

Shillington Lower Newsletter

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Our value of the month is Respect

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Respect is a feeling of regard for the qualities and achievements of oneself and others. It is a caring and appreciative attitude towards the world in general.

In school we will begin by admiring and enjoying the wonderful new learning environment that we are so fortunate to have. We will discuss the importance of caring for and respecting our school and everyone in it. Emphasis will be placed upon the need to think before we speak and treat others as we would wish to be treated. It all starts with self-respect so we will always try to build our pupils' self-esteem and encourage them to look after themselves by getting plenty of sleep, exercise and healthy food as well as taking care of their own property and respecting possessions belonging to others.

Thought for the month: 'To know one's worth and to honour the worth of others is the true way to earn respect.'



At home you could remind each other of the need to show respect in order to live a calmer, happier life. It would be a good idea to make a family list of all people and things which should be cared for and respected every day e.g. each other, pets, toys, furniture, the garden etc... Encourage the children to respect their own property by looking after it at home and at school (it helps if it's all named) Make sure that toys are put away, pets are fed and responsibilities undertaken willingly.

Whenever someone feels like being unkind or rude adopt a strategy eg. count to 10 or walk away. Aim for a conflict-free month!!

Dogs

Please can we remind Parents/Carers to leave their dogs tied up outside the school grounds when collecting at the end of the day. We do have children that are concerned and nervous around dogs and therefore ask that you ensure dogs are on short leads that mean they are not restricting the walk way into school. Many thanks.

Pixie News

Over the next few weeks our theme will be colour. This week we have been concentrating on the colours red and white. We have made red play dough, fished red/white objects in the water tray and went on a colour hunt to see what colours we could find in the big school. We have started our 'show and tell' this week and the children have enjoyed talking about their red and white objects from home. Our song of the week has been '5 little ducks' which the children have enjoyed singing using props.

Unicorns News

In Unicorns we have been working hard and the children have settled well. They have enjoyed our continued work on the Cave Baby story. The children have completed some brilliant written work of their own retellings. In PE we have had great fun practicing our catching and throwing skills. In Maths we have been using lots of different resources to learn about one more and one less.

Centaur News

This week in Centaur News we have been busy measuring in metres and centimetres. We went on a hunt around the classroom trying to find objects that were between different lengths e.g. between 1m and 1m 50cm. We then had a go at measuring each other's arm span. The longest arm span in our class was 1m 35cm!

In Literacy we continued looking at the story of 'Leon and the Place Between.' The children created really powerful noun phrases to describe the magical setting and discussed how Leon might be feeling at different points in the story.

We are looking forward to finding out about the lives of people who lived in the Stone Age and the children generated lots of questions they would like to find out the answers to.

Rainbows News

Rainbows have completed their first fulltime week. The children have all settled in really well and have enjoyed playing outside with the sand and water. We have continued to make new friends and enjoy new activities. In Maths this week we have been making patterns using different materials including pompoms, 2D shapes and printing. We have all started to draw our self portraits by looking in the mirror. We have been learning lots of new songs and have had our first PE lesson. Everyone is working hard on writing their names. Well done all on a great first week.

Dragons News

We've had a very active week this week in Dragon class! As part of our English work we went on a long and interesting walk around Shillington. We will use our walk to help us write our own book called A Walk Around Shillington. In Maths we have been learning a song and dance to help us with our 2x table.

Phoenix News

This week we have been writing descriptions of the Antarctic and then comparing it to Shillington—we found out lots of geographical facts. We have continued to work hard with place value in maths and have enjoyed learning our times tables through singing! A highlight of our week has been our fantastic PE lessons, learning all about hockey and showing great skill. A fantastic week Phoenix Class, well done.

Diary Dates

Parent open session	24th September 9.15-10.00
Individual & Sibling photos	25th September
Read with your child session	10th October 8.45-9.00
PTFA AGM Meeting (in school)	2nd October 6.30-8pm
Book fair	Week beginning 14th October
Parents evening	15th October 4-8pm
	17th October 2-6pm
Half term	18th October
PTFA Halloween Disco	1st November
Open morning for whole school	5th November 10.00-12.00
Pixie open session	5th November 9.30-10.30
Read with your child session	18th November 8.45-9.00
Flu vaccinations	20th November
PTFA mufti for Christmas fayre	22nd November
PTFA Santa shop	27th & 29th November 1.00-3.00
PTFA Christmas Fayre	6th December 4-6pm
Xmas Tree Festival at Congregational Church	6th – 8th December
Years R-4 trip to the Panto	16th December
End of term	20th December

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



Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Noah

Unicorns

Maddie

Dragons

Phoenix

Kara

Centaurs

Rosemary

Phoenix

Alex

Exciting Writing

Unicorns

Alfie

Centaurs

Charlie

Phoenix

Penny

Some of our keen gardeners proudly holding our RHS Level three award. We are about to harvest our potatoes and rhubarb and make a menu which we will cook and eat in the next few weeks. Our level 4 award includes designing a lunch menu, growing plants for sale and harvest time.

In the meantime we are looking forward to receiving a delivery of mixed Autumn/Winter produce from our Level 3 award.

Swimming pool update

I am aware that some parents are asking for updates about what is happening about the pool and the incidents of antisocial behaviour and trespass over the summer holidays. It is currently in the hands of the Police and we have passed on CCTV footage which includes both images and sound of the anti social behaviour. I strongly urge all of our community to work together to stop this from happening again.

As they say... I saw this and thought of you all... Parents often say to me that they can't get any information out of their children about their day at school. When parents ask "How was school?" the answer is usually "Fine." I found this list of alternative questions you could try if your child is one of those. Give these a go. Perhaps they will open up new line of communication.

1. What made you smile today?
2. Who did you sit with at lunchtime?
3. If you change one thing about today, what would it be?
4. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
5. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.

Miss Woodham



Thank you to all the parents and staff who have helped raise money for GOSH by buying a raffle ticket to my 50:50 charity raffle. On

Saturday I completed the Kew Gardens 10K in 58:40 a really good personal best for me. It was a brilliant experience and I'm so pleased I've managed to raise much needed funds for this great charity which is so very close to my heart. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow but I still have a few tickets left if anyone would like one today. Over the past year I have raised £1000 for GOSH. A huge thank you for all your support.

Mrs K Young