

Parentmail Bulletin – 12th January 2018

www.shillingtonlower.co.uk

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

Firstly my apologies that this bulletin is a day late as I am aware that parents and carers usually receive their bulletin by Parentmail on a Thursday. Please be aware that on occasion you may find the newsletter comes to you on a Thursday or a Friday in future! Next week I will launch our new look newsletter which will then come out to you fortnightly from then onwards. This will enable me to manage the process in both schools smoothly and without getting my newsletters in a muddle! Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

Miss Woodham

Universal Free School Meals

As we have mentioned previously, the funding from the Government for universal free school meals is triggered by the take-up of meals on two days across the school year. The second census day takes place on Thursday 18th January. The number of meals taken on this day will link directly to the funding given to the school to pay for the universal meals – if few children take the meal on this day, less funding will be given and the school will need to use their Local Authority budget allocated to the school for resources, staff etc. to finance the cost of these free meals. We are therefore urging all children in Rainbows, Years 1 and 2 to have a school meal on that day. Zoe, our Kitchen Manager has ensured that a favourite meal is on the menu: pizza/chicken in a bun and chips. Please note that chips will not be served on the Friday, we will be having chicken pie that day. Please help the school to maximise its funding income for this by taking up their entitlement to a free school meal on Thursday 18th January. Thank you.

Parents' evenings

The dates of the next Parents' evenings are 6th February 2018 2-6pm and 8th February 4-8pm 2018. Appointments will be 15 minute slots and all teachers/appointments will be in the school hall which will enable us to be much more efficient and organised. I am aware that these are slightly shorter than previously. This has been a necessary change so that teachers can fit all appointments into two afternoon/ evenings and also to ensure that I can be available at all parents evenings in both schools. Should any parents and teachers jointly feel that they would benefit from a longer appointment; arrangements will be made separately for these to take place. Information and arrangements for booking appointments will come out to parents and carers next week.

Parent Open Session

We invite you to join us on Tuesday 30th January 9:15 – 10am to work alongside the children in an English lesson. This may focus on grammar, comprehension, spelling, reading or writing. Come along and see what the children do in an English lesson. Unfortunately due to lack of space in the classrooms and for health and safety reasons we are unable to accommodate siblings and young children. For safeguarding reasons we ask that mobile phones are switched off.

Shillington Superstars

*Rainbows:Max
Unicorns:Tommie
Phoenix:Anae*

*Dragons:Amelie
Centaurs:Summer*

Well done everyone!

Dates for your diary

19 th January	Eagle Heights Birds of prey visit (years R-4)
30 th January	9.15am Parent open session; English focus
1 st February	Year 4 to O2 Young Voices
6 th February	Structured conversations – 2-6pm
8 th February	Structured conversations – 4-8pm
26 th – 28 th March	Year 4 residential visit to Caythorpe Court

Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd Jan – Thursday 29th March 2018
(Half term 12th – 16th Feb)

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th Apr – Friday 20th Jul
(Half term 28th May – 1st June)

May Day – 1st May 2017 – sch closed

****Please note our school is open on the 4th June (some surrounding schools are closed)****

Our current value is "Appreciation"