



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have seen many of you on the gate in the mornings and it is noticeable how we are all wrapping up with an increasing number of layers! With the colder weather in mind currently, we aim to keep the site as safe as possible and plan to continue to grit and clear the site as necessary. Having said this, please continue to take care during icy or snowy conditions if they arrive! We aim to keep the school open as usual. In the exceptional and unlikely event that the school were to close, we will post a message on the school website and notify Radio Cambridgeshire for inclusion in their schools closures list.

On that very note, I have just returned from gritting the drive! As you will gather from that, we are currently advertising a Caretaker Vacancy. If you know of a suitable candidate, please signpost them to the vacancy that is listed on our website.

Moving on from the stereotypically British discussion of the weather ... our pupils have enjoyed another excellent week at Shelford since our last newsletter. On Thursday 17th January, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils welcomed Sports Leaders from Sawston Village College to school. They led the Indoor Athletics competition for our pupils. The Year 3 and Year 4 finalists are listed on the website and will take place at an inter-school competition in February. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been welcoming representatives from Astra Zeneca to school to support with the Energy Challenge. The pupils are currently designing experiments based on the kilojoules of energy contained within foods. It was also lovely to welcome another group of parent volunteers with an induction session last week. On this note, we are continually grateful for the support that you all offer to the school – thank you!

Looking ahead to next week, our Parents' Consultations will be taking place next week. I look forward to seeing you on one of those evenings.

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

Parent/Pupil/Teacher consultations

Please look out for appointment slips for these which will be coming home with children today.

Art Club

There are still some spaces for art club (for years 3 – 6) on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (£12.50 for 5 sessions). If your child is interested in attending please ask at the office for a form.

Netball Club

Netball Club will start on Monday 4 February and the last session will be Monday 24 June. Clubs will still take place during the weeks of the Grafham Water and Burwell residential trips. Please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

Art Day

We are looking forward to our third annual Art Day which will take place on Thursday February 7th. This year, one of the activities will be a batik workshop for Years 3-6 led by local artist Sarah Hutchinson. We would be extremely grateful if any parents could assist with the batik, helping the children in small groups in the Think Tank to use the hot wax and inks with Sarah. We need volunteers for both Thursday 7th and Friday 8th of February as batik is quite a lengthy process. Years 6 and 3 will have their workshop on Thursday and Years 5 and 4 on Friday.

If you are able to offer any help, please could you let the office know.

Many thanks
Rosamund Ashton

Retiring volunteers

We would like to thank two of our long-standing volunteers, who have given their time to Shelford School for many years, who are now retiring.

Rosie Cranmer has been part of our school for over 25 years! She was initially a teacher here and then regularly read with children in Year 2. She ran the very popular Badminton club for children in Year 6 for many years, although she hasn't been able to do it this year due to back problems.

John Street has encouraged our children to enjoy the great outdoors by helping with the weekly Wildlife Garden Club.

We would like to send them a token of our appreciation, so if you would like to contribute to this a collection will be started in the school office. Thank you!

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.

Lost items

We have a number of lost items in the office (various watches and two silver rings amongst other things). If you think that we may have something that belongs to you, please speak to a member of the office team.

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.

Parents prayer meeting - Thursday 14th February

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. It's fine to bring little ones, we have plenty of toys! We will be meeting at The Lodge, Kings Mill Lane, Great Shelford on Thursday 14th February at 2pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time. If you want any more information please contact Emily Button on e_martin84@hotmail.com.

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 . 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