



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 13th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now half way through our academic year, which I find very hard to believe. However, I have taken a moment to reflect on all that our community has achieved since September and that has made it clear that we have made the most of half the school year!

Last week, we enjoyed our fabulous Art Day, which was excellently organised by Mrs. Ashton. We had two visitors who made our day very special (further details are below). A big thank you to: Mrs. Ashton for her organisation of the day; the PTA for funding of the activities; and to those parent volunteers, who kindly gave their time.

On Thursday, our Year 3 and 4 team visited the finals of the Indoor Athletics competition. We were thrilled to learn that our school came third place! On another sporting note, our two Y6 hockey teams took part in the quicksticks hockey competition. Many Cambridgeshire schools took part and we were very pleased to see one of our teams achieve a medal: third place!

This week, we have been very pleased to welcome M. Cedric Gance to Shelford. M. Gance is a Headteacher of a school in Creil, near to Verneuil-en-Halatte. M. Gance has spent time getting to know daily life at Shelford and some of the processes and approaches specific to the British education system.

This Friday, we will be saying farewell to Miss Foley and Miss Bullman, our visiting teachers in Year 1. It has been a pleasure to welcome them to Shelford over the past half term and we wish them well with the remainder of their time at the Faculty of Education.

This Friday will also see the first of our Class Briefings, where we will welcome Reception parents at 2:00pm.

All of the class briefings will start at 2:00pm in the Hall and will follow the timings below:

2:00pm	Presentation to Parents
2:15pm	Activity with parents based on the theme of the presentation in the hall
2:35pm	Set up the hall for Celebration Assembly
2:45pm	Celebration Assembly Commences, parents welcome to stay

The remaining Class Briefings will take place on the following dates:

Date	Class
Friday 1 st March	Year 6
Friday 8 th March	Year 3
Thursday 15 th March	Year 2
Friday 22 nd March	Year 1
Friday 29 th March	Year 4
Friday 5 th April	Year 5

As you may remember from “Meet the Teacher” in September, one of our development priorities is to improve the internal and external environment of the school. We have four main projects focusing on: the library; the school church garden; a new reflection garden near the rear of the hall; class environments. We may be sending out requests for help with painting, decorating and other jobs! Watch this space!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful half term. We finish on this Friday 15th February and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 25th February.

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

Changes to menu

Monday 25th February

Pizza with chicken & red peppers

Or

Margherita Pizza

Or

Jacket Potato

Fruit crumble & custard

Or

Cheese & biscuits

Tuesday 26th February

Pork sausages, mash, veg & gravy

Or

Vegetable chilli fajita

Or

Tuna pasta bake

Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce

Or

Cherry shortbread

Pancake Day (Tuesday 5th March)

Sausage, beans & chips

Or

Veggie sausage, beans & chips

Or

Jacket Potato

Pancakes with a choice of toppings

Headlice/threadworms

Unfortunately, we have had a case of threadworms in school. Please be vigilant and check for child(ren) for signs of these. For further information, please see the letter on the website, or ask for a hard copy at the office. Please can we also ask that you make regular checks on your child for headlice. Thank you.

Art Day 2019.

Once again we are very fortunate that the PTA has generously funded workshops for both Key Stage 1 and 2. We are also extremely grateful to the parents and governors who generously gave up their time to assist with the batik workshops.

In Key Stage 2, all the children were delighted to be taught the process of making batik by local artist and teacher Sarah Hutchinson. The inspiration for the batik was the paisley pattern and the children very much enjoyed learning how to use the tjantings to drip the hot wax onto the cloth.

In the classrooms, Year 2 looked at the work of Piet Mondrian, Year 3 looked at the work of Georges Seurat and Andre Derain. Year 4 looked at how colours can be warm or cold. Year 5 looked at the work of Joaquin Torres Garcia and Year 6 at the portraits of Frida Kahlo.

In Key Stage 1, all three classes took part in a dragon dance workshop. We looked at how people celebrate Chinese New Year and danced with the dragon costume and parasols and fans. At the end of the day, children from Year 1 and 2 performed their dances to the rest of the school.

This is some of the feedback we received from pupils:

"I liked it when we did the parade and walked around the hall waving the dragon up and down" William Year 2

"I liked holding the dragon head in the parade. Also the music made me want to listen to it. I liked the instruments but I didn't know what they were." Joshua Year 2

"I found it weird how you can draw with wax" Elliot Year 6

"I liked the batik because when you put the ink on, I liked watching it spread and then it stopped when it hit the wax."

Bea Year 3

"I really liked how we used the wax. As it dried it became solid." Calleb Year 3

World Book Day (Thursday 7th March)

Once again, as part of World Book Day celebrations we invite children to dress up. This year, each year group is focusing their attention on a theme and / or author. Please see below for your child's year group:

Reception - Nursery Rhymes and Poetry characters

Year 1 - Julia Donaldson

Year 2 - Roald Dahl

Year 3 – David Walliams

Year 4 - Fantasy Stories

Year 5 - Michael Morpurgo

Year 6 - Shakespeare

Volunteers needed for Forest School sessions in Reception

In order to maintain a safe ratio of adults to children we are looking for some more volunteers to help us carry out regular 'forest school' sessions every Wednesday afternoon in Reception after half term. If you think you might enjoy spending a couple of hours helping to make dens, crawl under low branches, create a mud pie or find a bug or two out on the meadow or in the wildlife area, please let the office know or speak to a member of the Reception Team. You do not need to commit to helping every week, but if you are able to sign up for just one session, your help will be much appreciated. For more information, please see the letter attached.

Thank you, Mrs Clarke

Forest School (Year 3)

Year 3 will be changing one of our forest school sessions as it clashes with World Book Day. The final forest school session for Year 3 with Mrs Clarke will now be Thursday 14th March and not on Thursday 7th March.

School closure

In the event of bad weather, we will aim to keep the school open as usual. In the exceptional and unlikely event that the school were to close, we will post a message on the school website and notify Radio Cambridgeshire for inclusion in their schools closures list.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members).

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class List

The PTA would like to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of 'Class List'. This is a great way to keep in touch with the other parents in your class and should help to ensure good communication between parents. Please get in touch with your class' PTA representatives for assistance.

Parents prayer meeting - Thursday 14th February

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. It's fine to bring little ones, we have plenty of toys! We will be meeting at The Lodge, Kings Mill Lane, Great Shelford on Thursday 14th February at 2pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time. If you want any more information please contact Emily Button on e_martin84@hotmail.com.

General Routines and Reminders

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should be healthy, balanced meals – they should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

Nut Awareness

Please note, we are a 'Nut Free School'. Due to medical needs, pupils and staff should not bring any items in containing nuts. This includes any items in **pack lunches**.

With this in mind, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that the invitation to bring a KS2 break time snack is for **an actual piece of fruit not a cereal bar or fruit snack**.

Thank you for your understanding in this.

School Dinners

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. The school is not able to allow debts of more than £15. A letter will be sent if you are in debt for more than 1 week.

Please will you make every effort to pay this online using www.schoolgateway.com . If you need any information about registering for this please contact the school office.

If you are unable to access the internet then make cheques payable to **Shelford Primary School** and write your child's name on the reverse stating that the cheque is for lunch money. Thank you.

The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on Leicestershire Traded Services website:- <http://www.leicestershiretradedservices.org.uk/Page/1555> Please let the school know of any special dietary requirements.

Medicines in school

Please be reminded that **all** medicines must be given to the school office staff. Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours.

School Uniform

Uniform is ordered online. Please log on via the link below

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php?pdPage=login>. Items will be sent directly to you at home. There is free delivery to your home with orders over £50. Alternatively, any order amount can be delivered to school for free.

Payment for book bags, recorders etc.

When paying for items available from the office, **please bring the correct money as the office does not keep any petty cash for change**. Prices are as follows:

Book bags £6.00, Recorder books: £4.00, Recorders: £9 or £16, School hats: £2.50