

Shelford School News

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Assessments

As you are aware, there are a number of important assessments taking place across the school this week and next week, including the national KS1 and KS2 standard assessment tests (SATs). We are proud of how the children have approached these examinations, giving their best. Thank you to the teaching teams who have thoroughly prepared the children for this moment in terms of their learning and attitudes to the test, and to parents who have supported by ensuring children have been well-rested beforehand.

Please note the following change to the Year 2 test schedule from Wednesday and Thursday mornings next week to Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (first session only). Year 2 will be fully involved in outdoor activities as part of National Outdoor Classroom Day after their assessment on Wednesday.

PTA Summer Fair – THIS SATURDAY May 19th 2.00 – 4.30pm

Please come along to the PTA Summer Fair, taking place this Saturday afternoon, 19th May. It is not too late to sign up with your child's class reps to support the preparations and/or volunteer to take part in the stall rota. The joy of such occasions is the strength of the team as parents, staff and governors work together to achieve this excellent event. Thank you to Maria Lazarus and the PTA committee who are working hard behind the scenes to prepare - we are looking forward to Saturday.

Outdoor Learning Curriculum Days

The children will undertake part of their learning outside on Tuesday (KS2) and Wednesday (KS1) next week to celebrate the school's increasing emphasis on taking learning outdoors where appropriate and to mark May's National Outdoor Classroom Day. Children are becoming more used to having lessons outside. Research and our experience show many benefits including improved focus, well-being and team-building skills.

Mrs Clarke (Outdoor Learning Leader) will add to outdoor learning pages on the school website.

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/outdoor_curriculum/295285

School Choir and Orchestra concert – Shelford Free Church – 7.00pm, next Wednesday 23rd May

Please save the date for the excellent annual school choir and orchestra concert led by Mrs Barlow at the end of this half term. I am grateful to the Free Church for hosting this event so that, with more space, we can open this up to parents of younger children to attend if they wish. There is no ticket required.

Please bring your child to the main entrance of the Free Church, Great Shelford with their instrument at 6.40pm. Parents will then be asked to gather in the back room where a drink will be served by the PTA before the start of the performance for those who wish it. Please note that drinks can not be taken into the sanctuary. Choir and orchestra members should attend in their school uniform with a choir T-shirt and bring a water bottle. Thank you.

Ascension Service and Picnic

Parents are welcome to join us for the Ascension service at St Mary's Church Great Shelford at 11.15am on Thursday 24th May. A number of children from Year 4 will be taking part. After this the whole school will be walking to the Wale Recreation Ground in Little Shelford for a whole school picnic and games. We would be grateful to hear from any parent who is able to help with accompanying the children to and from the Wale Recreation Ground. In this instance, as you will be walking as part of a large group, volunteers do not need to be DBS checked. Please leave your name at the school office.

Gymnastics Club

Please note that there will be no gymnastics on Thursday 24th May.

Volunteer required for Netball Club

A volunteer is required to help coach Year 5/6 alongside Mrs Crew on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm. The sessions are fun and it is rewarding to see the children's skills develop. A knowledge of netball is essential along with the requirement to attend each week and the capacity to attend occasional after-school tournaments, two of which are in May. The necessary volunteer application form, DBS checks and induction session can all be easily completed via school. For more information, please enquire at the School office or email rachel.crew@frog.co.uk

SMART watches and mobile phones in school

A very small number of children have recently brought SMART watches with the facility to video, record and photograph into school. Please be advised that, for safeguarding reasons, these are not permitted on the school site.

May I also remind all parents that children are also not permitted to bring mobile phones onto site.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Free school meals

As from 1st April 2018, more families have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) as the income threshold for **Free School Meals (FSM)** has decreased to £7,400 net (take home pay). If this is your situation, please apply by completing a **Free School Meals (FSM) form** on the following website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. In addition to **Free School Meals** for your child, **this will also entitle the school to receive extra funding**, so please do help us by registering in this way if this is your situation, even if your child brings a packed lunch. Thank you for supporting the school in this way.

Survey

Cambridgeshire County Council are currently gathering feedback from parents on the **School Admissions** process and **Home to School Transport** process. Please follow the links below if you would like to contribute your views:

School Admissions

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SchoolAdmissions2018/>

Home to School Transport

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HomeToSchoolTransport2018/>

Both surveys will close on **Friday 25th May**.

Focus Group

There is also an opportunity for **parents** to get involved in a focus group and provide detailed feedback about either or both application processes. To get involved in this please leave your details in the last section of the survey or email transformation.team@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with the subject 'School Admissions and Transport Focus Group' **by 5pm, Friday 18th May**.

Affordable childcare information for parents

The Government launched its 30 hours extended entitlement for 3 and 4-year-olds in September 2017. Working parents of younger children may find information about this extended childcare entitlement useful. Tax-free childcare has now been extended to children up to the age of 12 for out of school and holiday care.

The Government's Childcare Choices website, <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>, offers parents information on all the available childcare entitlements. Any enquiries on 30 hours extended entitlement can be sent to 30HoursChildcare@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Dates for next academic year (including INSET days):

Autumn Term 2018	Spring Term 2019	Summer Term 2019
Tuesday 4 th September 2018 to Wednesday 19 th December 2018 inclusive	Thursday 3 rd January 2019 to Friday 5 th April 2019 inclusive	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 to Wednesday 24 th July 2019 inclusive
Half term Monday 22 nd October 2018 to Friday 26 th October 2018 inclusive	Half term Monday 18 th February 2019 to Friday 22 nd February 2019 inclusive	Half term: Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2019 inclusive May Day: Monday 6 th May 2019
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tuesday 4th September 20182. Wednesday 5th September 20183. Thursday 3rd January 20194. Friday 4th January 20195. Friday 24th May 2019		

Change to lunch on Thursday 17th May.

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, seasonal veg & gravy

or

Quorn roast with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, seasonal veg & gravy (v)

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Jacket potato

Fudge tart

or

Shortbread biscuit

Change to lunch on Wednesday 23rd May

Crispy bubble fish fillet & chips

or

Quorn dippers with barbecue dip & chips

or

Ham & cucumber baguette

Lemon mousse

or

Fresh fruit slices

or

Fresh yoghurt

Be Happy. Be Busy. Be Safe. Be Healthy. Be Organised. Reflect. Celebrate. Be an Enthusiastic Learner.

Sports news

We have enjoyed lots of great sports reports in celebration assembly recently. For further information regarding sports news and write-ups, please see the sports page under the 'Curriculum & Enrichment' section on the website.

Woodwind Lessons

There are currently two spaces available for children who would like to learn flute, clarinet or saxophone. If your child is interested, please contact the office.

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 11 th May 2018	
<p>This half term's Secrets of Success focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Push yourself <p>Headteacher's Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matias Berri• Jake Wilyman• Alice Woodcock• Evie Brady Ellis• Ellie Moss• Abi Barr• Innes Stewart• Henry Haigh <p>Star Writer (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ella Scourfield <p>Maths Investigator Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week <p>Pen Licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week	<p>Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile – 75 Miles Emerald (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William Crump <p>Celia (10 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week <p>Cyril</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Bachewich <p>Care of Books (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 <p>Dinner winners (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 <p>Silver bins (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1• Year 5 <p>This week's house winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Otters

Limiting illness in school

For further information, please use the following link to our school website:

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance_on_absence_for_common_illnesses/216944

Dinner Money

For information regarding school dinner money, please use the following link:

https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/online_payments_for_school_dinners_trips_etc/201808/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxMzo1MDowNQ==

Medicines in school

For information regarding medicines in school, please use the following link to our school website:

https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxNDowMjJzMDg==

School Uniform

For further information, please use the following link to our school website:

<http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/uniform/171288>

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
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***** Summer Fair: THIS SATURDAY from 2pm! *****

This Friday (18th May) is a **non-uniform day!** In the morning please bring:

- **Bottle** 'fines' (year 4 team will collect)
- **Plant** donations (PTA team will collect)



Thank you for your donations so far! Can you help with:

- **bric-a-brac**
- **bunting** and **balloons** (in red, white and/or blue)
- **flags** (large Union Jack and Star Spangled Banner)
- **soft toys** (in bag labelled 'year 6' before tomorrow (Thurs) please)

Please leave donations in the boxes in the Office, and label anything on loan.

RUNNING TIMES for the Fair are:

1400 Fair opens, Maypole dancing

1415 Fruit Clavé Samba Band (*kindly sponsored by Woodfines Solicitors*)

1515 Tournaments Club demo

1540 Jazz Dance performance

1600 **Silent Auction** ends (some CRACKING lots! **See brochure attached**)

1615 Raffle draw (Win a Royal Wedding Hamper! See prize list in brochure)

1630 Fair closes



Volunteers needed to help with counting between 4-5.30pm (or any time in between!). Contact Holly Gregory on Classlist / holly.kgregory@gmail.com. Thank you.



PTA Challenge: Sunday 1st July

To take part in this year's PTA Challenge, the **London to Cambridge bike ride** on **Sunday 1st July**, see <https://www.bike-events.co.uk/Ride.aspx?id=631&n=y>.

Join the team by clicking 'Book Now', choose 'team entry' and search for '**The Go Bradley's (Shelford School PTA) team**'. Entry costs £23.50 per person. The organisers provide coach travel for an extra cost but we plan to travel together by train from Cambridge around 6.45am.

Matt Bell will be getting a Classlist group together to offer some group training on Sundays, increasing the distances each week and stopping for lunch along the way. Perfect training for the Challenge! Further info from Matt on 07973 225612, via Classlist, or matt@directredmedia.com.



Camp Out: Friday 15th June

Save the date for Friday 15th June! All inclusive and evening only tickets will be available. Watch out for details via Classlist and the newsletter soon.



To join **Classlist** please go directly to www.classlist.com. Thank you!

You will find the calendar on the bottom of the home page on the school website under link and downloads.