

Parentmail Bulletin – 2rd November 2017

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

Remembrance Sunday

It is very timely that our current value is Inspiration and just after Remembrance Sunday we will be reflecting on Peace and Friendship as our Value.

In school we are bringing together a variety of displays to highlight this very important annual period of thoughtful reflection.

Once again the school will be selling poppies to commemorate Remembrance. These are available during the afternoons when the school council will visit each class with the poppies if the children would like to purchase one.

Value of Inspiration

Your spark can become a flame and change everything

Inspiration is not necessarily a bolt from the blue, but can be growing and building in us

Inspired life often begins at the end of our comfort zone

Don't just live the length of life – but also the width of life which really inspires

There are so many ways in which we can encourage the children to consider and value inspiration – from people right here among us to national and international figures and stories that inspire; or maybe something we are sharing at the moment – Blue Planet, Strictly!!! Fundamentally we are looking to support and encourage our children in having eyes that look around and are excited and enabled to share that spark with others around them.

Important Letter from Governors - tomorrow

Hopefully parents will be aware that since Mrs Parker informed governors of her intent to retire from the Headship of Shillington Lower School, governors have been involved in a very large amount of work to organise the succession to Mrs Parker. That has proved very positive indeed and time very well spent. Our chair of governors will be sending out a special letter tomorrow, Friday 3rd giving all the details.

Dawn til Dusk Breakfast and After School Club

Our excellent wrap-around care providers, Dawn til Dusk, are holding some special themed events this half term. Do look out for the large advertising poster at the school gates:

Further information can be found on their website <http://kidsdawntildusk.co.uk>

SSG Sports Clubs

There are still spaces available for the after-school gymnastic club due to start on Monday 6th November 3.30 – 4.30pm costing £31.50 for 7 weeks - please ask at the office for a form.

Governor Monitoring Visits

As part of their role, members of our Governing Board make regular visits to the school. Last half term we hosted a very successful SEND monitoring visit and next week we will have a safeguarding visit. Such visits are key to ensuring that the school fulfils its statutory duties.

Get Caught Reading!

Mrs Ross, our English Subject Leader, is working with all the school staff to ensure that Reading is regularly and frequently highlighted as a hugely important part of our children's learning. (Thanks also to the fabulous support we get from our great team of volunteers who come into school throughout every week to hear the children reading.) To support this Reading focus we would like you to take photos of the children being caught reading – especially if they are in a more unusual location to sit and enjoy a book. Send in your pictures and we will share them in assembly and display them in the library...

Children in Need 17th November – just a fortnight to go

The annual Children in Need fundraising event takes place on Friday 17th November. As in previous years we will have a non-uniform day to raise funds – we ask that each child donates £1 for this privilege. We will also be gathering ideas next week to ensure that we have a great day of fun and highlighting the work of this superb children's charity.

Shillington Superstars winners names up in entrance hall

Winners this week

Rainbows: Elsie

Unicorns: Natalia

Dragons: Corbin

Centaurs: Max

Phoenix: Chloe C

Well done!

Dates for your diary

8 th November	Y3 Trip to St Albans
17 th November	Children in Need
1 st – 3 rd December	Christmas Tree Festival at Congregational Church
7 th December	Pantomime visit Jack & The Beanstalk at The Gordon Craig Theatre
8 th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
11 th December	KS1 Carol Service 2pm at All Saint's Church
12 th December	KS1 Carol Service 10am at All Saint's Church
13 th December	Christmas jumper day £1 donation
14 th December	Rainbows Nativity in school 10am & 2.30pm
15 th December	Parent open session: Christmas Crafts 9:05am – 10am

Term Dates

Tues 5th Sept 2017 – Tues 19th Dec 2017

Weds 3rd Jan 2018 – Thurs 29th March 2018 (Half term 12th Feb – 16th Feb 2018)

Tues 17th Apr 2018 – Fri 20th July 2018 (Half term 28th May – 1st June 2018)

May Day 7th May – Sch Closed

Please note our school is open Mon 4th June 2018 (some surrounding schools closed)

