



## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week seems to be a week full of transformations! Today we enter Lent and our thoughts turn to living more simply, as we remember Jesus' time in the desert. As we journey through Lent, we will be taking part in several Lenten challenges in school!

Noticeably, the library has undergone its drastic improvements. A very active team of willing volunteers have been supporting us in our quest to refurbish the library. It is astonishing to note that within just two days, the room has been completely stripped, prepared for decoration and the first parts of painting have already commenced. We have some very exciting plans for this room and are looking forward to making this a very special library for our pupils. As you will probably know, our love of reading (along with our reading results) tends to be one of the school's many strengths. We are hugely grateful to the PTA for enabling the works to go ahead financially, to Mrs. Kellock for her planning and organisation and to the amazing volunteers who have helped to design and transform the library!

As you may be aware, this project has transformed our Think Tank into a temporary library! Today, tomorrow and Friday, the Think Tank will be transformed (again) into our visiting Book Fair after school. Please come along and have a look at the titles available. There are often some fantastic offers and a good range of texts. The school receives a small commission on the sales, which enables us to buy more texts for the children's class and school libraries!

I hope you are also all ready for the transformations that are to occur tomorrow for World Book Day! Be prepared to encounter a wide variety of different characters loose around Shelford! We look forward to spending the day with a focus on sharing our love of reading. As you will be aware, teachers have chosen ways to theme their activities in each class.

On Friday, we will also welcome some 'living books' to our Live Library event, where members of the community from a range of generations will work with Years 5 and 6 to share information and questions! This event is part of our Lenten Challenge, which is set by Bishop Stephen each year.

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey a.k.a. Fantastic Mr. Fox

## Announcements

### **Class Briefings**

The Year 3 Class Briefing will take place this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm. Further dates for class briefings can be found below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm	Year 3
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm	Year 2
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March at 2:00pm	Year 1
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm	Year 4
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm	Year 5

### **Instrumentalist concerts for children learning instruments in school**

Our annual Instrumentalists' concerts will take place on:

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm (Years 2, 3 & 4 Pianists) - no tickets are necessary for this concert.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm – 7.45pm (Y5 and Y6 pianists, **all** instrumentalists and **all** orchestra members will perform). Children will need to arrive at 6.10pm with their instrument and music and wear school uniform. Initially, two tickets per family for children performing will be issued. If you would like more tickets, please give your name to the office and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you to these excellent events.

### **Term dates for next year**

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

### **Headlice/threadworms**

Unfortunately, we have had a case of threadworms in school. Please be vigilant and check for child(ren) for signs of these. For further information, please see the letter on the website, or ask for a hard copy at the office. Please can we also ask that you make regular checks on your child for headlice. Thank you.

### **Volunteers needed for Forest School sessions**

In order to maintain a safe ratio of adults to children we are looking for some more volunteers to help us carry out regular 'forest school' sessions every Wednesday afternoon in Reception after half term. If you think you might enjoy spending a couple of hours helping to make dens, crawl under low branches, create a mud pie or find a bug or two out on the meadow or in the wildlife area, please let the office know or speak to a member of the Reception Team. You do not need to commit to helping every week, but if you are able to sign up for just one session, your help will be much appreciated. For more information, please see the letter attached.

Thank you, Mrs Clarke

### **Forest School (Year 3)**

Year 3 will not be doing Forest School this Thursday, World Book Day but will have their final session with Mrs Clarke on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. As part of our assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Year 3 would like to share some of their forest school activities with parents outside in the school grounds.

### **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.

## **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. 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**