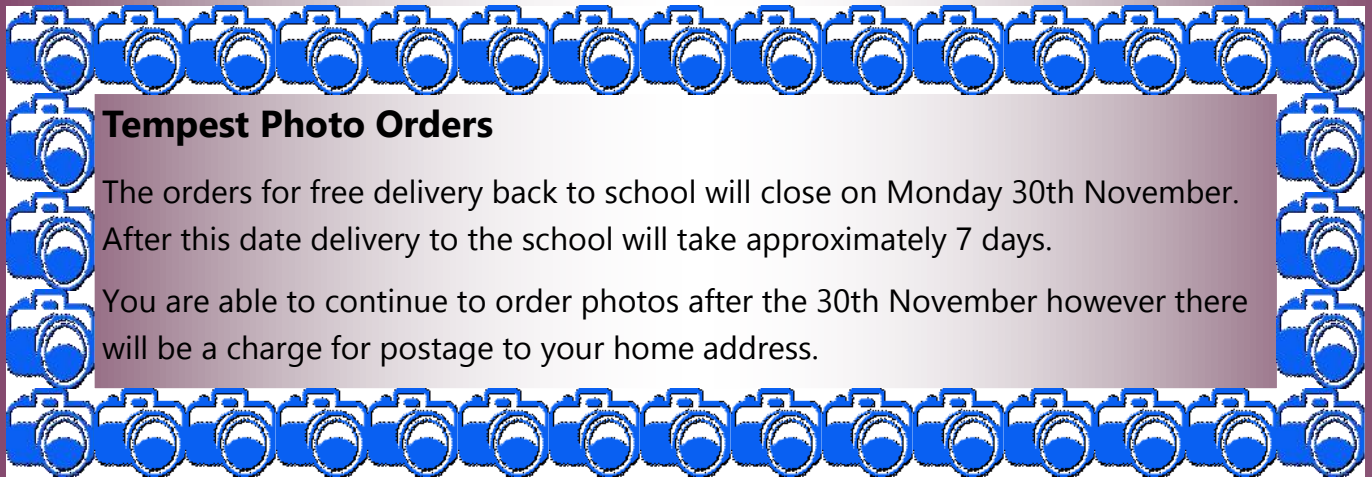
Flu Vaccinations yrs R-4 2.12.20

PTFA Fun Day 11.12.20

Xmas Performances WC 14.12.20

Children's Xmas Dinner 17.12.20

Christmas Jumper Day 17.12.20



Tempest Photo Orders

The orders for free delivery back to school will close on Monday 30th November. After this date delivery to the school will take approximately 7 days.

You are able to continue to order photos after the 30th November however there will be a charge for postage to your home address.

Pixie News

Last week was national 'National Nursery Rhyme' week and every day we learnt a different nursery rhyme and incorporated different activities to support the rhyme. Some of the activities we enjoyed included making humpty dumpty a wall, exploring tea bags, water and teapots to make a cup of tea. We created our own pom pom incy wincy spiders and during outdoor explorers we made mud cakes for 'pat-a-cake'.

This week our book of the week has been 'owl babies'. The children have made fantastic owls using clay on the trees in the school field. We have started to look at simple propositions with an owl flying around the room.

We are very excited for filming our upcoming Christmas carol concert and are very busy learning the songs!

Rainbows News

We've had a busy few weeks learning lots more sounds - Rainbows are doing so well! We also had our first reading assembly competition and did well. We are aiming to do better next week though! Rainbows are also head deep in the middle of Nativity preparations- it's all very exciting and is going to be amazing! Thank you to all the Rainbows families for your assistance on this so far!

Unicorns News

We have been working really hard to make our writing more exciting by adding adjectives! In maths we have been using numicon to find parts of numbers. We had an amazing art day where we learnt all about Kandinsky—we are super proud of our finished paintings! Rehearsals are underway for our Christmas Performance and we can't wait to show you everything we have been learning about this term. Next week we have a Science Day to look forward to...!

Centaurs News

We have really enjoyed our English book 'Escape from Pompeii' and have finished this unit of work with some fantastic newspaper reports. We have continued with our learning about Volcanoes in guided reading using a book called 'Earth Shattering Events' in this book we are studying Volcanoes, earthquakes and Tsunamis! In Science we have learnt how fossils are formed and about the 3 different types. The children have been developing their DT skills by making their own axels, ready for their moving chariots. We have also been bending like pretzels for yoga!

Dragons News

We really enjoyed learning about money last week! Now we are moving on multiplication, we've started by looking at equal groups. In English we have used our History knowledge of the Great Fire of London to inspire diary writing. In Design and Technology, with Mrs Webster, we worked together to create model bridges, complete with moving parts. In Religious Education we have been learning about different places of worship, including St Pauls Cathedral in London.



Phoenix News

In English this week we have been planning and drafting our newspaper reports about Shackleton's Journey. In maths we have been learning to multiply and divide, as well as working very hard on our times tables as we always do! In Design & Technology we have been using our computing skills to research ideas for our new inventions. This is something that we are excited to create on our 'DT Day' before Christmas.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - Friday 26th March 2021

(Half term: 15th-19th February)

(Inset day: Monday 4th January)

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 13th April 2020 -Thursday 22nd July 2021

(Half term: 31st May- 4th June)

(Inset day: Monday 12th April)



<https://www.funkidslive.com/podcasts/#> Fun Kids Radio offers a huge selection of podcasts for children. Research shows that listening to podcasts widens children's interests and

encourages them to read more.

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Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Jaydon

Savannah

Unicorns

Noah

Matilda

Centaurs

Bethany

Juhaym

Dragons

Alice

Alfie

Phoenix

Poppy

Bailee

Parentkind



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sparkle and
festive cheer this year!*

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It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Raffle 2020 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 7th Dec 2020. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

Reminders;

Please remember, if you haven't already done so, the deadline is 30th November to complete the online consent form to enable your child to receive the flu vaccination this year.



Each week in our Reading Assembly, we have been sharing stories. Some of our older children have been reading to the younger ones (via zoom). We would love some stories read by parents to share. If you'd like to share a short story with the children please email in a video to Mrs Ross via the office

Story Time!

We would like to thank College Farm Christmas Trees who are very generously donating a Christmas tree to our school! They will be selling trees in December and are taking pre-bookings now. So if you're looking for your perfect tree, please contact them and support a lovely local business.



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THE WEEK Junior

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Internet Safety

We have been made aware there are children in school regularly using the apps Instagram and TikTok. Both of these apps have official age ratings of 13+. Please see <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> for useful information on social networking apps including parental safety features.

There is also a lot of information on the NSPCC website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

