

Shillington Lower School

Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020



Our Value this
Month is:

**Friendship &
Mutual
Respect**

PTFA Pumpkin Competition

Many thanks to all the children who took part.

It was so difficult to make a decision on winners as they were all so good and so different. Well done to the winners and thank you to the PTFA for the prizes.

We have raised over £130 today- Thank you so much

PTFA
Halloween
winners



Children in Need 2020

We will be celebrated Children in Need this year with a non uniform day on Friday 13th November. We would ask you to make a donation to Children in Need by either visiting;

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/>

or

you can donate to BBC Children in Need by texting the relevant key word below to the relevant number (the "short code"). Each text message you send will result in a donation to BBC Children in Need of the amount stated in the relevant circle for that short code. For example, by texting "DONATE" to "70420", you will donate "£20".



School lunch update

A reminder we are trialling hot dinners after half term. Please be aware we may need to make adjustments to the menu, if this happens we will of course advise you of any changes. Please see menu attached.



Poppies

Poppies and additional merchandise will be available after half-term.



Rainbows News

Congratulations Rainbows - you have completed your first half term! This is no mean feat. We can't believe how well they have taken on all the demands that us grown-ups have asked of them, and we have asked a lot. They have followed instructions, they have listened really well, they have learnt new routines and persevered with a lot of tricky tasks. I can also now safely say that every member of Rainbows is now a fully-fledged professional expert on handwashing and sanitising; grown-ups, if you're not sure what to do, just ask them! Finally, and possibly most importantly, we have seen your little people really caring for each other and forming wonderful friendships. We genuinely are a wonderful team and they are a credit to you all. We hope you have a relaxing and safe half term and look forward to seeing you in a week.

This week in Pixie class we have been busy looking at the changes of Autumn and shape. We have been busy decorating our Autumn tree in the classroom, going on nature walks and collecting natural autumn treasures, Conker rolling, carving and painting pumpkins, creating hedgehog pictures using different materials e.g. toothbrushes, paint brushes, leaves and our hands. The children also made hedgehogs out of salt dough using spaghetti as spikes!

Last week we were lucky to experience putting a tortoise into hibernation for the winter. The children added the hay and newspapers into a container before saying goodbye for the winter. We hope all our chil-

Pixie News



Unicorns News

In Year 1 we have been learning about number bonds and also how to add and subtract. We have been working super hard on our phonics and independent writing, using spooky pictures and stories to stimulate our imaginations! We have done a lot of Halloween activities in the afternoons and used the tuff tray activities to strengthen our writing muscles. Circle time has been focused around the importance of making positive behaviour choices and having a good attitude to learning.

Centaurs News

What an amazing half term we have had! We have studied 3 different books, written stories from a different character's points of view, pretended we were aliens and made a fact file about Earth hounds. Worked hard on learning the place value of 3 digit numbers and adding and subtracting using different strategies. The children have really enjoyed some fantastic art and design projects, our latest being designing, making and evaluating a pop up clown. Have a fantastic half term Centaurs and we look forward to seeing you all after half term for more fantastic learning!!

Dragons News

In Dragon class we have been reading a book called 'A Walk in London', which has a story as well as facts about London. Now, we are going to write our own version but based on Shillington. We have already been for a walk to collect ideas and are now researching facts to add to our book. In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract on a number-line. In PSHE we have been talking about keeping ourselves healthy, including the importance of sleep.



Phoenix News

In Phoenix class we have been working very hard with our column addition and subtraction. In English we have been learning about different types of grammar and how to use them in our writing. In PSHE we have focused on our value of the month 'friendship' by writing our own friendship potions. We enjoyed learning about natural and man-made environmental changes in science and the impact these have on animals. Well done for a fantastic half term Year 4!

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

(Half term: 26th - 30th October)

(Inset days: Thursday 3rd September, Friday 4th September and Monday 2nd November)

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)

Shillington Superstars



Rainbows

Emmeline

Samira

Unicorns

Hattie

Ronnie

Dragons

Benjo

Keira

Centaurs

Elliott

Ben

Phoenix

Rosemary

Ayla

Parent Consultations

This year consultations will be on-line via Zoom, each class will have a specific day as follows;

Reception—Tues 10th November

Year 1—Thurs 12th November

Year 2—Fri 13th November

Year 3—Mon 9th November pm & Weds 11th November pm

Year 4—Mon 9th November

Consultations will be available throughout the day from 9.15am until 7.30pm (Year 3, 1.15pm—7.30pm)

There will be a booking system via Parentmail as usual. Bookings are available from Tuesday 3rd November at 9am until Thursday 5th November.

Please note although the bookings are shown as 15 minute slots on the Parentmail system, the consultation will only be 10 minutes, this is to allow staff time to close one consultation and open another using the waiting room facility on Zoom.

Opportunity to join the team

We are looking to appoint a relief midday supervisor who can be available to support our lunchtime team should we have any absences.

If you are interested please contact the office.

Polite Reminder:

Children **should not** be playing on the trim trail at the end of the school day.

Thank you.

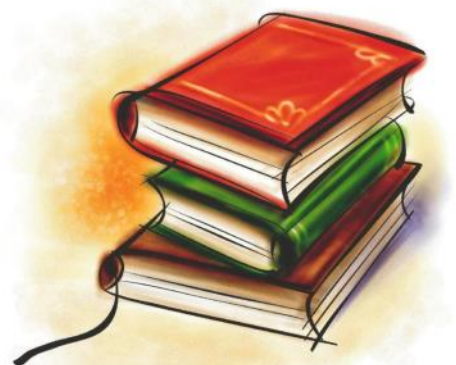


Reading Challenge

The new academic year is well and truly under way and so is our Reading Challenge competition! Reading across both Shillington and Stondon is a key focus this year. Our reading challenge hopes to enthuse and encourage passionate readers. As usual, each class will be vying to be the class who has read the most throughout the week with the hope of winning a special mufti day. This year the competition is going to be even more competitive as we are challenging Stondon. Each class here at Shillington are going to be competing against the classes in Stondon to see who is the ultimate class of readers. Who doesn't like a bit of healthy competition?

The children need your help with this quest and to be successful!

The more that the children read within a week the further around the reading challenge board the class travels! Children are encouraged to read every day to an adult at a convenient time that suits you. This includes our older children. Quite often when children have learnt to read, the importance of reading with an adult is lost. However, it is still very important that children have the opportunity to discuss what they are reading with an adult as this develops their comprehension about what they have read. Questions to support these discussions can be found on page 111 in the school diaries.



Additionally, this year, to promote reading, we have a reading focused assembly every Monday during which our year 4 children volunteer to read the younger children a story. Next half term children from all year groups are invited to share a story or passage from a book they enjoy with the rest of the school. I find nothing more rewarding but to see children proudly sharing their reading and their love for it! We also encourage you to read to your child. If adults share a love of reading, children will emulate this even more. Therefore, we are looking for any volunteers that would be willing to read in assemblies too. You could record and send us a video or read live in our zoom assembly. If you are interested, please let Mrs Ross know via the office.

This half-term's winners are...

Pentaur Class

*Who will be awarded a mufti
day on*

Friday 5th November



SPECTACULAR SPORTS NEWS



Welcome back to our PE newsletter! Well done to all of the pupils for their involvement and awards they have gained outside of school.



Well done to Emerson
for doing very well in
his swimming!

Well done to Tommy
for being awarded
with Player of the
Season in rugby.



Drew achieved her
Stage 4 in swimming.
Well done!

Well done to Evie P
for getting Swimmer
of the Month!



Well done to
Poppy for
achieving her
Stage 4 in swim-
ming and her
Water Rescue
certificate.

Well done to Char-
lotte for doing really
well in Gymnastics.





Well done to Natalia for receiving a medal from the opposition in football.



Well done to Evan for getting a football trophy for his 2019-2020 season.

Sports Council

Liam, Lacey, Dexter, Bethany, Martha, Cameron, Maddie and Martha.

This year we have introduced a Sports Council. Next half term they will start their roles; sharing their own opinions about PE and sport.

Year 4 Sports Ambassadors

Natalia, Evan, George, Ayla, Poppy and Charlie.

Our Sports Ambassadors are excited to start their training and new roles.

