

# **Parentmail Bulletin – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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**“Enjoy, aspire and achieve together to be the best that we can be.”**

## **Half Term**

We break up for half term tomorrow and return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you have a restful break.

## **Shillington Snapshot**

Look out for our half termly Snapshot in book bags tomorrow – this edition includes gardening club, science, fire service and much more!

## **Swimming Pool News!**

Our swimming pool has been refurbished at a significant cost – thanks to the PTFA for seeking grants to cover this. The PTFA have re-painted the changing rooms and the whole pool area now looks wonderful. The final piece of the jigsaw is the heater and we will be all good to go for after half term. A swimming coach has been bought in to teach children in KS2 on a weekly basis as part of the National Curriculum. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school every day after half term.

## **Rewards in School**

You are all familiar with our weekly apple awards, weekly Headteacher award and ‘Exciting Writing’ award. As an incentive to motivate levels of fitness and participation in healthy lifestyles, Mrs Young in her capacity as PE Subject Leader recognises children for excellence in fitness or sport. The Sports Stars (under her supervision) get to play on the Xbox for about 20 minutes. Some staff also reward the hard work of classes with ‘golden time’ for a period of about 15 minutes per week. This is where children may be involved in activities not academically related such as playing with construction kits, drawing and colouring, watching DVDs. We can assure you that the children have to work hard to earn these rewards!

## **Pre-School Pixie Class**

We are taking expressions of interest in our new pre-school Pixie class. Information packs are available from the school office and website. As with many new settings, we will be opening mornings only initially and once numbers are viable will explore opening for lunch and afternoons.

## **PTFA Cake Sale**

Don’t forget – the PTFA will be holding a cake sale after school tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. All cake / biscuit etc. donations greatly received in the school office on the morning of the cake sale.

### **Top Table**

The following pupils were chosen to sit at Top Table with Mrs Parker on Monday for their exemplary behaviour and values:

*Evan, Charlotte, Corbin, Lily, Elio, Jessie, Ava, Aaron, Nell, Ramone and Nicole*

### **Head teacher Awards**

Winners for their super work in RE were:

*Rainbows: Bailee*

*Unicorns: Healey*

*Dragons: Elio (RE/PSHE)*

*Centaurs: Denis*

*Phoenix: Belle-Rose*

Well done everyone!

### **Dates for your diary**

26 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Cake sale - <i>donations to sch office in morning please</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 trip to Warwick Castle – <i>children need to be in sch at 8.20am please</i>
Wk beg 12 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Phonics screening check
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Hendon
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports afternoon – <i>Parents welcome</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 trip to Woburn Safari Park
1 <sup>st</sup> July	PTFA Camping Weekend
13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 production 10am and 2:15pm
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Leavers' assembly and afternoon tea 2:15/2:30pm ( <i>details to follow</i> )

### **Term Dates**

#### **Summer Term 2017**

Wednesday 19th Apr 2017 – Friday 21st Jul 2017  
(Half term 29th May – 2nd June)

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
(Half term 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October)

**Closure day Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Spring Term 2018**

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 - Thursday 29th March 2018  
(Half term 12th - 16th February)

**Our current value is "Respect."**