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## Shelley First School Newsletter December 2017

'Together We Succeed'



### Goodbye to teaching staff ...

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Miss Hirst and Mrs Cunningham who are both leaving to take up exciting new roles. Both of them have given 100% to our school and we will miss them in so many ways!

We would like to thank Miss Hirst for all of her hard work at Shelley First School over the past 4 years and we wish her lots of luck in her new role. Mrs Vicars will be taking over the full time teaching of Class Lama until the end of the year and we look forward to welcoming her to meet the children over the next few weeks. She is an experienced supply teacher.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Cunningham for all of her hard work over the past 16 years at Shelley First school and we wish her lots of luck in her new role. Mrs Hussain will be taking over the teaching role, 4 days per week for Class Lowry, with Mrs McGenity our SEND coordinator teaching for 1 day per week. Mrs Hussain is an experienced supply teacher. With an assistant Head leaving, Miss Bacon will support leadership of the school full-time for the next term. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hussain into school to meet the children and work with Class Lowry over the coming weeks.

Both resignation have left insufficient time to recruit permanent staff but both vacancies will be advertised. Miss Bacon will support planning for both Class Lowry and Class Lama. We hope to recruit a new assistant Head Teacher/class teacher for Class Lowry in the Summer Term. We will recruit to replace Miss Hirst in September.

### All singing & dancing...



Well done to the choir who sang at the Christmas Fayre and who will be singing at the annual Christingle service at St Emmanuel Church on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm.

Well done also to our dancers who also performed at Shelley College last week. Thanks to Mrs Kimmings and to our ever-supportive families.

### Talent Show....

We will invite the children to take part in a fun talent show to be shared with the school on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please discuss this with your child and it is their responsibility to let the teacher know when asked if they wish to participate. In the past, we have had jokes, gym, dancing, singing...you name it! Sadly, there is not space for parents to attend.

### The Looking for Learning Council

Thank you very much to the Y4s in Cleopatra who are pictured above discussing elements of behaviour and safety at Shelley First school. We will be collating the results and sharing with staff and children during the half term. We are very proud of how well the children worked together and collaborated with the questionnaires.



### Christmas Fayre 2017

*A massive congratulations to the Friends of Shelley First School (FOSS) for all their hard work and the amount of money they helped us raise at the school Christmas Fair. We will let you know the total by text - a huge thank you to all of you too for your time and generosity too.*

**Please can ask once again for considerate parking?** Residents of Elder Mews are having difficulties with this and I have advised them to phone the police. One car brought to our attention on several occasions has a registration ending in UZK. Please help us to keep our neighbours happy and safe, thank you.

**Christmas Plays ~ we are preparing for our performances. A DVD is available to buy priced at £12.**

**Please order on ParentPay between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December to guarantee delivery before the end of term.**

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with our Poppy Appeal we raised **£244.80**

#### Shelley First School Mobile App

Thank you for all of the feedback we received it has been on the whole very positive. The APP will open communications for both parents/carers plus will be a one-stop hub for all school documents which should eliminate duplications and make it easier to access school office information. 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

We are really looking forward to launching the APP in the Spring Term. Watch this space for details.

### Happy Holidays

It has been a long term and the children have worked very hard - as have the staff. Many thanks to parents also for supporting us. We should all be proud of the achievements of the children. Have a FANTASTIC Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all. We look forward to another action-packed term in 2018!



## Dates

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Christingle @ Church, 5.00pm

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ 2.00pm performance

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ 9:30am and 2pm performance

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ 9:30am performance

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ Christmas Parties Hepworth, Columbus and Lowry

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** ~ Christmas Parties Lama and Thor

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ Christmas Parties Cleopatra and Hawking

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Santa Assembly and break up for Xmas

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ School re-opens

**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ School Panto

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Valentine DISCO 5.00-6.00pm

**Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ break up for half term

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Rebekah Cole at Kirkwood Hospice surrounded by her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this very sad time. The family asks for no flowers and that all donations go to Kirkwood Hospice.

