

Parentmail Bulletin – 28th September 2017

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"Enjoy, aspire and achieve together to be the best that we can be."

Grand Opening of Pixies – pre-school Friday 29th September

As publicised in last week's Parentmail bulletin, we are very much looking forward to welcoming crowds of parents on Friday afternoon for the Open Afternoon in the main school and most especially to give parents the chance to see the beautiful spaces we have created for our new Pixies Pre-School. We are now well advanced on extending the opening hours to provide for both morning and afternoon sessions every day of the week. Come in and find out more!

Uniform rolling out

The smartness and attractiveness of our new school uniform has been commented upon by numerous people...

We are aware of the frustrating niggles as the partnership with Tesco uniform gets under way. As a result clearly the school is being patient about full implementation and the great day when the uniform is actually that – uniform across all our children. Do please keep pestering Tesco and we would like to stay informed of these issues and hope that by the next major uniform ordering point later in the year we have seen what Tesco have improved to ensure everything runs smoother.

Gate into school - parents not onto site please

Thank you very much for observing the arrangement that parents do not come into the school when the gate is open in the morning. Clearly we do have parents bringing children into Pixies and Rainbow classes, but all other children say goodbye at the gate. Most importantly, even for just needing to pick up a forgotten lunchbox or jumper, parents must not come into school via the gate or the back door. Always come to the front office where of course we will be delighted to help. The crucial issue is that it is a fundamental element of safeguarding practice for children in schools that we do not have unaccompanied adults in the building even for just a couple of minutes.

Harvest Festival – 2nd October

Final reminder that our Harvest Festival will take place at All Saints Church in Shillington on Monday 2nd October at 2pm. Each class will present a short item to mark the occasion and parents and carers are invited to join us at the church for this celebration. Children will be dismissed from school at the end of the day as usual. Don't forget to send in non-perishable items such as tea, coffee, sugar, rice, pasta, tinned goods.

Pantomime Visit

We are once again planning to make our annual trip to the pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage. This year the pantomime is Jack and the Beanstalk and we plan to go on Thursday 7th December. We are requesting a contribution of £17.50 for this trip. A ParentMail has been sent home with full details.

Phonics Support – additional information session this Wednesday 4th October at 5.30pm

Many thanks to all those parents who attended the phonics parent information session this week. We gathered that there are some other parents who are keen to attend the briefing but that timing was not convenient. We are putting on an additional session early evening this Wednesday at 5.30pm. It takes a little over half an hour.

A website that we showcased that is really useful to support the work in school is www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Dawn til Dusk Half term Holiday Club

Shillington Club is running for 4 days from Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th October, opening times are now from 7.30-6pm.

Top Table

The following pupils were chosen to sit on top table on Monday for their exemplary behaviour and values:

Ethan, Lottie, Ethan A, Bailee, Liam, Loui, Logan, Maisy, Jessie, Chloe C, Niah, Daisy-May

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows: Dexter

Year 1: Poppy

Year 2: Connor

Year 3: Alexcia

Year 4: Niamh

Well done!

Dates for your diary

29 th September	Parent open session (not Unicorns) 2:50pm – <i>parents/carers welcome</i> Pixie Pre-School Grand Opening
2 nd October	Harvest festival – <i>2pm at All Saints Church – parents welcome</i>
4 th October	Parent Phonics evening
6 th October	Unicorn parent open session 2:50pm
11 th October	Structured conversations
17 th October	Individual School photos
17 th /19 th October	Structured conversations
20 th October	Last day of this half-term
23rd – 27th October – Half-Term	
30th October – School closed – Staff Training Day	
31 st October	Open morning for prospective parents 2017
8 th November	Y3 trip to St Albans
7 th December	Pantomime trip

Our current value is "Equality."