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Shelley First School Newsletter May 2018

Goodbye and thank you Miss Suleman and welcome Miss Blamires.

We would like to welcome an old friend back to Shelley First School on Wednesday 16th May. Miss Louise Blamires is returning to our school to work with Lama Class, taking over from Miss Suleman. Some of the parents at Shelley will fondly remember Miss Blamires as she worked at SFS on several occasions last year – the children who remember her are really looking forward to her return. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Suleman for all of her hard work with Lama class and tell her that we will all miss her a great deal. We wish her all the best in her future career.

New staff

After a very thorough recruitment process, we have now successfully employed Miss Lydia Westwell: starting September 2018. She is a newly qualified teacher who has completed very successful placements – including one at Shelley First! Miss Westwell is really looking forward to starting at SFS and we are all extremely excited to welcome her to the Shelley team. Prior to starting in September, Miss Westwell will come into school to meet the children and work with her new class.

Fit4funds

On Friday 8th June, the children will take part in a Fit4funds day. Every class has planned a way in which they will use fitness and exercise to challenge themselves and raise money at the same time. The children will be asked to get sponsors in order to take part in the fun day and we will be raising money for school to support and enable extra-curricular and enrichment activities. We will also donate some of the proceeds to The Forget me Not children's charity.

The class activities are as follows: Hepworth, Columbus & Lowry- Obstacle course, Lama – fitness circuit, Thor- Trim Trail activity, Cleopatra- Running the mile in different ways, Hawking -Will complete a record-breaking activity – yet to be announced!

Watch out for your child's sponsorship form coming home soon! Good luck with the fund raising! Both children and staff will be asked to wear whacky and wonderful sports gear on the day! The crazier the better! There will also be the opportunity for parents to join in too – your invitation will follow!

School Jotter App

As you have been informed already via text, we now have a new school 'app' up and running. This is called 'School Jotter' and we urge all parents to download it onto their mobiles and other devices asap. This can be easily found in the 'App Store' and downloaded for free. School Jotter is the way you can get the most up to date messages and information regarding what is happening at school. There are calendars and photographs amongst many other bits of key information – all in one place!

Congratulations Meghan and Harry!

To celebrate the next royal wedding, we will be holding a 'Red, White and Blue' day – celebrating everything Royal and British! All children are invited to wear the patriotic colours for the day; they will take part in fun activities and learning experiences to celebrate the special occasion. Children who have school lunches will also have a special lunch made to add to the day of celebration.

Year 5 residential

Year 5 have returned from a very successful residential to Kingswood Outdoor Education Centre. Everyone has had a fabulous time. They have challenged themselves, strengthened friendships with peers and made memories to last a lifetime. Though a little tired on their return, the children all flourished and developed in ways that simply cannot happen within the four walls of a classroom. It has been a worthwhile experience and we would like to thank all staff at the centre and most importantly the school staff who accompanied the children on their visit.



ParentPay

Just a little reminder to politely ask all parents to ensure their ParentPay accounts are up to date. We would like to encourage parents to pay in advance for things such as school lunches to ensure there are no outstanding balances at the end of term – especially for the Year 5 children who are sadly leaving us at the end of the academic year.

Ordering Uniform

Uniform is available to order from the school office after the holidays. Please be aware that stock depletes quickly so the earlier that you can order it, the better.

Healthy living event

The Bridge Community Hub will be holding an exciting healthy living event on 14th June between 5pm and 7pm. This will include a marketplace, agency presentations and activities for children. We will update you with more information when we have it.

Dates:

21.5.18: Red, white & blue day

25.5.18: Non-uniform day: Children break up for half term

4.6.18: TRAINING DAY FOR STAFF

5.6.18: School opens

8.6.18: Fit4funds day

12.6.18: Swimming Gala

w/c 18th June: Creative week

19.6.2018: Y3 Sports @ Shelley College

22.6.18: Foundation stage reports sent home

26.6.2018: Y4 Sports @ Shelley College

27.6.18: Summer Serenade 2:15pm

2.7.18 Sports day (back up on 3.7.18)

11.7.18: Open evening until 6:30pm

13.7.18: leavers assembly 9:10am

16.7.18: Transition week (Y5 to middle school)

Creative curriculum

At the start of the half term, all classes have taken part in STEM week. During this week, all children focused entirely on their science skills and knowledge coverage. All staff planned some wonderful science teaching and learning both inside and outside of the classroom and the children gained some valuable knowledge and experience during this week.



Village Gala

This year the annual gala will take place on Sunday 15th July. After last year being such a success, we are again looking for a 'Gala King & Queen'. We would again like to offer this opportunity to Year 5 children. Attendants are also required to walk alongside the vintage car – this is open to all year groups. Please register your interest by filling in the form attached and hand in to your child's class teacher by the submission date Tuesday 5th June. As well as this, school will hold a competition for children to design the front and back cover of the programme. This is a half term holiday activity. Please submit your entry into school on the first day back after half term: 5.6.18.

Year 5: SPICED

During the week beginning 14th May, the Year 5 children will be taking part in their annual SPICED week, with the help of PC Whitehouse.



Rugby

Shelley First school rugby team will take part in a competition on Tuesday 22nd May.

We offer them the best of luck in the competition and are sure they will do themselves and our school proud, whatever the outcome! Good luck children!



Year 1: Visit from a spaceman!

The most wonderful thing happened in Class Columbus on Tuesday 8th May... A spaceman came to visit!

The children had the most wonderful morning with him and found out lots of interesting facts! A great time was had by all!



Other exciting news...

Miss Kaye is expecting a baby! She is due mid-October.

Village Gala form – Please return to school by Tuesday 5th June

Child name	Year group & Class
Parent name & contact number:	Address:
Interested in being: (Please tick)	Gala King/Queen
	Car attendant

Classes for the new academic year.

We are starting to put together plans for classes for the next 2018/19 academic year. Last year was not typical for Shelley First school so we will now return to organise classes based on age. Confirmation will come later, however so far the classes will be as follows:

YR, YR/Yr1, Yr1/2, Yr2/3, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5

Non-uniform day

Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 25th May for the last day of half term. We ask for a £1 donation to help support raising funds for school and curriculum development.

A little reminder...

On Monday 4th June, there is a staff INSET day. Children are expected back into school on Tuesday 5th June, ready for their final half term of this academic year!

Happy holidays!

With the final half term just around the corner, the children are definitely ready for their well-earned holiday. We hope that everyone enjoys a lovely week (and a day) off school and that the children get a fun filled but restful break.

We look forward to your return after the holiday for another exciting half term in the lead up to the Summer holiday.

The final half term is extremely important and we hope that the children return rested and ready to learn even more than they already have! During the final half term, teachers will be making important assessment judgements about the children, ready for their move to the next year group, therefore it is paramount that absence is avoided as much as possible and children are demonstrating and achieving their full potential. We are all extremely proud of the hard work and commitment that the children have put in to this point and we know that they will continue to work just as hard for their final 7 weeks!

The staff at Shelley First School wish every single one of our families a happy half term holiday!