



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe how quickly this term has flown – however, having looked back at the past newsletters, it has been an exceptionally busy, productive and positive term.

Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils have completed three excellent performances of 'Born in a Barn', where the pupils demonstrated some excellent performance skills. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who have supported to make this possible and thanks to the PTA for their welcome refreshments at the end of the performances.

Key Stage 2 have now taken on the festive baton and will be leading Carols by Candlelight tomorrow at 6:00pm at St. Mary's. Pupils need to arrive at the back doors of the school hall at 5:45pm in their smart festive clothes in colours of red, green, gold and silver. Children in the orchestra should drop their instruments off at the church from 5.30pm **before** coming to school. At the end of the service, there will be a collection for Save the Children. Pupils will briefly return to the school site and will be collected from the usual green gates to ensure they are safely returned to adults. We look forward to welcoming everyone who wishes to attend.

We still have one Class Briefing for our Year 5 parents – this Friday at 2:00pm! Further details are below.

On Tuesday 18th December, we will be working with GenR8 to lead our RE day linked to the theme of 'self-control', one of the fruits of the spirit. The term concludes on Wednesday 19th December with our Shelford Christmas Day. Pupils will take part in a school service and spend time in their houses during the day. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day, in support of Save the Children – the recommended donation is £1.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the recent nativity performances and I look forward to welcoming more of you during the Carols by Candlelight Service.

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

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 – TOMORROW! (Thurs 13th Dec)

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 13th December.

Orchestra

Orchestra will start again on Monday 7th January.

Changes to lunch menu NEXT WEEK!

Monday 17th Dec

Sausage & Mash

or

Pasta bake

or

Jacket potato

Chocolate cake

or

Shortbread

Tuesday 18th Dec

Fish & chips

or

Quorn dippers

or

Jacket potato

Ice cream

or

Iced bun



Wednesday 19th Dec – School Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey, chipolata, bacon roll, sage & onion stuffing & gravy

or

Festive vegetarian loaf

or

Baked potato

Plum pudding with vanilla sauce or custard

or

Christmas cookie

or

Chocolate Krispie cake



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 14 th 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 . 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