



Shillington Lower School

Newsletter

11th December 2020



Our Value this
Month is:

Simplicity



This will be our final newsletter this term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this term under these strange circumstances. We hope that you will all be able to enjoy your Christmas break safely.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all our staff who have worked so hard to keep everyone safe this term while also providing a calm and enjoyable atmosphere for the children to learn. It has been a super team effort and we are impressed with how the children have continued to work hard throughout.

As you are aware the news of the vaccine has given us hope that things will improve but for now we still need to be very careful. We all need to continue to stick to the rules of our tier and try to prevent the further spread of this disease.

We will need to continue to monitor the situation during the first few days of the holiday and we ask that if any child has symptoms that you continue to follow the testing process and let us know if they have a positive test. More details of how to do this will follow in a separate parent mail.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From Miss Woodham, Mrs Young and all the team.



Whole school news

The children and staff have all been working incredibly hard over the past few weeks to create some Christmas performances for you. The links and more information will come out to you early next week.

Today's Christmas Fun day is well underway as I write this and I can hear music and laughter around the school, it is certainly getting me into the Christmas spirit. A huge thank you to Emma Shelmerdine and the PTFA for the super organisation of this event.

Pixie News

What a lovely week we've had so far! We have been feeling very festive practising our songs for our Christmas carol concert. The children have been working very hard learning all the songs and actions - we are very proud of them all.

Our classroom has been a hive of festive activities, we have used our handmade advent calendar as a tool to support the children's number recognition and have made Christmas surprises which we will be taking home at the end of term. During our outdoor explorers' session, we made some environmentally friendly reindeer food made from cereal and natural resources from the school field.

We would like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Rainbows News

In Rainbows this week we have been super busy practicing and recording our Nativity and can't wait for you all to see it! We decided to have a little carol concert yesterday at home time to show our parents how hard we have been practicing. Also this week, Rainbows have been learning our phonics and have created lots of Christmas art—here we are playing in the snow!



Unicorns News

In Unicorn class we got rid of the Naughty Bus but gained a Naughty Elf who has been causing all sorts of chaos in the classroom! We enjoyed science day where we learned all about different seasons and what makes snow fall. We also investigated materials and did an experiment to find the best material for an umbrella. We have been continuing with our daily phonics lessons and we have noticed a great improvement in the children's reading this term—well done Year 1! Super proud of you all!

Dragons News

We've been very busy filming our Christmas performance, we all had great fun doing this and really hope you enjoy our film.

In English we've been inspired by Peter Pan to write rhyming poems about things that make us happy. In History we looked at this very odd looking historical artefact and discovered that it was a leather bucket used in the great fire of London. We then used our Science learning to design, make and test our own buckets. We found out that paper doesn't make a very good bucket!



Centaurs News

To start our new English book 'Leon and the place between' the children entered the classroom to circus music playing, bubbles blowing, the smell of popcorn and Mrs Webster juggling. It bought the book to life and we are really enjoying all the magic and mystery.

We have also made our own snowflakes in PSHE 'Snowflakes are pure and white and just like us no two are a like' This is was a great way to show how we are all unique, individual and special.

We are also finishing our 'earth shattering events' book which has been amazing and we have learnt so much about so many different natural phenomenon and what to do in these events.

Phoenix News

In Phoenix Class we have been getting very excited for Christmas! Our naughty elf has been entertaining us each day.

We all enjoyed our DT day last Friday and created a new form of eco-friendly transport. We had to carefully plan our designs beforehand and have now evaluated our final work.

In English we have been reading 'Ice Trap' and have written some exciting similes for description.



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

(Inset day: Monday 4th January)

(Half term: 15th-19th February)

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 13th April 2020 -Thursday 22nd July 2021

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

(Inset day: Monday 12th April)

Please note—further to recent news, we can confirm we will be open on Friday 18th Dec

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Layla

Unicorns

Martha

Centaurs

Kai

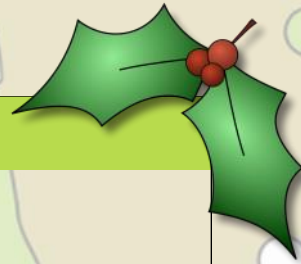
Dragons

Sophie

Phoenix

Drew





DIARY DATES

Christmas Performances WC
14.12.20

Christmas Dinner 17.12.20 (wear
your Christmas jumper!)

IMPORTANT

School Dinners—Weds 16th Dec

Please note that on Wednesday 16th December our kitchen will only be providing a Packed Lunch option of ham or cheese sandwiches, fruit, crisps and a cookie. There will be no hot dinners cooked on Wednesday to enable our kitchen to prepare for our Christmas dinner the following day.



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