



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 10th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is truly upon us! The temperatures are plummeting and the leaves are either beginning to put on a spectacular show or tumbling to the ground. At this time of the year, we might begin to feel like the latter group of leaves! The children have begun to establish their routine and get into the rhythm of the term, especially following the celebrations of the 175th Anniversary and our Harvest Service. Therefore, it will be increasingly important to rest when possible for the action-packed remainder of this half term, enabling them to be like one of the leaves that's cycling through a variety of colours!

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Service on Monday 8th October. It was a wonderful event that helped us all to be grateful for God's wonderful creations. A big well done to Year 3 for all their hard work in preparing and leading the service. Thank you to Reverend Talbot and the Church Wardens at St. Mary's for preparing the church for us.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting took place on Friday 5th October, where the past representatives handed over the files to our new representatives, explaining the different sections of our meeting agenda. Our next meeting is on Friday 19th October.

Y6 – Ely Cathedral

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Ely Cathedral for their Cathedral Day. They explored the Cathedral through the theme of remembrance, which culminated in poppy petals falling from the octagon tower. Each petal represented a fallen soldier.

Y5 and Y6 Transition to SVC

Mr. Woodcock from Sawston Village College will be attending Shelford on Monday 15th October. He will be available for a Q&A session from 3:30pm onwards. This is open to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and parents. The session will take place in the Think Tank.

PTA AGM

As you will read in the PTA Newsletter, there have been changes to some of the roles in the PTA. Those who attended, elected Alison Melton as the new Chair and Maria Lazarus is now an ordinary Committee Member with the responsibility of School Council Link. All other roles currently remain unchanged, but we are pleased to welcome some new Ordinary Committee Members. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PTAs work over the past year.

Class Briefings / Assemblies

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

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| 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 Class Briefings will take place on the following dates:

| Date | Class |
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| Friday 9 th November | Year 6 |
| Friday 16 th November | Year 1 |
| Friday 23 rd November | Year 2 |
| Friday 30 th November | Year 3 |
| Thursday 6 th December | Year 4 |
| Friday 14 th December | Year 5 |

Kind regards, Mr Grey

International Day - Friday 2nd November

Our next, eagerly anticipated International Day is just around the corner - the first Friday after half term break!

Our theme this year is 'Quality Education for All' and we have the pleasure in inviting 'Campaign for Female Education' (CAMFED) to school to help us learn about this key global theme.

As we are also raising the profile of reading in school this year, we will be holding a Used Book Sale at the end of the day to thank and raise money for CAMFED. Our children always take great pleasure in fundraising for good causes and what better way to do it than to recycle our old books!

Please take this opportunity to have a sort out of your old books (new/nearly new/good used condition) to donate to this event. Donations can be taken to your child's class from now up until Thursday 1st November. Our School Council will set up our sale and organise books into age ranges. We hope to have some cakes and biscuits on sale as well as the opportunity to purchase special bookmarks your children will have made in school.

Any unsold books will be donated to our school library.

Whether you are baking and donating books or purchasing books and sweet treats, please help support our Used Book Sale event raising funds for CAMFED!

Many thanks - Mrs Unwin

Announcements

Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations

Appointments for these have now been allocated. If you have not returned your preferences to the school office, an appointment will have been allotted to you in an available space. Please look out for your appointment slips which will come home in book bags on Friday. **Please note that after school clubs run by Premier sport will still go ahead on these days.**

Parking: Church Street

Unfortunately, we have had several complaints from local residents regarding parking on Church Street. We would like to remind everyone to park responsibly, with utmost respect for the safety of others and the access to local residents' properties.

Kingsdale Court (Peacocks)

We have had a letter of complaint from the Area Manager for FirstPort Retirement Property Services. It has been brought to his attention that an increasing number of parents are parking on this development whilst waiting to collect their children. This is a private road, mainly housing elderly residents and those with mobility issues, and parking is not permitted in this road. Thank you for your consideration with this.

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.

Volunteer helper/visitor lanyards

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

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!

Ofsted Good Provider
Cambridgeshire County Council
University of Cambridge Faculty of Education Partner School 2017-2018
The Church of England Diocese of Ely
SSO Sports Cambridge
SCHOOL GAMES SILVER 2017/18
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