



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels strange that only one week has passed since the last newsletter! As you will be able to see, there have been many events in the past week.

Harvest

The Harvest Service will take place on Monday 8th October at 2:30pm at St. Mary's, Great Shelford. We are asking all pupils to bring in dried food goods (including canned foods) to donate to a food bank – Year 3 pupils will be choosing which one to donate it to.

175th Anniversary

The events to mark our 175th anniversary took place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September. Thank you to all members of the community who were able to be involved at any level. I was particularly impressed with the museum that the pupils in Key Stage 2 had created. Again, I would like to thank Rachel Nielson and Mrs. Scott for their support in this. For those of you who were able to attend the Saturday celebrations, you will have noted how blessed we were with the sunny weather. It was a pleasure to welcome Bishop Steven to the school and share some special commemorative events with him. A huge thank you to the Governors and the PTA for their hard work in arranging a lovely series of celebratory events throughout the day.

Playground Appeal

During our 175th year, we are continuing to ask for donations to the Governor's playground appeal:

The 2018 Playground Appeal

Now Shelford School did come to life
When good Queen Vic was Albert's wife.
The local people all agreed
That children should learn how to read.
The public gave just what they could,
The rich, the poor, the great, the good.
And so by eighteen forty three
A school was there for all to see.

The school has grown as Topsy did.
Behind the church you'll find it hid.
How many have passed through its gate?
Perhaps five thousand plus to date.
The pupils now read books galore
With other subjects more and more.
But they still like to run about
And jump and climb and laugh and shout.

Alas, the tarmac where they play
Has seen many a better day.
Potholes and cracks and bumps abound
Where there should be just level ground.
The school would like to put things right
But budgets, as you'll know, are tight.
And so we hope you'll see your way
To help with cash and make our day.

Missing Items

There are a few items that were kindly donated for the museum project which are now missing. Please check you have the correct exhibits at home and return any that may have been brought home in error.

English Challenge

A team of Year 6 pupils attended the Cambridgeshire English Challenge. We were delighted to hear that they came third in the heat (out of 9 schools). The team might make it through the finals as they achieved an impressive score. The team were also commended for their performance in the memory round.

Kind regards, Mr Grey

Announcements

Road safety

As we all know, there are often issues with traffic along Church Street. However, we have recently had several reports of dangerous/inconsiderate driving during drop off and pick up times, including turning in roads and driveways. Whilst we accept that this road is not just used by people gaining access to the school, please can we remind parents to be vigilant, patient and considerate? Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Bug busting

We have had reports of **head lice** in school. Please can we ask all parents to help us achieve a head lice free school by checking your child's hair **tonight or as soon as possible**. A head lice comb and conditioner may help to identify any lice and is also a method of removing them. Please report all cases of head lice to us so that we can alert other parents in that class that they need to be more vigilant at that time. If you have any questions about removing head lice please speak to the office staff for advice.

We have also been notified that some children have contracted worms. Again, please check your child and if you feel that they may have worms, please contact your local pharmacist for treatment. Please also remind you child of general personal hygiene, washing hands well with soap etc. Thank you for your assistance.

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.

Volunteer helper/visitor lanyards

If anybody has mistakenly taken a lanyard home, please could they return it to the office. Thank you.

Change to menu Thursday 4th October

Sausage, chips, beans/peas
or
Vegetarian sausage, chips beans/peas
or
Jacket potato
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Ice cream
or
Apple pie

School Prayer meeting - Thursday 18th October.

A small group meet together each half-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 18th October at 2.15pm, so please do come along if you're free at that time. If you want any more information please contact Emily Button on e_martin84@hotmail.com.

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.

PTA newsletter

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/pta_newsletters/347838

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. Year 3 parents please be aware that free school meals are no longer available for your children unless eligible through Cambridge County Councils 'Count me in Scheme'. If you think you are eligible please ask at the office for more details. 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. The school staff can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and for which permission has been signed.

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:

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| Book bags £6.00 | Recorder books: £3.50 |
| Recorders: £8 or £15 | School hats: £2.50 |

Be happy! Be busy! Be safe! Be healthy! Be organised! Reflect! Celebrate! Be an enthusiastic learner!

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