

# Shillington Lower Bulletin

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**Our value of the month : Cooperation & Unity**

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2019



Our annual Harvest Festival will be held at All Saints' church at 2pm on Wednesday 16th October. Parents are welcome to join us at the church. The service usually lasts 20-30 minutes and the children will be singing songs. We walk the children to the church and back to school for normal pickup. This year we are collecting for The Need Project - any food donations for the local food bank will be greatly appreciated but this year they are especially collecting the following items;

Tinned tuna/salmon  
Tinned vegetables, including potatoes  
Tinned ham  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Tinned/cartons of custard

Long Life Milk  
Rice  
Jam  
Tinned Fruit

Donations can be taken into class by the children from Monday 14th or dropped into the school office.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Church.

## Pixie News

In Pixie class we have been continuing looking at different colours and have made a fantastic rainbow using our hand prints. This week we have been exploring shapes using paint, shaving foam, play dough and flour.

The children made 'Ronnie' our shape robot and enjoyed making him, choosing which shapes to use for each part of his body.



## Unicorns News

In Unicorn class we have had a exciting visitor in the classroom . The Naughty Red Bus has been causing mischief all around the school even causing havoc in the kitchen and turning off year 3's laptops. The children have written some great information all about the story and next week will be creating their own stories of what the bus could get up to next. In Maths we have been working on more than and less than and ordering numbers. We have also been talking about our emotions and what our bodies might be feeling.

## Centaur News

We have had a very busy week finishing our 'Leon and the place between' story. It has been a very inspiring book and the children's stories are amazing!! Don't forget to look out for them displayed at parents evening. The children have been learning about cave drawings and what they used before paint was invented, they have begun to design their own. In maths we are working hard on place value and reading and writing numbers to 1000.

## Rainbows News

In Rainbows we have started our Phonics. We have enjoyed practicing our letter formation and singing our Jolly Phonics songs. We have also been busy with our number work doing lots of activities including going outside and counting leaves and sticks. We've been busy painting creating something really exciting, not to forget our yummy baking!

## Dragons News

We've been working really hard on our Geography this week. We used the laptops to research famous London landmarks. Then we worked in groups to make models of the landmarks..



## Phoenix News

This week we have worked very hard on our writing in Science. We created informative leaflets about environmental changes and how they have an impact on animals and their habitats. We have enjoyed finishing the book 'Shackleton's Journey' and look forward to writing newspaper reports on the event.

## Competition Time!!

We have the opportunity to name an exoplanet and its host star!  
Please can everyone think of two unique names and the school will vote which two names we should submit.

Please could we have your names by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

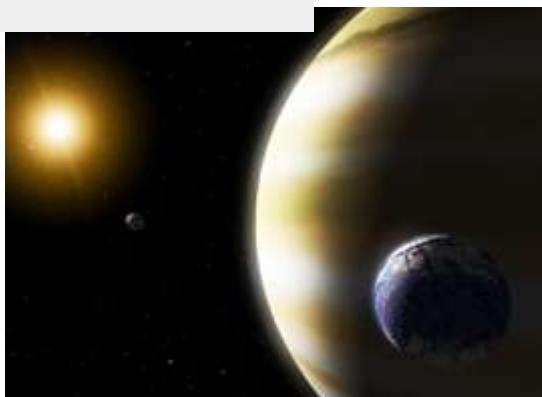


### What is the naming competition?

As part of their centenary celebrations, the [International Astronomical Union \(IAU\)](#) is organising a global competition called [Name Exoworlds](#). Launching in September 2019 and as part of this worldwide project, the UK has the unique opportunity to give a popular name to a selected exoplanet and its host star.

In recent years, astronomers have discovered thousands of planets and planetary systems orbiting around nearby stars. Some are small and rocky like the Earth, whilst others are gas giants like Jupiter.

It is now believed that most stars in the Universe could have planets orbiting them and that some of them may have physical characteristics that resemble those of the Earth. The sheer number of stars in the Universe, resulting in potentially countless planets, along with the ubiquity of compounds that are beneficial to the presence and growth of microorganisms, suggests that extra-terrestrial life may be likely.



#### Shillington

#### Superstars

##### Rainbows

Skyla

Dylan

##### Unicorns

Sophie

Lorelei

##### Dragons

Chester

Lottie

##### Centaurs

Lacey

Ayden

##### Phoenix

Ayrton

Corbin

#### Exciting Writing

##### Rainbows

Iona

Felix

Lewis

##### Unicorns

Isabelle

Tate

##### Dragons

Summer

Martha

##### Centaurs

Seb

##### Phoenix

Connor

William

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

(Inset day: Monday 6th January)

(Half term: 17th-21st February)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020

(Half term: 25th-29th May)

Parent diary dates Autumn term

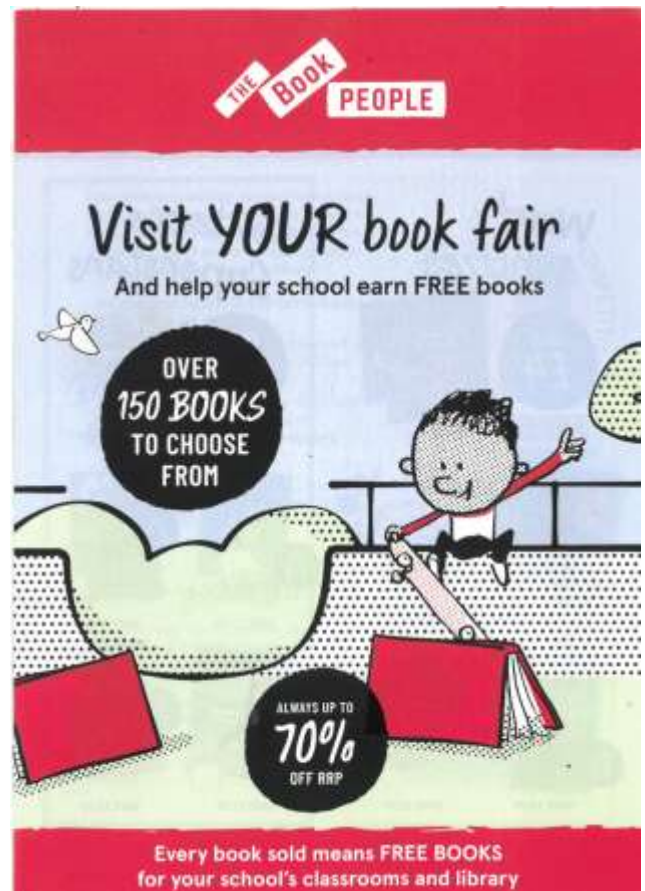
Read with your child session	10 <sup>th</sup> October 8.45-9.00
Book fair	Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> October
Parents evening (Bookings go live on Parentmail on Tues 8th Oct)	15 <sup>th</sup> October 4-8
	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2-6
Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm
Half term	18 <sup>th</sup> October
PTFA Halloween Disco	1 <sup>st</sup> November
Open morning for school	5 <sup>th</sup> November 10.00-12.00
Pixie open session	5 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30-10.30
Mufti for Children in Need (£1 donation)	15 <sup>th</sup> November
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 4-6
School to the Panto	16 <sup>th</sup> December
End of term	20 <sup>th</sup> December

## Book Fair—14th Oct—18th Oct

We have our annual Book Fair running in school week commencing 14th October. The books will be available to view at the following times;

Mon—Thurs—Mornings 8.30—8.45am After-  
noons 3.30—3.45pm

Books will also be available to view at both parent consultations



## Children in Need— Friday 15th Novem- ber 2019

School Council would like to have a non-uniform day on Friday 15th November to raise money for Children in Need. Suggested donation of £1



They are also planning a 'decorate Pudsey' activity. Children will need to pay 50p to help decorate a giant Pudsey at lunchtime on that day.

## Dogs

Thank you for tying your dogs up responsibly to the hooks at the front of the wall when collecting your children in the afternoon.

Please remember to remind your children that some dogs do not want to be approached, touched or petted and can find this especially scary when they are tied up.





**OPEN MORNING**

# Pixie Preschool Class

*For little learners with BIG ideas!*

**5th November 9.30-10.30am**

**SPACES AVAILABLE FOR  
2-4 YEAR OLDS**

*funded hours are also available*

**Come along and see our fantastic Preschool in action.**  
We will have activities for the children and staff to chat  
to and answer any questions





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We are Dawn Until Dusk LTD and we are open from 7.30am – 9.00am and 3pm – 6pm Monday – Thursday. We provide outstanding childcare with additional theme nights and holiday clubs at some of our settings. Please visit our website [www.kidsdawntildusk.co.uk](http://www.kidsdawntildusk.co.uk) or pop into our club for more information.

Themed evenings coming up

3rd October - Cooking Club : Rocky Road

10th October - Messy Play Day : Smile and Snow

17th October - Cooking Club : Rainbow Cookies

31st October - Halloween Party

