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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another busy and action-packed week has passed from our Autumn Term at Shelford. On Friday, we celebrated our International Day – thank you for your support (further details below). This week, most of our Year 5 pupils have been involved in Bikeability, to secure their safe cycling skills. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been busily preparing for leading our Remembrance Service and for their Y6 Class Briefing / Assembly this week. You may recall that some time ago, a team of four Y6 pupils attended the English Challenge. They performed very well, but we weren't certain at the time as to whether they would qualify for the finals. We have been very pleased to receive a letter to invite our team to the finals at Ely Cathedral in December – very well done!

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 2 children will be delving further into their chocolate topic with two excellent experiences. On Tuesday, the Welding Institute will be visiting to undertake a chocolate welding workshop, while on Thursday, they will be visiting 'The Chocolate Lady' to experience some hands-on chocolate making. Sadly, the Year 2 team have declined my offer of supporting these experiences!

Please see the separate summary of dates, which I hope you will find helpful!

Kind regards, Mr Grey

Used book sale

Our first Used Book Sale was a tremendous success! Thank you to those who supported the event, whether by donating books and cakes, buying books and cakes ... or both! The event was extremely well attended and we received lots of positive feedback from pupils and parents. If you were not able to attend and your children would still like to purchase their personalised bookmarks, please take a small donation (10p/20p?) to your child's class and they can collect their bookmark. We have also been able to stock our school library, classroom reading corners and Rainbow Pre-School with some of the unsold books.



We raised a total of £321 which will be sent to CAMFED to thank them for their input towards our International Day. The CAMFED representatives were so impressed with our pupils and commented on how well-behaved and engaged they were.

A very special thank you must go to Mrs Kellock and the School Councillors for setting up the book sale, and to the PTFA who kindly gave up their time to run the bake sale. Thank you to everyone for your support and contribution. Enjoy your 'new' used books and perhaps due to the success of this event we will look to hold another in the future.

International Day 2018

We enjoyed a fantastic day with an international focus last Friday. We thought about one of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development: Quality Education for All.

The day began with an informative and interactive whole school assembly with the charity Campaign for Female Education (CAMFED). We considered what it might be like not to go to school. At first, many of us gave suggestions of what 'better' things we would do with our time if we weren't at school, but we were challenged to think about how this would even be possible without having been to school to learn! We also thought the absence of school in our lives would make it difficult to make friends and be successful in the future. How would we get jobs to be able to buy lovely things, let alone necessities like food, clothing and houses? We then heard about some of the children CAMFED work with and were surprised by some of the information we heard. Everyone left the assembly with a lot to think about and much to be thankful for.

CAMFED worked with all KS2 classes throughout the remainder of the day. The aims were:

- To learn about the children they work with
- To consider why school is important for fulfilling your ambitions and potential
- To see how different a child's life can be with education

Reception and KS1 shared a powerful picture book, 'The Way to School', which showed the difficult journeys some children across the world have to make just to get to school. They were shocked to see that some had to cross rivers, use dangerous bridges and even climb mountains! This seemed so different to simply walking, riding their bikes/scooters or driving to school. They shared their favourite things about school and ideas included 'making friends' and 'learning lots of new things'. They thought about what they would miss out on if they couldn't go to school and concluded that they are very fortunate. Year 2 also had fun learning about Canada, where Miss Bachewich was born! They practised line dancing, compared the weather to the UK and investigated the Canadian flag.

During the day, we shared our most recent correspondence from our partner school, St Paul's in Kenya. They sent us a beautiful, handmade flag and some collages of traditional houses. All classes admired the work and responded by making their own Union Jack flags and pictures of our homes. We very much look forward to sending these to Kenya in time for Christmas!

French Club Tomorrow

SPACES STILL REMAINING - We are holding an Extra-Curricular French Club FREE TASTER SESSION after school tomorrow. This is open to pupils in Year 1 and 2 only and will take place in the Think Tank. We are aware that some pupils attend other clubs after school on Thursdays, so please express your interest at the school office, even if your child cannot make this taster session. We may be able to arrange for a second taster session and could look to run the club on a different day of the week so as to not conflict with others.

Many thanks - Mrs Unwin

Announcements

Poppy appeal

Poppies will be available to buy from the 1st November. As in previous years, children from Year 6 will visit classes selling poppies should your child wish to buy one.

Non-uniform Day – 30th November

We will be running the usual non-uniform day on 30th November 2018 to support our Christmas Fair, which this year is part of the 'Shelford Lights Switch On'. As usual, the fee for the non-uniform is in the form of a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Netball Club

Please note that netball club will finish for the winter at the end of November and start again in February. The last session will be Monday 26 November and will resume on Monday 4 February. Please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

Samara's Aid Appeal

This year, the school will not be collecting contributions to the Operation Christmas Child project. In its place, the school will be supporting another aid appeal called Samara's Aid Appeal. We will be running this in the new year and it will be linked with our Candlemas Service.

If you do still wish to contribute to Operation Christmas Child, Great Shelford Free Church will be supporting the campaign this year.

Scooters

Please can we remind parents that all scooters should be stored in the scooter racks during the school day, rather than in the car park.

Chat with Champs Evening - helping our children live more confident and happier lives.

All Saints Little Shelford invite parents and carers to an evening with Beckie Whitehouse, Confidence and practical life-skills Champs Coach.

8pm Thursday November 8th in the North Building.

A free event with coffee and cake.

Growing up is tough in today's world.- learn tips and techniques to improve your child's confidence and resilience.

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.

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 **packed 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: £3.50, Recorders: £9 or £16, School hats: £2.50