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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to the school last week for the Parent - Teacher - Pupil Consultations. Thank you for your commitment to our working partnership in supporting your child's education.

I was also pleased to welcome so many members of the school community to the Candlemas Service, led by Year 2 and Year 5. We also were pleased to welcome Rev. Nicola Bown to St. Mary's Church, who will be working alongside Rev. Simon Tallbot. We were very grateful for your kind contributions in the collection, which will go to Samara's Aid Appeal: £120.80.

This week has seen our Year 6 pupils off on their residential visit. Mr. Cuff and I waved them off on Monday morning. Reports from the group show that they've enjoyed a wonderful time and we await their return today! We look forward to them sharing their experiences with us, especially those activities that developed their team building and communication skills! Year 5 are in the wings preparing for their residential visit next week!

Year 1 welcomed Dianne Conway to their class this week to share a variety of old toys with them, which is their new topic. This was a great hands-on experience for the pupils to understand the evolution and variety of toys in recent history.

Tomorrow, we look forward to our Arts Day. We have a wonderful array of activities that Mrs. Ashton has planned linked to the theme of colour. KS2 pupils will take part in a batik workshop and KS1 pupils will take part in a Chinese Dragon Dance session.

The Year 3 and 4 finalists for the Indoor Athletics will visit Sawston Village College for the cluster finals. We look forward to hearing about their experience of the competition in due course! In other sporting news, representatives from Year 6 will be competing in a Quicksticks competition on next Tuesday.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Cedric Gance, a Headteacher from a school in Creil, Picardie. He will be spending time shadowing the workings of the school, including some time in classes.

Working in a school, we always enjoy interesting quotes from the children. It is certainly fascinating learning their viewpoint and understanding of the life of teachers. In an interview with Year 1 last term, I was asked, "Do you live in your office?" This term, a pupil asked Miss Beck, "What was your name when you were a child?" He seemed rather surprised that her name has remained the same!

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

School safety reminders

Please can we remind everyone about the following safety issues:

- Vehicles are not permitted to use the school driveway (to drive up to the school, or for turning) during the hours of 8.30am – 9.15am and 3.00pm – 3.45pm, when there is a high volume of pedestrian activity to and from the school and Rainbow Pre-school.
- Children are not permitted to use the play equipment in the school playground outside of school hours, i.e. 8.45am – 3.30pm.

Art competition

During half term the Cambridgeshire Area Young Artists Competition will take place, hosted this year by Sawston Village College, showing artwork from schools across the county.

Our school has been asked to submit 4 pieces of Art, 2 from Key Stage 1 and 2 from Key Stage 2. The pictures that have been chosen by Mr Grey and Mrs Ashton are:

The Great Fire of London by Magnus Year 2

The Great Fire of London by Ruby Year 2

Mount Fuji by Joseph Year 3

A Woman Holding a Mirror (drawn during lunchtime Art club) by Zofia Year 6

The exhibition is open to the public to view on Saturday, 23 February: 10.00am - 5.00pm and we wish our 4 entrants every success in the competition.

Mrs Ashton

Twinning association

We are delighted to inform you that the visit to Verneuil will take place 25th – 28th May 2019 which is at the beginning of the half-term holiday. The format will be similar to last year's family visit, and is open to single adults, couples, children and family groups. If you are interested in this, please see the letter on the school website or ask for a hard copy at the school office.

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.

PTA fancy dress sale

The PTA are planning to have a second hand fancy dress sale on Thursday the 14th February at school pick up. If you have costumes to donate, please send them to the children's classroom, or if you are unable to do this you can leave them in the office.

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