

Shelford School News

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Important letters

This week's newsletter is packed with important news. Please do take time to read it carefully so as not to miss anything. In addition there are 4 important letters coming to you in separate emails for your attention, some requiring your response. Please do not miss these:

1. Swimming arrangements for next term – [information to return](#)
2. The new general data protection regulation (GDPR) – [photograph & video consent to return](#)
3. Letter from the NSPCC – [dates to note](#) for assemblies in the first week back
4. Letter about Years 4, 5 & 6 Mental Health surveys in the first week back – [consent form to be returned](#)

PTA Summer Fair thanks

Thank you for joining us on Saturday for a wonderful school fair. Thank you particularly to everyone who played a part in some way or other to contribute to this excellent afternoon. Special thanks must go to Maria Lazarus, Holly Gregory, Matt Bell and the hard working PTA committee and class reps who did fantastic work to achieve an amazing fair - we really appreciate your hard work and great dedication.

Outdoor Learning Curriculum Days

The children have been undertaking part of their learning outside on Tuesday (KS2) and Wednesday (KS1) this week to celebrate the school's increasing emphasis on taking learning outdoors, and to mark May's National Outdoor Classroom Day. Children are becoming more used to having lessons outside when appropriate for the learning that they are doing. Research and our own experience show many benefits including improved focus, well-being and team-building skills.

Mrs Clarke (Outdoor Learning Leader) will shortly add to the outdoor learning pages on the school website but there's already plenty of information about this for your to enjoy.

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/outdoor_curriculum/295285

School Choir and Orchestra concert – Shelford Free Church – 7.00pm, today (23rd May)

This excellent annual school choir and orchestra concert led by Mrs Barlow takes place **this evening** at 7.00pm for about 50mins.

I am grateful to the Free Church for hosting this event so that, with more space, we can open up this invitation to governors, friends of the school and parents of younger children, if you wish to attend. No tickets required!

Be Happy. Be Busy. Be Safe. Be Healthy. Be Organised. Reflect. Celebrate. Be an Enthusiastic Learner.

Please bring your child to the main entrance of the Free Church, Great Shelford with their instrument at **6.40pm**. Parents will then be asked to gather in the back room where a drink will be served by the PTA before the start of the performance for those who wish it. Please note that drinks can not be taken into the sanctuary. Choir and orchestra members should attend in a choir T-shirt and dark coloured skirt/trousers (no jeans please), and bring a water bottle. Thank you.

Ascension Service and Picnic

Please do join us tomorrow, Thursday 24th May for our Ascension Day Service at St Mary's at 11.15am and then afterwards at the Wale Recreation Ground for our annual picnic. A small group of pupils from Year 4 will be reading and praying in the service.

Please ensure that all KS2 children bring their own packed lunch for this event, unless they are entitled to a free school meal.

The picnic is always an idyllic event and is much loved by us all. **We need helpers to walk to and from the recreation ground with the children** – if you are able to help with this (even if for one way), please contact the school office and let us know. We are getting a little worried as we have very few names so far and will struggle to meet the required adult to pupil safety ratios. Thank you.

Gymnastics Club/Woodwind lessons

Please note that there will be no gymnastics club or woodwind lessons tomorrow, Thursday 24th May.

SMART watches and mobile phones in school

A very small number of children have recently brought SMART watches with the facility to video, record and photograph into school. Please be advised that, for safeguarding reasons, these are not permitted on the school site.

May I also remind all parents that children are also not permitted to bring mobile phones onto site.

Staffing

Reception parents and children will have certainly noticed Mrs Warne's absence in recent weeks. Unfortunately she has sustained a back injury and, despite significant physio, is not making as swift a recovery as we had all wished. Regrettably, she has been signed off work for another three weeks. I am hugely grateful to Mrs Sarah Murray and Mrs Emma Harrison (the school's casual TAs) for their fantastic commitment in covering this absence to date. We all send Mrs Warne our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Given that we have lost the use of our casual TAs across the school now that they are covering in Reception class, I would welcome hearing from anyone who is interested in applying for a casual TA role at the school (occasional hours as and when needed). Please do catch me outside, ring me or email me at office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk Thank you.

Professional Training Day Friday 25th May – School Closure

There is no school on Friday. We all hope that you enjoy a good half term. We will look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th June.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Volunteer required for Netball Club

A volunteer is required to help coach Year 5/6 alongside Mrs Crew on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm. The sessions are fun and it is rewarding to see the children's skills develop. A knowledge of netball is essential along with the requirement to attend each week and the capacity to attend occasional after-school tournaments, two of which are in May. The necessary volunteer application form, DBS checks and induction session can all be easily completed via school. For more information, please enquire at the School office or email rachel.crew@frog.co.uk

Dates for next academic year (including INSET days):

Autumn Term 2018	Spring Term 2019	Summer Term 2019
Tuesday 4 th September 2018 to Wednesday 19 th December 2018 inclusive	Thursday 3 rd January 2019 to Friday 5 th April 2019 inclusive	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 to Wednesday 24 th July 2019 inclusive
Half term Monday 22 nd October 2018 to Friday 26 th October 2018 inclusive	Half term Monday 18 th February 2019 to Friday 22 nd February 2019 inclusive	Half term: Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2019 inclusive May Day: Monday 6 th May 2019
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesday 4th September 2018 2. Wednesday 5th September 2018 3. Thursday 3rd January 2019 4. Friday 4th January 2019 5. Friday 24th May 2019 		

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 18th May 2018

<p>This half term's Secrets of Success focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push yourself <p>Headteacher's Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Wheeler • Luke Welchman • Joel Dennington • Rory Wall • Archie Meikle • Daniel Lockey <p>Star Writer (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarded this week <p>Maths Investigator Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellie Moss <p>Pen Licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarded this week 	<p>Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarded this week <p>Golden Mile – 75 Miles Emerald (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not awarded this week <p>Celia (10 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleanor Harris-Wright <p>Cyril</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Kellock <p>Care of Books (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 <p>Dinner winners (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception <p>Silver bins (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 • Year 5 <p>This week's house winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owls
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Summer Fair: * THANK YOU! *****

A very big THANK YOU to one and all for supporting the Summer Fair in so many different ways and making it such a fun afternoon! At the time of writing we are waiting for expenses, silent auction payments etc so don't know the final figures...however it is looking like we matched last year's profits, which is a fantastic! We have had lots of lovely feedback from across the community about the event, so thank you all for making it possible.

Silent Auction

All lucky bidders in the Silent Auction should have received a message from the auction team by now. Congratulations! Please arrange to collect your items/vouchers from the Auction team and make payments by cash or cheques payable to Shelford School PTA. Thank you very much!



Camp Out: Friday 15th June

We have some exciting news! Cambridge Woodland Academy are coming to the Camp Out! Mark, who you may have met already at the Fair, will be joining us to run fantastic nature-based activities for all Camp Out overnight and evening guests.

All inclusive Camp Out tickets cost £10 per person. This includes BBQ, nature activities, 'campfire entertainment', pitch and breakfast. Evening only tickets cost £6 per person and include BBQ and nature activities.

Please reserve your tickets via Classlist (or pta@shelfordschool.org.uk) and pay from Thursday onwards (look out for us selling tickets at the gate!).



PTA Challenge: Sunday 1st July

To take part in this year's PTA Challenge, the **London to Cambridge bike ride** on **Sunday 1st July**, see <https://www.bike-events.co.uk/Ride.aspx?id=631&n=y>.

Join the team by clicking 'Book Now', choose 'team entry' and search for '**The Go Bradley's (Shelford School PTA) team**'. Entry costs £23.50 per person. The organisers provide coach travel for an extra cost but we plan to travel together by train from Cambridge around 6.45am.

Matt Bell will be getting a Classlist group together to offer some group training on Sundays, increasing the distances each week and stopping for lunch along the way. Perfect training for the Challenge! Further info from Matt on 07973 225612, via Classlist, or matt@directredmedia.com.



MAMILs ride again!!

Our MAMILs are in action again – now under their new name of Shelford CC! They will be taking on the 80 mile Tour of Cambridgeshire Gran Fondo on 3rd June in aid of the school. Go Shelford CC! For more info and to support the team please head to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shelfordcc>. Thank you.



Classlist

78% of us are now on **Classlist!** To join please go directly to www.classlist.com. Thank you!

You will find the calendar on the bottom of the home page on the school website under link and downloads.

Useful links:

- St Mary's Church, Great Shelford
<http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/>
- All Saints Church, Little Shelford
<http://www.allsaintslittleshelford.org/>
- The Free Church, Great Shelford
<http://www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk/>
- The Wacky Afterschool and Holiday Club
<http://www.wackyclub.co.uk/>
- The Rainbow Pre-School
<http://www.rainbowshelford.co.uk/>