



## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have entered our first week in advent, I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Since our last newsletter, our pupils have continued to take part in a variety of engaging activities. Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed their Science Day, led by a representative from Mundipharma. Indiana Bones, the skeleton, enjoyed his time in the office welcoming people in the morning, before visiting Year 1 for their skeleton workshop. Meanwhile, Year 2 focused on digestion and enjoyed a very hands-on approach to understanding some key bodily functions!

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 from our tournaments club attended the Cross Country event on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. We were very proud of their efforts. In particular, we saw some excellent examples of good sportsmanship in how they supported other children. We also heard how Dillon W qualified for a medal, as he made it into second place for the Year 5 boys – very well done!

Thank you to all of you who supported the PTAs involvement at the Light Switch-On on Sunday: whether by donating a bottle on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, purchasing items at the event or volunteering your time and hard work. It was a pleasure to see so many members of the school, parish and village communities come together. A particular thank you to the PTA for their endeavours in organising the event. I have already received one letter from a member of the community to congratulate the school on the event, which stated 'Brilliant! They have set the bar very high. Same again, please, next time!'

Yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 choir members attended the Cambridge Cancer Care Centre, to sing during their Christmas lunch. We were very proud of their performance and were pleased to make further positive contributions to the local community. In other choir news, the Year 4, 5 and 6 choir members' next public engagement is at All Saints Church on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11:00am. Parents are welcome to attend this and should make their way directly to All Saints. On a final choral note, Year 6 will be singing at the community centre for a local group on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Yesterday, we were very pleased to welcome representatives from Zambezi Sunrise Trust, who lead an assembly to thank the pupils and families for their support. The PTA have been sending unclaimed, unnamed uniform to them through their charity work. We learned that Shelford uniforms will soon be worn by pupils in Linda Community School in Livingston, Zambia. They outlined that all pupils in Zambia require a uniform to attend school and were grateful for our school's support.

We would also like to remind you that the Year 4 parent briefing and assembly takes place tomorrow – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December and commences at 2:00pm.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the children in Early Years and KS1 have been rehearsing for their Nativity performance, 'Born in a Barn'. The two performances are on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The office team have kindly allocated tickets for these performances to families of Early Years and KS1 children. As you will already know, our KS2 children will be leading the Carols by Candlelight service on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm at St. Mary's. As in previous years, pupils are requested to attend in green, red, silver and gold clothes!

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

## Announcements

### **Flu vaccinations – TOMORROW – (Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

Flu vaccinations will take place tomorrow for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5. If you wanted your child to be vaccinated, permission for this should have been given online. If you have given your permission for this, but have since changed your mind or your child has been vaccinated in the meantime, please pick up a 'withdrawal of consent' form from the school office.

### **Christmas Post box**

The post box is now in the main entrance next to the Year 2 classroom for children to post their Christmas cards if they wish.

### **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 Candelmas 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
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**