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'From Knowledge Wisdom Flows'

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this week's newsletter finds you well. We have been commencing the new term with a variety of exciting and engaging events around school. This week, Y2 turned the School Church Garden into the seaside, complete with ice-cream making and a beach area! This marks the entry to their focus on the Seaside. Meanwhile, in their work on gardens and allotments, Y2 pupils planted a variety of vegetables in the raised beds.

On a similar theme, many of you will know that our weekly wildlife garden club has been led by Bridget Hodge, a volunteer. Sadly, Bridget is no longer able to run the lunchtime club. We are hugely grateful to her for her support of the school and the work she has completed with pupils. I know that the pupils and Bridget have shared many happy memories together in developing and maintaining our wildlife garden.

Pupils from Y1 to Y5 have been / will be trialling the active learning spaces in the hall. Adults and pupils have been very interested and excited to research and explore the different opportunities and settings for learning activities. We are grateful to Mrs. McCrone for her time and support in developing the trial with us.



I was very pleased to hear from Zambesi Sunrise Trust this week with respect to some of the uniform that we have donated to the Linda Community School in Livingstone (left). Further uniform has arrived and the Commonwealth Trust have created a video about how a new classroom has been developed. Spot the feature snippet that includes a Shelford jumper!

<http://thecommonwealth.org/media/news/lawyers-fund-new-classroom-building-zambia>

Today, we welcomed Devil's Dyke Morris Men to the school to perform for KS1 and KS2. Some of our pupils also took part in learning some of the key moves for a dance (right)!



With best wishes,

Chris Grey

Announcements

Music Lessons – SATs week (W/C 13th May)

Please note that there will be no music lessons during this week (with the possible exception of guitar on Friday). Instead the following teachers will offer parent consultations and taster sessions for children who may be interested in taking up an instrument:

Mr Bond – Piano

Miss Roberts – Woodwind

Mrs Hopkins – violin

Shelford School Bug Busting!

We have had reports of head lice in school so we would ask all parents to help us achieve a head lice free school by agreeing to wash, comb and thoroughly check your child's hair **tonight or as soon as possible, please**. A head lice comb and conditioner on your child's hair helps 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 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.

Little Shelford Wildlife Club: pond dipping

All are welcome to join in a pond-dipping session on Sunday 26th May at 3pm at Bradmere Pond (access via the lane on the right just beyond the triangle on Whittlesford Road as you leave Little Shelford).

Bring nets and a bucket if you have them - and wellington boots.

Shelford Twinning Association

From personal experience, I know you'll have a fabulous time regardless of how much French you can/cannot speak. The important thing is engaging with hosts: learning about culture, language (a bit of sign language thrown in as well) and having a wonderful time with the hosts as well as being part of a wonderful English group.

The cost of the visit is £95 per adult and £70 per child (Y7 and under) no other expenses other than maybe purchasing some souvenirs to bring back to the UK.

If you'd like to join us then you need to contact Sarah Haddow (tel: 01223 845942; email sarah.haddow@talk21.com) by Saturday 4th May and then deliver or post your payment to Keith Haddow, 24 Mingle Lane, Stapleford, CB22 5SY.

Colin Jefferson
Chairman - Shelford Twinning Association

Upper Key Stage 2 Performance

This year, our Year 5s and 6s will be leading the summer performance on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June. Further details to follow!

Choir Event for Year 5 and 6

The older members of the choir have been invited to sing at a primary school cluster event, at the University Concert Hall, West Road, Cambridge on Friday 14th June at 6.30pm until 8.15pm. The Cluster rehearsal is in the morning of May 17th.

Dress for the weather

Please ensure all pupils have named jumpers and coats available in school, especially as we are heading into unpredictable spring and summer weather. Please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before school and provide a hat if the weather is predicted to be hot. Please ensure that your child wears enclosed toe footwear and not open toe sandals.

Term dates for next year

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

Parking

As usual, please remember that the school car park is unfortunately too small to accommodate parents. As you will be aware, the roadside near to the school is particularly congested. Please ensure safe parking at all times and consider that we all play our part within the Shelford community. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

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.