

Parentmail Bulletin – 12th October 2017

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

Open Morning for Parents of Prospective Shillington Pupils Tuesday 31st October

We should be very grateful if friends and family could spread the word that our Open Morning for prospective pupils is on the Tuesday immediately after half-term. We will also be advertising this with posters locally and via local social media, but these are not as effective in the end as our own parents and families.

Of course, the school is happy to receive visitors enquiring about places across all year groups at other times, but this is a key moment for letting people see the school in full flow and getting a taste of why it is such a good place for children to start their great educational journey.

School Photos

These will be taken next Tuesday 17th October. As many parents purchase these as a memento of their child growing up, can we encourage children to be especially smart in their uniform on this day. Shillington Lower individual and sibling photos will be taken during the school day.

Message from the PTFA

We are holding a Halloween disco on Friday 20th October, leaflets have already been sent home. Year 2,3 and 4 will be able to bring in dressing up to change into before the end of the school day if they would like.

Christmas Events

We have detailed our Christmas events for 2017 in the diary section below. As you can see much will be going on through the festive season. We will give more precise details of each event nearer the time.

Redborne Sports Partnership

Last week 10 children from key stage 2 took part in an exciting rugby tournament. Their hard work and great team work throughout the four games played resulted in an award for Determination. They all received certificates and wrist bands. They showed impeccable behaviour throughout and were an asset to the school. Well done to those involved and thank you to the staff who accompanied them.

We now have 10 fully trained sports ambassadors. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came back to school motivated and excited to share their new skills.

Author visit

On Tuesday of this week we welcomed author of Max's Magical Dream, Gillian Overitt, into school. The children enjoyed her story telling and exciting new book. This was a unique opportunity for our children to be inspired to read and write their own stories.

Structured Conversation Reminder

We had a good turn out to our first structured conversation this year. If you were unable to make your appointment yesterday or you have not booked an appointment there are still a few slots available; please contact the school office.

Top Table

Mr Haddon was joined at top table on Monday by the following pupils who were chosen for their exemplary behaviour and values:

Dexter, Phoenix, Charlie, Oliver, Diana, Jack, Joe, Summer, Aaron, William.

Shillington Superstars

*Rainbows – Ben
Unicorns – Tegan
Dragons – Jack
Centaur – Joe
Phoenix – Dominic*

Well done!

Dates for your diary

16 th October	In the morning Year 1, Unicorn and Year 3 Centaur visit Wrest Park
17 th /19 th October	Structured conversations
17 th October	Individual school photos
20 th October	Last day of this half-term
	In the morning and lunchtime Year 4, Phoenix, visit Wrest Park
	PTFA Halloween Discos – Rainbows & Yr1 – 2.30 – 3.20pm
	Years 2, 3 & 4 – 3.40 – 4.30pm

23rd – 27th October – Half-Term

30th October – School closed – Staff Training Day

31 st October	Open morning for prospective parents
8 th November	Y3 trip to St Albans
7 th December	Pantomime visit Jack & the Beanstalk at The Gordon Craig Theatre
8 th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
13 th December	School Christmas dinner
13 th December	Christmas jumper day - £1 donation
14 th December	Rainbows Nativity in school 10am and 2:30pm
15 th December	Parent open session: Christmas Crafts 9:05am – 10am
Tba	KS1 Xmas Productions
1 st February	Year 4 Young Voices at the O2 Arena

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th Sept 2017 – Tuesday 19th Dec 2017
(Half term 23rd – 27th Oct)
INSET DAY 30th Oct – school closed

Spring Term 2018

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

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018
(Half term 4th – 8th June)

May Day – 7th May 2018 – school closed

Our current value is "Equality."