



## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are nearing the beginning of our festive season, it was wonderful to take a moment on Monday, with the help of GenR8, to pause and reflect. In their Christmas Assembly entitled 'No Room', we were encouraged to slow down at Christmas time, ensuring that we remember why we are celebrating and ensuring that we allow room for Christ and Christmas. As we are about to enter Advent, we remember that this is a time of hopeful expectation and preparation.

In preparation for the 'Great Shelford Lights Switch-On' on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, I would like to remind you that pupils are asked to come in non-uniform on Friday. In light of this, pupils are asked for a contribution in the form of a bottle! These will be collected by PTA representatives.

There will be a huge array of events on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December based around the Memorial Hall. The PTA have been collaborating with the Parish Council and Shelford PlayScape to make the switch-on event a real success, so please support where you can! Great Shelford Free Church will also be offering an interesting opportunity and have the following message to share:

Sunday's festivities will include a chance to 'Get in the Picture'. This is how it works; right next to where the choir will be performing, you will find a 'stable' along with a life - size cut-out of Mary, Joseph And baby Jesus, and a super range of costumes - shepherds, angels and wise men - in both adult and child sizes. Come along as a family, dress up and get snapping! Taking photos on your own phones or cameras means there's no need for consent forms as all the pictures remain your own property and responsibility. There's no charge, and it's a great way to get in touch with the 'real' Christmas.

As in former years, the choir's diary is booking up fast! They will be performing at the Lights Switch-On on Sunday to ensure the visitors are all in the festive spirit! Those singing will need to gather at 5.30pm by the Christmas tree. Make sure you dress for the weather in warm clothes. Further to this, pupils from the choir who are in Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Scotsdales to perform at the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre Christmas Lunch on 4<sup>th</sup> December. In addition, this year choir members from Year 4, 5 and 6 will be walking to All Saints Church, Little Shelford to perform on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

In less-festive news, Year 1 and 2 will be taking part in their Science Day tomorrow. Year 1 will focus on skeletons and Year 2 on digestion. Some Year 5 and 6 pupils will be representing the school as they take part in the cross country competition this Friday.

On a final more-festive note, our pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently practising for their nativity performance. The lyrics of 'flared nostrils' are echoing down the corridor from the hall... but don't panic, the children are referring to camels.

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

## Announcements

### **Nativity tickets**

We are in the process of allocating tickets for Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 families. If you have not yet returned your preference slip to the office, please could you do so as soon as possible? If a preference slip is not returned you will be allocated two tickets where space is available, but will not be entered into the draw for an extra ticket. Thank you.

### **Non-uniform Day THIS FRIDAY! – 30<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be running the usual non-uniform day this Friday 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.

### **Carols by Candlelight**

As per the dates that were sent out previously, Carols by Candlelight (led by Key Stage 2) will take place at St. Mary's, Great Shelford at 6:00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Parking**

Please can we remind parents not to park on double yellow lines as this frequently causes obstructions which add to the traffic issues along Church Street. Further to this, if you need to turn your vehicle, please be respectful of the property of others and consider pedestrians at the busy periods of the day. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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

### **Class Briefings / Assemblies**

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

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 remaining Class Briefings will take place on the following dates:

Date	Class
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5

### **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](http://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**