

Shelford School News

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School letter No. 28/16

26th April 2017

Go Ape

Thank you so much to the great crowd of people who took part in this event on Sunday to raise funds for the school. Thank you especially from the staff team and me for your great support for us. I am grateful to each of the 10 staff team members for their willingness to take part. It was good to have the full range from very confident at heights to terrified, though I have to say that it was a little unnerving to have the very confident Miss Wesley bouncing on the boards so much in front of me! It was especially inspiring to have the children encouraging all the staff, and to have my own words repeated back to me "Well done, Mrs Evans, now just focus on the next step." It was worth it for that.

Department for Education letter

Thank you to everyone who responded to the National Funding Formula Consultation recently. This is the response received this week, for your information.

Dear Mrs Evans

We received a number of letters from parents at your school about the national funding formula for schools. We are replying to the school directly, and would be grateful if you could share this response with all parents.

Thank you for correspondence regarding the schools national funding formula.

The government has protected the core schools budget in real terms overall. This year, it is the largest ever on record, totalling over £40 billion. This is set to increase to £42 billion by 2019-20 as pupil numbers rise over the next two years.

The current funding system is, however, based on data that is a decade or more out of date and does not support the government's ambition for all children to be able to fulfil their potential and succeed in adult life. Similar local areas and schools receive very different levels of funding, with little or no justification. The government is committed to introducing a national funding formula for schools in 2018-19 that will calculate schools' funding allocations consistently and transparently, using an up-to-date assessment of need.

Introducing a national funding formula is a major reform and the government has consulted widely on its proposals. The department has made available a significant amount of data to help schools, governors, local authorities and parents to understand the impact of the proposed formula, if it had been introduced in 2016-17. The illustrative figures can be found at:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

We are grateful to everyone who has taken the time to highlight their views on school funding and the proposed formula as part of the formal consultation. The department has received a significant number of responses, which will be reviewed in detail. The government will publish its response to the consultation in the summer.

The introduction of a national funding formula will mean a fairer distribution of funding between schools. The government does know, however, that schools are facing increasing cost pressures. As in other public services, these pressures will include salary increases, the introduction of the National Living Wage, increases to employers' National Insurance and pension scheme contributions, and the apprenticeship levy.

The government will continue to provide advice and support to schools to help them use their funding in cost-effective ways, and improve the way they procure goods and services so that they get the best possible value for their pupils. The department has published a wide range of tools and support to help schools, and these are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/schools-financial-health-and-efficiency>

Schools could save, on average, up to 10 per cent by making use of the government's national energy deal, and over 40 per cent by using the national deal for printers and photocopiers. There is also well-established evidence, from the Education Endowment Foundation, of significant scope for better deployment of staff in schools. The department has also launched a school buying strategy to support schools to save at least £1 billion by 2019-20 in non-staffing costs. The strategy can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-buying-strategy>

Thank you again for writing.

Your correspondence has been allocated reference number 2017-0020243. If you need to respond to us, please visit: <https://www.education.gov.uk/contactus> and quote your reference number.

As part of our commitment to improving the service we provide to our customers, we are interested in hearing your views and would welcome your comments via our website at:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YBK1O/>

Yours sincerely

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Shelford School Safety

The School Safety poster is attached once again this week, in case you haven't already read it. Please do drive safely and with consideration as you park in the village and walk to the school with your child. We are encouraged by the police to log any incidents with them. I would therefore suggest the following:

1. Please ring 101 and log the details with the police.
2. Please email the Parish Council (parishclerkgreatshelford@gmail.com) and the School (office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) with the details so that we can both keep a log.

Thank you for your support for our children's safety.

Volunteer helper induction sessions

All new volunteers must attend a Volunteer Helpers' Induction session before working in class. The next date for this is Wednesday 14th June at 9.00am. Please let the office know if you would like to book a place.

Bank Holiday

Please remember the Bank Holiday closure on Monday 1st May – we will see you on Tuesday 2nd May.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

After school one to one tuition with Mrs Unwin

A space has become available with Mrs Jenny Unwin for one to one tuition after school. The sessions take place in school on Thursdays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The course consists of 10 sessions and costs £384. If you are interested for your child please contact the office as soon as possible. Sessions start tomorrow Thursday 27th April.

Netball tournament (Tuesday 25th April)

On Tuesday Year 5 netball players went to a netball tournament at Netherhall School. We didn't win any games but we all played well. The tournament was stopped at half-time as it was freezing and very windy. We all enjoyed playing apart from the cold. Thank you to Miss Beck and Mrs Crew for organising everything!

Eleanor Crew Year 5

School Uniform prices

ITEM	PRICE
Cardigans	£10.05
Jumpers	£8.55
Polo shirts	£6.45
Fleeces	£11.25
Storm jackets	£17.95
Ruck sacks	£10.75
Book bags	£6.00

The teal sweatshirts for next year's Year 6 children are now available to order online.

School Uniform

Uniform is now 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.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers as part of the Active Kids scheme run by Sainsbury's which will enable us to claim sport and cooking equipment for our children to use in school. Any vouchers will be gratefully received in the special collection box in the office. Thank you for your support in this.

Change to school meal tomorrow (Thurs 27th April)

Please note that the cheesecake will be replaced with fudge tart.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term will be £60.75, if your child has a school meal every day.

We would be grateful if you made every effort to pay for school lunches 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.



The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on the following websites:-

<http://www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk/primary> (primary school meals home page)

<http://www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk/primary-menus> (primary school menus)

Please be aware that 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. If payment is not received then we regret that school meals will be withdrawn and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child until the payment is made. Thank you for your understanding in this.

The Cambridgeshire Catering Service is able to accommodate special dietary requirements in the event of a medically defined need. Please speak to the school office for the relevant form.

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
- Recorders: £8 or £15
- Recorder books: £3.50
- School hats: £2.50

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 21st April 2017

This half term's Secrets of Success focus: • Concentration Headteacher's Award (4 house points): • Aashna Mehta • Ella Gregory • Maxwell Armstrong • Tommy Howarth Star Writer (4 house points): • Teddy Page Maths Investigator Award (4 house points): • None this week Pen Licence • None this week Music: Grade 1 Piano • Jonathan Cartwright • Eleanor Crew • Edith White • Theo Lury Grade 2 Oboe • Eira Sheridan	Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points): • Eddie Cousins • Beatrice Parsons Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points): • Humphrey White Celia (10 house points) • Joseph Richardson & Humphrey White Cyril (staff member) • Mrs Kennedy for excellent French lessons Care of Books (2 house points per class member) • Year 3 Dinner winners (2 house points per class member) • Year 3 Silver bins (2 house points per class member) • Reception • Year 3 This week's house winners: • Swans
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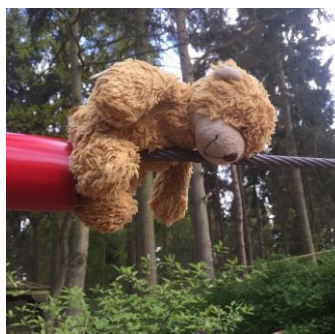
Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):

- Emily Hamilton
- Nina Mitchell
- Sophie Norman
- Teddy Page
- Ellie Stephenson
- Wilf Wilkinson
- Naomi Payne
- Sophia Petrisor
- Iza Syposz
- Beatrix White

Attachments

- Summer Fair poster
- Flyers for supports groups for parents of children with SEND (Ely ADHD, Histon ADHD, Hunts ADHD and Peterborough ADHD)
- Girls Soccer poster (for ages 6 – 14 yrs)
- School Safety Notice

PTA news



The PTA challenge

Thank you so much to all the teams who took part in the PTA Challenge on Sunday. It was a fantastic afternoon, perfect weather conditions and much fun was had by all. More than anything there was just a lovely sense of camaraderie with children and adults supporting each other. Even the Go Ape staff contacted us to say how much they enjoyed having us there and commented on the lovely atmosphere.

Thank you for being part of it. Donations are still coming in but it looks like we have raised well over £2500 for the school which is incredible. Special thanks to Mrs Evans, Mr Cuff, Miss Norfolk, Mrs Rose, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Kingman, Miss Wesley, Mrs Kellock, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Alderman and Bradley Bear for taking part and thank you to all of you for supporting our teams. See the photos and make a last minute donation if you would like to at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shelfordschoolstaffteam>
Next stop PTA Challenge 2018!!!! Drop us a line at pta@shelfordschool.org.uk if you have any ideas!!!!



Summer Fair – Sat 20th May

Planning is now in full swing for the Summer Fair. You'll be hearing from your reps about your year group stalls and rotas shortly. In the mean time, we would be ever so grateful if you could put a bottle aside for us for the bottle tombola and we will also be asking for donations of sweets for the sweetie tombola nearer the time.

Other stalls you might be able to help out with include.....

*The bric a brac stall (kindly being run by the Beer and Haigh families). If you have any second hand toys or games you no longer require please leave your donations in the school office.

*Soft toy tombola – every year the Year 6's run a soft toy tombola. If you have any please leave these in the office too.

*Plants - Alison Denton is very kindly running the plant stall for us again this year. If you or any family members have any cuttings or plants we could have, please contact Alison (alison.j.denton@gmail.com)

More info to follow soon. Thank you in advance for all your support.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST Silent auction (Message from the Year 1 reps)

Back by popular demand....the Summer Fair Silent Auction! The baton has been passed to the current Year 1, so we are busy building a cracking collection of lots for this year. These include a 5-day swimming crash course, a play barn catered party, dog walking, family portrait vouchers and a spy-themed treasure trail! If you, your friends and family or workplace would like to offer something for the auction we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Please contact Maria Lazarus (mjlaz08@googlemail.com) or your year rep with any items you might be able to offer.

The Auction categories to fill this year are:

1. **Experiences** e.g. holidays/rentals, tutorials/workshops, parties
2. **Sport and Leisure** e.g. dogs (waking, grooming, kennels), kids sport camps, tickets, toys
3. **Home and Garden** e.g. craft items, artwork, building, cleaning, finance, legal services
4. **Health and Beauty** e.g. treatments, hairdressing, pamper products, spa visits
5. **Fine Dining** e.g. food/beverage hamper, dinner party, restaurant vouchers

And just in case you were wondering - yes, the year 1 'pudding a month for a year' is back!

Thanks everyone for all your ongoing support,
The PTA team.

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/>

Summer Term 2017 (any new items in red)			
Date	time	Event	Notes
Thursday 27 th April	4.30 – 6.00pm	Year 5 Maths Challenge	
Monday 1 st May	All day event	Bank holiday	School closed
Thursday 11 May	7.30pm	Full Governing Board meeting	
Friday 12 th May	2.45pm	Parent briefing – choosing an instrument for my child	led by Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Barlow
Thursday 18 th May	12.30 - 3.30pm	School Games – Mini Red at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club	Year 4
Saturday 20 th May		PTA Summer Fair	All welcome
Monday 22 nd May	All day event	Year 4 trip to Ely Prickwillow Museum	
Wednesday 24 th May	Morning event	Year 6 university visit to St John's College	This event is kindly sponsored by Sawston Village College as part of the ASPIRE project.
Thursday 25 th May	11.15am	Ascension Day service and picnic	Please note that this service will take place at St Mary's Church, Great Shelford. Parents are welcome to join us at both the church and the picnic afterwards
Friday 26 th May	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half Term 29 th May – 2 nd June			
Monday 5 th June	8.45am	Children back to school	
Thursday 8 th June	Afternoon event	School games – Quadkids competition	Years 5 and 6
Monday 12 th June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Wednesday 14 th June	Morning event	Year 5 taster at Sawston Village College	
Thursday 15 th June	Morning event	Photographer – class and group photos	
Thursday 15 th June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Monday 19 th June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Wednesday 21 st June	Afternoon event	Regional Cricket tournament	Team selected from Tournaments Club
Thursday 22 nd June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Monday 26 th June	All day event	International Day	led by Mrs Unwin
Wednesday 28 th June	All day event	Art Day	led by Mrs Ashton
Friday 30 th June	8.00 – 8.45am	French Breakfast event	All welcome
Friday 30 th June	1.30 – 3.15pm	Sports Afternoon	All welcome
Monday 3 rd July	Morning event	French Twinning Visit - Primary Aged Children from Verneuil-en-Halatte	

Wednesday 5 th July	Morning event	"Moving Up" Day	Children move up to the next class and meet their new class teacher.
Thursday 6 th July	Evening event	Year 6 Induction Evening at SVC	
Thursday 13 th July	7.30pm	Full Governing Board meeting	
Monday 17 th July	Afternoon event	Swimming Competition (Parkside Pool)	2 boys and 2 girls selected from each of Years 3,4,5 &6
Tuesday 18 th July	2.45pm	Sports' Awards assembly	Miss Beck (PE/Sports' Subject Leader) will invite parents of winning children
Wednesday 19 th July	2.45pm	Phillippa Pearce Awards assembly	Mr Dagnall (English Subject Leader) will invite parents of winning children
Thursday 20 th July	9.00am	Whole School Assembly	Thank you to volunteer helpers
Friday 21 st July	All day event	Year 6 Leavers Service and celebration (Rev Simon Talbott to speak)	Year 6 parents invited to the morning service and tea and cake on the reception lawn afterwards – ticketed event – details to come
Summer holidays Monday 24th July – Friday 1st September inclusive			

Dates for the new school year 2017- 2018

Autumn Term 2017 Monday 4 th September 2017 to Tuesday 19 th December 2017 inclusive Half term Monday 23 rd October 2017 to Friday 27 th October 2017 inclusive	Spring Term 2018 Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 to Thursday 29 th March 2018 inclusive Half term Monday 12 th February 2018 to Friday 16 th February 2018 inclusive	Summer Term 2018 Monday 16 th April 2018 to Tuesday 24 th July 2018 inclusive Half term: Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018 inclusive
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed: 1. Monday 4th September 2017 2. Friday 20th October 2017 3. Wednesday 3rd January 2018 4. Friday 9th February 2018 5. Friday 25th May 2018		

Please ensure that all holidays are booked during the holiday periods only and especially that you child is in school for his/her first day of the new year on Tuesday 5th September 2017.