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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,
Celebrations

Class	Star of the Week (Persistent)	Presentation	Golden Table
R	Freya	Abigail	Bobbi-Rose
1	Esmac	Lochlan	Esmac
2	Cassius	Kaitlin	Rosie
3	Year 3	Eric	Rosalee
4	Year 4	Amelia	Scarlett
5	Serenna	Lydia	Bilge
6	Daniel	Hamish	Logan
Headteacher Awards: Reggie (R) and Charlotte (3)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 2 & 3 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 95.1% (Target 96%)			

***Congratulations to Miss Hood who will have worked at Shilbottle Primary for 25 years
on 7th May!***

This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:

Reception: Stone Age

Years 1 & 2: Castles

Years 3 & 4: Ancient Egypt

Year 5 & 6: Mayan culture

The following topics will be covered during their next school week:

Reception: Textiles & Weaving

Years 1 & 2: Science - Plants

Years 3 & 4: Science - Forces

Year 5 & 6: Science - Animals, including humans

Book Fair

Many thanks to our families for supporting this event. We hope you found it beneficial being able to access reduced priced books on your doorstep. We will update you next week with the amount of monies raised to enable us to add to our school library.

Years 3,4 and 5. Visit to Great North Museum

Our children had a lovely day visiting the museum (formerly known as the Hancock Museum) on Thursday. They were supported by some of our school Governors (Mrs Banks and Mrs Noble) alongside Mrs Hunt and Mr Wilkie who all commented on the exemplary behaviour of our children. The children were able to spend time linking their science, history and geography learning from this year and previous years to the exhibits, such as, Egyptians, Anglo-Saxons, Rocks and Soils and Space. The children particularly enjoyed the planetarium. Once again we received lots of positive feedback about the children's excellent behaviour.

Household Support Fund

Funding is aimed at anyone who may be vulnerable or cannot pay for essentials. You do not need to be receiving benefits to access this fund. If you are receiving benefits they will not be affected if you do get a payment from the HS Fund. Also if you need support with essential household items such as cookers and fridges please let us know. If you feel you would benefit from either the HS Fund or need support with essential household items please send an email to the school (address on left hand side of the newsletter) stating how you think you can be supported by Wednesday 8th May. We will then collate the information and forward it to the relevant departments on your behalf. *Please note that the school is not involved in the processing of any potential assessments or payments but are trying to find as many ways as possible to support our families.*

Years 1&2 Alnwick Castle—Thursday 9th May

Children will be visiting Alnwick Castle all day and will therefore need a packed lunch and a drink and to wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions (including a school jumper).

School Lunches—Week beginning Monday 6th May

Monday: Bank Holiday—School Closed

Tuesday: Chinese chicken curry, egg rice, peas & prawn crackers - Cake

Wednesday: Roast chicken, stuffing, roast pots, yorkshire puddings & gravy - Ice cream

Thursday: Sausage, wedges & beans or sweetcorn - Chocolate crispy

Friday: Burger with cheese, chips & beans or sweetcorn - Chocolate muffin

Dates for the Future (please add dates to your home calendar/phone calendar)

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Y3&4	Swimming—PreRec/Rec/1/2	Final session Wednesday 17th July
May	Y2	SATs test administered	
Monday 6th May	All	School closed—Bank Holiday	Reopens Tuesday 7th
Thursday 9th May	1&2	Alnwick Castle	
Monday 13th May 24	Y6	SATs week	
Thursday 23rd May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing times
Tuesday 4th June	Y4	National Multiplication Test	
Tuesday 4th June	All	School reopens at 8:30am	
Friday 7th June	5/6	Class Assembly starts at 2:15pm (approximately 15/20 minutes)	Doors open 2:05pm
Week commencing 10th June	Y1	Phonics Screening Tests	
Tuesday 11th June (confirmed)	Rec & Pre Rec	Northumberland Zoo visit (all day)	Packed lunch and suitable clothing
Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June	Y6	London residential	Depart 8am prompt Arrive at school 7:45am
Thursday 20th June	R and Pre Rec	Class Assembly starts at 2:15pm (approximately 15/20 minutes)	Doors open 2:05pm
Thursday 4th July	All	Sports and Summer Fair afternoon—Starting at 1pm	If cancelled due to bad weather it will be held on Thursday 11th July
Thursday 11th July	All	Rescheduled Sports and Summer Fair afternoon if cancelled on 4th	
Wednesday 17th July	All	French Day including visitors from Héry (Shilbottle's twin town in France)	
Thursday 18th July	6	Leavers assembly 5pm	Doors open 4:45pm
Friday 19th July	All	School closes for Summer Break	School closes at 2:00 After school club 3:30

Free School Meal entitlement

Remember if you feel you may be entitled to a Free School Meal it is worth applying online at the NCC website. All you need is your national insurance number and date of birth. Whilst children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 receive a free meal under the Universal Meals scheme this ends at Year 3. However, income based Free School Meals continue beyond year 2 and also entitle you to 50% off the cost of school visits.