



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write to you this week, we are in the midst of our Admissions Tours for Reception 2019. It has been wonderful to welcome new families and those already part of the Shelford community to share a glimpse into daily life at Shelford. As part of the presentation, we explained the school's priorities and approaches that makes Shelford a unique school. It was pleasing to see this in action as we toured the school.

Both in our Admissions Tours and our Ofsted letter, our engaging, broad and balanced curriculum was acknowledged. One example of this in action was Year 2's recent visit to 'The Chocolate Lady', linked to their chocolate topic. The children enjoyed making a variety of items and understanding the processes involved in making the products.

This Friday 23rd November, the Twinning Association will be holding a Gouté in the Think Tank at 3:15pm, where you can find out more about the twinning visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte, as well as sample some French delicacies!

Next week, GenR8 will be attending on Monday 26th November to share their Christmas Collective Worship - 'No Room' - with us. On Thursday 29th November, Year 1 and 2 will take part in their Science Day, exploring key scientific enquiry skills. At the end of next week, on Friday 30th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day in support of the PTA's light switch on event – please bring a bottle to donate!

We would like to publicly say a big 'thank you' to the Sawston Fun Run. Some of the funds they raised were allocated to local schools to undertake further training with staff linked to supporting mental health needs. We are very grateful for the support they have shown the local cluster schools and we are pleased to have booked our staff training for February 2019.

Another organisation that has shown great support to the school is the Wellcome Trust, based at the Genome Campus. A small legacy was left by a parent of Duxford CE Community Primary School. The Wellcome Trust have enabled this legacy to be enhanced to provide support for some local schools to undertake their training and work towards achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark. We are hoping to commence this in March 2019, thanks to their generous support of local schools.

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

Nativity

Please look out for a letter in your child's book bag, regarding this year's Nativity play if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Lost items

We have several watches, a ring and some bike keys which have been handed in to the office. If you feel that any of these might belong to you or your child, please speak to the office staff. Thank you.

Non-uniform Day – 30th November

We will be running the usual non-uniform day on 30th November 2018 to support our Christmas Fair, which this year is part of the 'Shelford Lights Switch On'. As usual, the fee for the non-uniform is in the form of a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Shelford Twinning Association

Parents and pupils are warmly invited to meet representatives of the Shelford Twinning Association on Friday November 23rd from 3.15pm in school. There will be French pastries and drinks for all, free of charge! Do come along and hear more about the forthcoming trips to our twinned village of Verneuil en Halatte.

Sarah Haddow.

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. Thank you.

Netball Club – last session next Monday

The last session will be Monday 26 November and will resume on Monday 4 February. Please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

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:

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| 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 |
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| Friday 23 rd November | Year 2 |
| Friday 30 th November | Year 3 |
| Thursday 6 th December | Year 4 |
| 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