

# Shillington Lower Newsletter



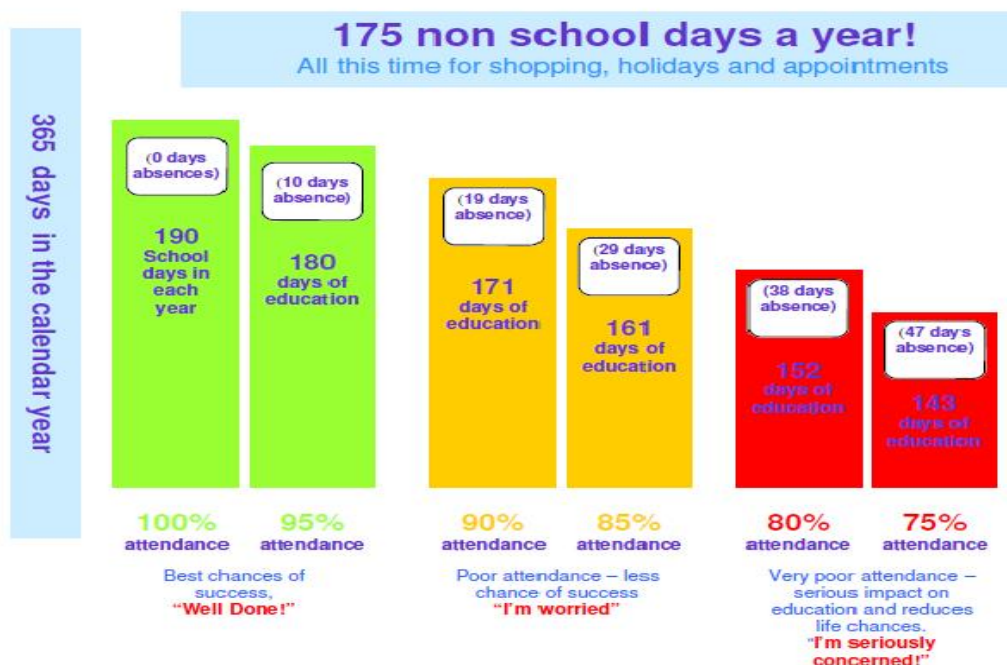
**Our value of the month: Simplicity**

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019

## Attendance - REMINDER

We had our visit from the CBC attendance officer this week who checked all the registers. We are currently below our school target of 96% which is a worry already. If you have had an attendance letter, please take notice of it and help us to improve your child's attendance in school. The information below may help you to appreciate how important regular attendance in school is. I understand that children do get ill and when this happens then please be reassured that if your child is unwell then home is the best place for them. However some children who are simply worried or anxious and then say they feel ill are best sent in to school. This builds resilience and teaches children that worries can be overcome and they will be ok! Please also remember that I am not able to authorise any holiday requests during term time. Tempting as it may also be, please do not ask your children to pretend they are ill in order to cover for a holiday absence or day trip, because that's isn't encouraging the children to use their values. Children always share their news especially if its exciting and they've had a fun time.

**Good Attendance Means...**  
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



### Shillington Superstars

#### Rainbows

Maddie

#### Unicorns

Martha

#### Dragons

Ayden

#### Centaurs

Quinn

#### Phoenix

Max

### Exciting Writing

#### Rainbows

Zac

#### Dragons

Bailee

#### Centaurs

Jett

#### Phoenix

Oscar

## Welcome to Shillington Lower School!

We would like to say welcome to Miss Meredith who has started with us as a Midday Supervisor, Miss King who is our new Sports Apprentice and we welcome Miss Fletcher who will start after Easter as Centaurs class Teacher.

## Goodbye

Mrs Matcham and Miss Hodgson who leave us on Friday 5th April —we wish you both lots of luck for the

## Pixie News

Pixie class have been busy continuing with the theme of growing. We have been concentrating on the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and painted symmetrical butterfly pictures. This week we have learnt what plants need to grow and have potted our own sunflowers. We are busy preparing our surprises for our mothers day stay and play on Monday - We look forward to seeing you there.



## Rainbows News

Over the past couple of weeks, we have continued with our 'Growing' topic. Our bean plants are getting taller each week and our tadpoles are growing their little legs! It's all been very exciting and interesting in Rainbows. We loved our Mother's Day themed Stay & Play, thank you for coming. We have been focusing on counting in tens this week, grouping them and counting to 100! Our 'Noah's Ark' is also looking fantastic, thanks for all your efforts!

## Unicorns News

This week we have been busy learning all about measuring length. We have been introduced to cm and measuring different parts of our bodies. As a class we then ordered ourselves in height. On Thursday we really enjoyed a dance class where we explored some street dance moves. The children loved showing off their ideas and coming up with their own dance sequence. We have also produced some great pieces of written work for the 'My Amazing Diary' competition. Fingers crossed we win!



## Dragons News

In English we have been reading The Tadpole's Promise, it has a very surprising ending! As part of our learning we also have our very own tadpoles in the classroom, we've been watching them grow and change closely. In maths we have been learning about measuring in centimetres and metres. We used this learning in PE to see if we could run as fast as Usain Bolt, who can run 100m in 10 seconds! How far do you think we could run in 10 seconds? In computing we have been learning how to be safe on the internet.

## Centaurs News

Wow! We are now quickly approaching the final week of the Spring term; where has the time gone? Over the last couple of weeks we have been securing our knowledge of money in Mathematics; exploring the value of our British notes and coins and learning how to effectively add and subtract money. What we now need to practise is working out how much change we will get when spending our hard earned pennies. No one wants to be short-changed!

In English we have started our new book called 'Leon and the Place Between' and I am very proud of how the children have embraced the book and the learning within it. We have produced some fantastic writing based on creating a sense of awe and enchantment. Well done Centaurs.



## Phoenix News

In Phoenix class this week we have been working hard on fractions. Identifying different fractions and finding fractions of a quantity. Our English over the next few weeks is all about Ancient Egypt. We have researched about their Gods and created fact booklets. In one of our lessons we became detectives and had to study different pieces of evidence to decide if Tutankhamun was murdered, died of an illness or from an accident. We made our own decisions and had a great debate justifying our reasons. To continue with our Egyptian theme we had a Dance teacher come into school to teach us some Egyptian dance moves.

### Request from our Sports Department

We are looking for donations of shin pads if anyone can spare these we would be very grateful.

Thank you





**Tuesday 23rd April**

Calling all Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs—we invite you to come into school on Tuesday 23rd April in your uniform to celebrate St George's Day

(all other children to attend school in normal school uniform)

**Friday 5th April—Hot Dinners**

On Friday 5th Zoe will be serving a special Easter Menu which will be;

Hopping Sweetcorn & Bouncing Baked Beans  
with Thumpers Fish, Pizza and Chocolate Egg  
Cupcakes

# Last Chance to Enter!!



## Design an Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition.

Please bring entries to  
school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
April



Class prize winners!

£2 entry



We have two chocolate bunnies to name and WIN  
this year !



Would you like to be the lucky ones  
who guess the chosen names for our  
Easter Bunnies?

Raising funds for our school garden.

**Term Dates****2018 - 19****Autumn Term 2018**

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2019

(Half Term 22nd - 26th October 2018)

(Closure Day 29th October 2019)

**Spring Term 2019**

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

(Half Term 11th - 15th February 2019)

**Summer Term 2019**

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019

(Half Term 27th - 31st May)

(School Closed Monday 6th May 2019)

**Term Dates 2019—2020**

**These are the dates agreed with our cluster of schools for 2019—2020**

**Autumn Term 2019**

Wednesday 4th September 2019—Friday 20th December 2019

(Half term: 21st—25th October 2019)

(Inset days: Monday 2nd and 3rd September and Monday 28th October)

**Spring Term 2020**

Tuesday 7th January 2019 - Friday 3rd April 2020

(Half term: 17th-21st February)

(Inset day: Monday 6th January)

**Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020

(Half term: 25th-29th May)

**Please note there is no Inset day on Monday 20th April 2020 as shown on Central Bedfordshire**