

Shillington Lower Bulletin

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Our value of the month : Humility

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2019

2019-20 Classes Information—Our staff structure for classes for the next academic year will be;

Pixies

Mrs Gemma Minta, Mrs Rebecca Osborne

Rainbows

Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Young

Unicorns, Year 1

Miss Gradwell

Dragons, Year 2

Miss Sharpe

Centaurs, Year 3

Mrs Mossop, Mrs Sykes*

Phoenix, Year 4

Miss Fletcher

*Mrs Sykes has been appointed to cover Mrs Ross' maternity leave and will be in school on transfer day, 5th July to meet the children

Dear Parents

Currently our overall % attendance for the year is 95% which is already below our target of 96%. This will be the second year running that we have not reached our target. This is causing the school difficulties with the local authority and potentially could with OFSTED as attendance can have a direct affect on the outcome of an inspection.

The most troubling part of our attendance patterns at Shillington however is that we are increasingly made aware of some families who are taking term time holidays but phoning their children in sick. This is dishonest and where we are made aware that this is the case, then the absence will still be classed as unauthorised term time holiday and could possibly be referred for a fixed penalty notice. Children when they've been on holiday are excited to share the news with their friends and adults in school. They should be able to share exciting things that have happened to them. We do want our children to grow up with a strong set of morals and values. If you are taking a holiday - just tell us that. The absence can then be recorded accurately.

Can I just take this opportunity to thank everybody who is supporting our attendance policy and understands the importance of good attendance.

Miss Woodham

Pixie News

Our trip to Willows Farm was a fantastic success which all the children enjoyed, it was a great way to end our topic on farms. This week our story of the week has been 'Dogger'. We asked the children to bring in their favourite cuddly toy for our teddy bears picnic, the fairy cakes we made for our picnic were yummy. Pixie class have been busy learning all about prepositions, we played a game using their cuddly toys putting them in different places around the room. With our sports day being next week we are busy practicing our different races and hope to see you there next week.

Centaurs News

One of Centaur classes favourite moments last week was the 'Life Bus' experience. We got to learn all about the brain and the muscles in our body. This week we finally got to write up our results and explanations for our celery experiment—observing it over time and watching it turn red! We used great scientific key words in our explanations and now understand how water travels through plants. Our World War 2 topic is continuing to amaze us as we find out new facts each day—we are excited for our World War 2 day!

Phoenix News

Last week Year 4 met Harold the Giraffe on the Life Bus. They took part in a session called 'It's good to be me' where they discussed why we should all celebrate both our similarities and differences and be proud to be unique.

They all had a fantastic time and contributed some great ideas.

Rainbows News

We have had such a busy couple of weeks in Rainbows! We really enjoyed going to Willows Farm, seeing and petting some of the animals. We have also been working so hard, practicing our class assembly which we are very excited about showing you. This week, we have started to read the book 'Oi Frog!', it made us giggle. We created some lovely flip books, with our own little rhymes in too!

Dragons News

We had great fun in the Life Bus and learnt lots of important facts about feelings. In maths this week we have been revising money, we've been adding different amounts of money and using a numberline to find change. We've been learning lots more about castles, we even designed a menu for a medieval banquet. And of course we've been having lots of fun in the swimming pool!



SUN CREAM

As the weather warms up please ensure your child has had sun cream applied before attending school in the morning and has a sun hat with them. Ideally the all day sun cream is most appropriate however if your child needs to have their sun cream reapplied during the day they will need to be able to do this themselves. Pixie staff will help and guide children to re apply if needed. Named bottles in bags please. If when swimming your child needs sun cream reapplying please ensure they are able to do this themselves and have their own named sunscreen with them. Children are not allowed to apply sunscreen to each other.



Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Annabelle

Unicorns

Juhaym

Dragons

Rosemary

Centaurs

Amelie

Phoenix

Josh

Exciting Writing

Rainbows

Amelie

Unicorns

Teddy

Dragons

Centaurs

Alex

Phoenix

Summer

Harry T

Going Home Arrangements

If your normal collection arrangements change please ensure you inform the school, either by putting a note in the planner or letting the school office know. We will not release a child to another adult without checking with parents if this is ok. We will also need an up to date contact number so please remember to let us know if these change.

Thank you.

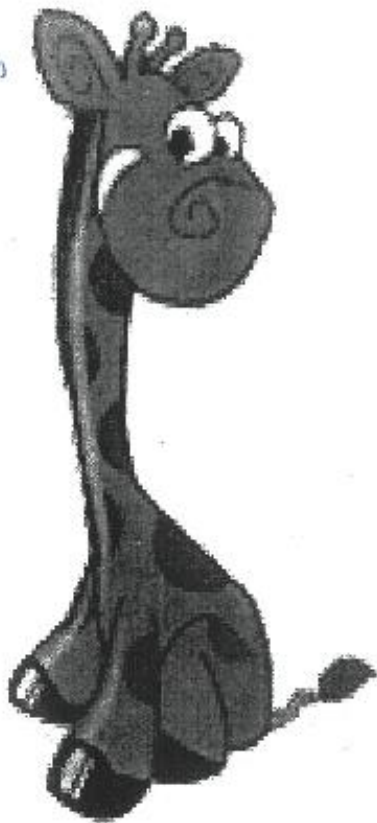


Unicorns News

Last week Unicorn class loved meeting Harold the Giraffe on the Life Bus. They got to learn all about different parts of the body, getting to look at the different organs inside the body. They also learnt about different foods and the things we need to help keep our bodies fit and healthy. They were really well behaved and came up with some brilliant ideas. In maths this week we have been learning all about money, recognising coins and making different amounts. Over the weekend see if your child can count the money in their piggy banks or visit the shop.

It has been lovely to visit Stillington Lower School today. The classes have been great - full of information, enthusiasm, excellent ideas + so well behaved. They have been a pleasure to teach.

Many thanks
+ best
wishes,
Sarah



Message from
the Life Bus

Thank you
everyone for
making us feel
welcome!

Thank you!

We would also like to thank Mr Abbott (year 3 parent) for arranging for this amazing experience day and giving the children the chance to visit the Life Bus.



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Pixie Preschool Class

For 2-4 year olds!

Open Morning Fri 5th July 2019
9.30 – 10.30am

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2-4 YEAR OLDS**
funded hours are also available

Run and managed by the school
Great transition & links within main school
Refurbished building

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Diary Dates

1st July	Transition Morning Years R-3
3rd July	Year 1 Class Trip
4th July	Pixie Class Sports Day 10am
4th July	Shillington & Stondon Year 4 Grafham Water Assembly to parents (in Shillington school hall) 2.45pm
5th July	Transfer Day—Year 4 to Middle Schools
5th July	Transition Morning Years R-3
5th July	Year 3 Class Assembly 3pm
9th July	Year 2 Class Trip
9th July	KS2 Performance 2pm
10th July	KS2 Performance 5.30pm
12th July	Year 3 WW2 Experience Day
17th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly 2pm (letter to follow)

Term Dates

2018 - 19

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 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 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