

# Shelford School News

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This newsletter publishes school-related news. For village events and notices for adults please see the Village News, noticeboards and websites.

**School letter No. 18/16**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

## **Year 4 class assembly**

Year 4 parents/carers are very welcome to join us on Friday for your child's class assembly. Please sign in at the school office for a prompt start at 1.30pm. The children are looking forward to making their presentation to you. A parent briefing will follow then a visit to our celebration assembly will complete your afternoon. We look forward to welcoming you.

## **Punctuality**

Please support your child to arrive in school on time; that is **before 8.55am**. We have noticed an unfortunate trend of lateness for some children over the last few weeks which have become very disruptive to classes, the office and the kitchen.

I have re-attached the punctuality criteria we use. As you know this is commented on (green, amber, red) in your child's termly report. It is really important that your child arrives promptly at 8.45am for the following reasons:

- to take advantage of the learning activity set for between 8.45 and 8.55am
- to hear the timetable for the day and any changes
- so that they are ready for guided reading at 9.00am
- so that learning is not disrupted for others
- so that meal numbers and choices are able to be processed by the office and passed to the kitchen on time for 9.15am at the latest
- so that the work of the school office is not disrupted

Families arriving after 8.55am **must** report to the school office, as the register in class is closed and the teacher will be introducing the day ahead before quickly starting guided reading groups for 9.00am. **The green gates to classrooms are bolted at 8.55am for specific safety reasons and should not be re-opened by parents or children after this time.** Thank you for your support in this.

## **Instrumentalists' Concert**

This is a wonderful annual concert at which children learning an instrument in school with our peripatetic teachers give an individual performance to parents. This concert will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7.00pm.

## **Wellies**

Please consider sending a pair of wellies for your child to use at lunchtime, should they wish to go in the meadow. These can be stored on the class welly stand in the playground. Your child's class teacher can help your child to organise this. One parent has informed me that wellies have perished having been out all year - please

be assured that we are looking in to this and are trying to source an appropriate cover solution for the storage stands so that wellies can be recycled and handed down to save waste and money.

### **Church Street issues**

As we approach the new financial year, in which the works on Church Street are proposed to be completed, I understand that further consultation is expected to take place with villagers – please look out for the chance to comment on these proposals. In advance of any other works, it is very good to have the long overdue renewal of the yellow zig-zag signs from the Parish Council/County Highways Department.

The Parish Council hopes to install flashing warning signs, and has contacted the school about this. Whilst the governors are very much in favour of the signs, and representative governors are contributing to a report to support the Council's bid, they do not believe that school funds can or should be used on this village expenditure. Governors wish to share this information with the parent body in order to avoid potential future miscommunication on this issue. For convenience, the following is taken from the last Governing Board minutes:

*“Following the survey conducted in 2015/2016 by Great Shelford Parish Council (GSPC), the parish council is applying for a grant to erect a flashing ‘20 mph/school’ sign on Church Street. They have requested a 10% contribution from the school, amounting to £1,000. Governors felt strongly that this should be paid for by the Parish Council and that neither the school nor the PTA should contribute to this. It was noted that the school is not permitted to spend school funds on non-school items.”*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this.

### **PTA Quiz**

If you are attending the PTA Quiz, I hope the evening is enjoyable and thank you for supporting the school's fundraising efforts – it is very much appreciated.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

### **Year 3 and Year 4 Indoor Athletics Report**

*On Thursday Year 9's come from Sawston. We did lots of fun activities like throwing bean bags and balancing on a narrow plank. I hope I did enough to see them again because I like competing against other schools.*

Bella Seymour (Year 3)

*on Thursday <sup>th</sup>19 january year 3 and year 4 took part in a sport lesson and activety it was very nice. The year nines from Saworston villege colige came and had little point cards wich we took round to each activety then the teacher chooseis the people to go to Sawston it was very good and fun.*

Henry Haigh (Year 3)

### **Tournaments Club**

Please can all children attending tournaments club bring their shin pads and gum shields. As well as training for the upcoming Tag Rugby tournament they will also be preparing for the Quick Sticks tournament which follows shortly after.

Thank you, Miss Beck

### **Tri Club**

There are a few spaces at Triathlon Club which runs on Thursday mornings from 8am for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. If your child is interested please enquire in the office for more details.

### **Year 1 Bags**

A reminder that Year 1 children should bring a book bag to school each day that is to be kept in their tray. Please make sure PE kits are in draw string bags. Unfortunately we do not have the space to accommodate larger bags in the cloakroom area.

Thank you, Miss Beck

### **Dinner Money**

Dinner money is £2.25 per meal. This means that for the 26 days of this half term the cost will be **£58.50**.

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

The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on their website:-

<http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/cambridgeshire/parents/menus/default.asp>

**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 £4.60
- Recorders: £8 or £15
- Recorder books: £3.50
- School hats: £2.50

### **Attachments:**

- Twinning letter
- PTA Bike sale
- Non-Violent Resistance programme
- NVR referral form
- Escape Parenting Programme
- Punctuality Poster

## Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

<p>Headteacher's Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lilly Percival</li> <li>• Amy-Linn Morgan</li> <li>• Sophia Petrisor</li> <li>• Jonathan Richmond</li> <li>• Annika Sainson</li> </ul> <p>Star Writer (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth Fazal</li> <li>• Roel Diamond</li> <li>• Thomas Welchman</li> </ul> <p>Maths Investigator Award (4 Houses):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not this week</li> </ul> <p>Year 3 &amp; 4 Athletics finalist (2 house points to all children who took part):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonathan Richmond</li> <li>• Zane Dennington</li> <li>• Imsy Butler-Burd</li> <li>• Bella Seymour</li> <li>• Joseph Rayment</li> <li>• William Cousins</li> <li>• Ava Henry</li> <li>• Eva Louisa Narinian</li> </ul>	<p>Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):</p> <p>Eli Caroe Joseph Richardson Hugo Melton Jessica Chaloner Elizabeth Cousins Elizabeth Fazal</p> <p>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</p> <p>Laurence McCrone Oliver Seaborn Samuel Caroe</p> <p>Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):</p> <p>Tom Bullock</p> <p>Celia – Elliot Rayment Cyril – Mrs Rose Care of Books – Year 6 Dinner winners – Year 4 Silver bins – Year 1 and Year 5</p> <p>This week's house winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eagles</li> </ul>
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## PTA news

### Quiz THIS SATURDAY

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the teams to the school hall at 7.30p.m. for an 8.00p.m. start on Saturday night. (Please don't forget your jokers!!!) Huge thanks in advance to Maaiké Wall and all the team behind the quiz this year. Our quiz masters Greg Wall and Simon Bullock are sure to have some treats lined up for us!! Can't wait!!

### Bike sale

Bike sale posters are going up!! The sale will be held on the morning of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March in Great Shelford Memorial Hall. If you are looking to sell, please contact James Prisk ([james.prisk@ntlworld.com](mailto:james.prisk@ntlworld.com)) who will kindly come and pick up your bike and get it ready for the sale (We take 30% from the sale, you keep 70%). If you're looking to buy, get there early!! We kick off at 9 a.m.!

### Easyfundraising

Don't forget you can be fundraising for the school by simply doing your shopping online! Choose Shelford School as your chosen charity and shop away!! All you need to do is.....

1. Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shelfordprimary](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shelfordprimary)
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Shelford School. Easy peasy!!

## **The PTA challenge 2017**

Places are filling up. Welcome this week to Team Melton, Team Mann, Team Doubleday, Team Chaloner, Team Munoz, Team Christelow, Team Alcock, Team Barr, Team Howarth, Team McCrone, Team Beer, Team Bredborg and Team Hunter who have all agreed to take part in the PTA challenge. If you or any member of your family would like to take part, please let your class rep or the committee know by this Friday, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. It's going to be 'tree-mendous' !! The more people we get swinging through the trees, the more ipads we can buy for the school!!!! Here's the lowdown one last time:

What: The PTA challenge 2017

Where: Go Ape, Thetford Forest (High Lodge)

When: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

Who: Adults and children. On the day you would go round in family or friend groups with a maximum of 8 setting off every 15 minutes. You can choose your time slot so you wouldn't be hanging around.

How much: £16 per person which includes your Go Ape experience, free parking (yes free parking!!!) AND exclusive use of the newly installed Forest Shelter which has bean bags, giant jenga and a stunning tree house for the kids to explore!!

Sponsorship: We will provide you with an old fashioned sponsorship form or you are very welcome to put yourself on our BT mydonate page. No pressure at all to fundraise though!! Just come for the fun if that's what you prefer.

How do I sign up: Please let the committee or your class reps know if you would like to take part. Email us at [pta@shelfordschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@shelfordschool.org.uk)

Restrictions: You have to be over 1m tall. For more info go to [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk)

The PTA team.

## **Dates for your diary**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Bike Sale

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – PTA Challenge

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Fair

### **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/>

Spring Term 2017			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1.30pm	Class assembly/parent briefing/celebration assembly	Year 4 parents invited
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan		PTA Quiz night	School hall
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	2.30pm	Candlemas Service	St Mary's Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1.30pm	Class assembly/parent briefing/celebration assembly	Year 3 parents invited
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3 day event	Year 6 Grafham Water residential visit	Parents' briefing has taken place 13 <sup>th</sup> January and letters have been sent home.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1.30pm	Class assembly/parent briefing/celebration assembly	Year 2 parents invited
Half Term 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February			
Wed-Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> February	3-day event	Year 5 Burwell residential visit	Parents' briefing takes place on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January and a handout will be given.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.45-6.15	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	All day event	World Book Day	Whole school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	3.45-6.15	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.45-6.15	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.45-6.15	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Full Governing Board	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1.30pm	Class assembly/parent briefing/celebration assembly	Year 1 parents invited
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am – 1.00pm	PTA Bike Sale	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1.30pm	Class assembly/parent briefing/celebration assembly	Year R parents invited
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.30pm	Pianists' concert	for early/beginner pianists
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	Instrumentalists' concert	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	2.30pm	Easter Service	Please note that this service will take place at All Saints' church, Little Shelford. Parents are welcome to join at the church.
Easter holidays 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> April			

Summer Term 2017			
Date	time	Event	Notes
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am	Children back to school	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Afternoon	PTA Go Ape Challenge	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	All day event	Bank holiday	School closed
Thursday 11 May	7.30pm	Full Governing Board meeting	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May		PTA Summer Fair	All welcome
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 at the church.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half Term 29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June			
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00 – 8.45am	French Breakfast event	All welcome
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 – 3.15pm	Sports Afternoon	All welcome
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Full Governing Board meeting	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	All day event	Year 6 Leavers Service and celebration	Year 6 parents invited – ticketed event – details to come
Summer holidays Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September inclusive			