

# Shillington Lower Newsletter

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**Our value of the month : Respect**



FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2019

## Shillington Congregational Church Christmas Tree Festival

We are extremely pleased to be asked to support the Congregational Churches Christmas tree festival this year. The festival will take place on 6th, 7th and 8th December and the money raised will be split between CHUMS, children's bereavement and mental health charity in Silsoe and the School.



The school will be decorating trees for the festival and all children will take part in making decorations. If individual families would like to take part please contact the Church directly. We hope as many of you as possible will attend this lovely start to the Christmas season and help to raise as much money as possible.



### Aldi's Kit for Schools

Please remember if you are shopping in Aldi and spend over £30 you can collect a sticker to bring in to school. If we receive 300 stickers the school will receive an exclusive sports kit and be in with a chance of winning £20,000.

Thank you!

### Shillington Superstars

#### Unicorns

The Whole Class!

Maisie P

Dragons

Centaurs

Tegan

Phoenix

Jett

#### Exciting Writing

Unicorns

Lorelei

Dragons

Toby

Centaurs

Bailee

Phoenix

Quinn

### New Website

Over the summer we have been working on some changes to our website. The website still contains lots of information about our school, term dates for this academic year and information. It also includes a school calendar which will be kept up to date with events

## Pixie News

We would like to welcome back all of our children and families after the summer break with a special welcome to our new children starting in Pixies. This week the children have settled back into pre-school and have been busy getting to know our new friends and helping them explore the classroom and environment. We are all raring to go with the start of the new school year.

## Unicorns News

We have had a great first week in year 1 and are settling well in to our new classroom. In English we have been reading the book 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson. The children have loved acting out as different animals and written some brilliant sentences describing the hare. In Maths we have been practicing counting accurately and thinking about the different ways we can sort objects. Keep up to the good work!

## Centaurs News

Centaurs have settled in well and had a busy week. To start our Literacy, the children practised their circus skills. Great fun was had juggling, hula hooping, throwing bean bags in the tin can alley and walking the tight rope! We then made predictions as to what might happen in the story 'Leon and the place between,' which is set in a circus. The children were word detectives and tried to find verb, adverbs and nouns. See if your child can find any verbs when reading at home.

In maths, we are looking at Measuring Length and the children enjoyed making paper aeroplanes and measuring the distance their planes travelled. Some planes travelled over 6 metres!

## Rainbows News

We have had a great week settling into our new classroom and meeting our new teachers. We have been exploring all the new toys, games and activities in Rainbows along with making new friends. Next week, we are going to try saying 'bye' to our grown ups at the door and remembering where all our bits and pieces go!

## Dragons News

We started this term by looking at a funny book called Postcards from Crabby Spit, which reminded us all of our summer holidays. In maths we have started by looking at partitioning numbers and have already tackled some pretty tricky problems. In Geography we found London on a map and have shared our knowledge of London with each other. All in all, a very impressive start—keep it up Dragon Class!

## Phoenix News

We have had an exciting start to the term, researching who Ernest Shackleton was and writing a letter of application to be one of his crew members on the ship Endurance. In maths we have learnt how to round large numbers to the nearest 10 and 100—as well as working on our reasoning skills and being able to explain our answers. We enjoyed listening to our visitor this week who taught us all about e-safety and how to stay safe online. Keep up the good work!

## Diary Dates

### Diary dates Autumn term

*Some are provisional*

|                                                               |                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| New parents into Pixies and Rainbows coffee morning with PTFA | 17 <sup>th</sup> September 9.00-10.00                    |
| Parent open session                                           | 24 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15-10.00                    |
| Individual & Sibling photos                                   | 25 <sup>th</sup> September                               |
| Read with your child session                                  | 10 <sup>th</sup> October 8.45-9.00                       |
| PTFA AGM Meeting (in school)                                  | 2nd October 6.30-8pm                                     |
| Book fair                                                     | 14 <sup>th</sup> October                                 |
| Parents evening                                               | 15 <sup>th</sup> October 4-8pm                           |
|                                                               | 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2-6pm                           |
| Half term                                                     | 18 <sup>th</sup> October                                 |
| PTFA Halloween Disco                                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> November                                 |
| Open morning for whole school                                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> November 10.00-12.00                     |
| Pixie open session                                            | 5 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30-10.30                      |
| Read with your child session                                  | 18 <sup>th</sup> November 8.45-9.00                      |
| Flu vaccinations                                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> November                                |
| PTFA mufti for Christmas fayre                                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                                |
| PTFA Santa shop                                               | 27 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> November 1.00-3.00 |
| PTFA Christmas Fayre                                          | 6 <sup>th</sup> December 4-6pm                           |
| Whole school to the Panto                                     | 16 <sup>th</sup> December                                |
| End of term                                                   | 20 <sup>th</sup> December                                |

### Dogs

As you know dogs are not allowed onto school grounds at any time. We have, for your convenience fitted hooks to enable you to tie up your dogs to the front wall when collecting your children from the playground in the afternoons.

The school cannot take any responsibility for dogs left tied to our wall.



## 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 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020

(Inset day: Monday 6th January)

(Half term: 17th-21st February)

*May Day 2020—Please note change for VE Day Anniversary,*

*May Day is now Friday 8th May 2020*

### 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 CBC Website academic calendar