

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

Our current value is "Simplicity and Joy."

Christmas Tree Festival

Our Christmas events begin tomorrow! Thank you for the sea of stars that have come in to decorate our tree which has been set up at the Congregational Church today. You can see it on display at the village Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend. It is lovely that we will have several families there for the 'official' opening of the Festival on Friday afternoon;

Friday 2nd Dec 3:30pm – 5:30pm or Saturday 3rd Dec 12:30 – 6pm or Sunday 4th Dec 12noon – 5pm



Pantomime

Our pantomime visit takes place next week on Thursday 7th December. Don't forget that children will need to be in school at **8:30am**. No snacks are needed on this day as the school will provide a biscuit and drink for every child. All children must have a coat. Book bags will not be needed that day.

Christmas Craft Morning

We also invite you to join us on Friday 15th December 9:05am – 10:00am to work alongside the children in our Christmas craft activities. Unfortunately due to lack of space in the classrooms and for health and safety reasons we are unable to accommodate siblings and young children.

PTFA Christmas Fayre Friday 8th December 3:45-6pm

Dear all PTFA members just an update on plans for our fabulous Christmas Fayre next Friday!

- 🌲 Science show booking is now live at the school office, tickets are 50p each and are prioritised for school pupils as we have limited space. If we can we can try and squeeze a few more in on the night, we will. Only 60 slots available, so hurry!
- 🌲 The last of the Santa shop letters need to be returned to the school office with monies in envelope by tomorrow please, *Friday 1st Dec*.
- 🌲 Thank you for the generous raffle prize donations so far, if there are any more to come please return to reception by tomorrow, *Friday 1st Dec*.
- 🌲 Raffle tickets went out in book bags, priced £1 each, please return all sold tickets with names and telephone numbers on each ticket to the school office, more tickets are available. Return by *Tuesday 5th Dec* please. Further tickets will be available on the night from 3:45- 4:30pm.
- 🌲 There has been a great response to donations of Teddies and preloved games, puzzles, books etc. thank you so much, if there are any more to come please hand in at the school office by *Monday 4th Dec*.
- 🌲 Santa's Grotto will have booking available on the night, to avoid disappointment please go along and see one of our lovely Elves and book your slot when you come into the Fayre. The Grotto will run from 3:50pm to 6pm. Please come a little earlier for your slot so we can keep the Elves happy with their busy schedule. We will have some Christmas colouring available near the Face painting to keep any kids waiting for either activity busy.
- 🌲 Hot and Cold drinks, mulled wine, mince pies, Hot dogs, sausages will be available so don't worry we won't let you go hungry!
- 🌲 There is some pre-loved uniform that can be still used until the changeover next year, this will be made available on the night, so please have a rummage, and make use of it if you can, if you want to you can make a donation for anything you take.
- 🌲 The school office currently has a box of lost property uniform that gets sent to charity each term if not claimed, so when dropping off take a look if any of it's yours, as this will be put in with the rest for the Fayre.

We would really welcome some other parents joining in with the running of this event, if you can volunteer some time even if its 15 mins please let us know and we can team you up with our current volunteers.

All the monies raised will be spent within the school to enhance our children's experience at Shillington, we are currently working with the teachers to invest and improve all the outside play and learning areas. We look forward to seeing you all on the night and having a great evening. Thank you for your support.

School Calendar for 2018/2019

There are conversations taking place currently to look to link up the dates for all the schools in the area. These will be completed before the end of term so that we will be able to let you know of the term dates for the next academic year.

Early Years News

Nativity

Pixies will be joining Rainbows in the Nativity production this year a letter will be coming home with the children. The date of the performance is Thursday 14th December. If your child does not attend Pre-School on this day, you are invited to bring them to join in with the 10am Nativity. Two tickets will be allocated per child to watch the performance. Please ensure costumes are in a named plastic bag and in school by *Friday 8th December* ready for our dress rehearsals.

Christmas Party

Pixie Class will be having a Christmas Party on Monday 18th December, 10am-12pm. Children can come dressed in party clothes and if possible bring along an item to add to our party food table. Again, if your child does not attend on this day, they are more than welcome to come along at 10am.

Rainbows will be having their Christmas Party on Tuesday 19th December in line with the school. If possible, please send in something to add to our party snack table.

Staffing

We are excited to welcome Rebecca Osborne to the Pixie team who will begin on Monday 4th December. She is looking forward to getting to know all of the children over the next couple of weeks before being allocated her Key Group in the New Year.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Helen as she moves back into the main school to continue her role. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work that has gone into opening Pixie Class over the past couple of months. We will still see her around and I'm sure she will pop over regularly.

January Sessions

We are very pleased to say our numbers are continuously growing with many new starters in the New Year. We do still have a few spaces throughout the week and are still accepting applications for the New Year. Likewise, if you would like to add any extra sessions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Top Table

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

Thea, Max, Cooper, Jaimee, Penny, Alex, Rosanna, Max, William, Rebecca

Shillington Superstar

Winners for their work were:

Rainbows: Ethan

Dragons: Layla

Phoenix: Rafferty

Unicorns: Cooper

Centaurs: Summer

Well done everyone!

Dates for your diary

1st – 3rd December	Christmas Tree Festival at Congregational Church
7th December	Pantomime visit Jack & the Beanstalk - <i>children in at 8.30am please</i>
8th December	PTFA Xmas Fayre
11th December	KS1 Carol Service - <i>2pm at All Saint's Church</i>
12th December	KS1 Carol Service - <i>10am at All Saint's Church</i>
13th December	School Christmas dinner
13th December	Christmas jumper day - <i>£1 donation</i>
14th December	Rainbows Nativity - <i>10am & 2.30pm in school, ticket details to follow</i>
15th December	Parent Open Session – Xmas Crafts 9.05 – 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 are closed)****