

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

We live and work in harmony with love for one another, so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners

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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

Welcome back! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome Y1-Y6 back to school! We have also been delighted to welcome our Reception class to their Teddy Bear's Picnic on Friday and their induction sessions this and next week. Furthermore, we are thrilled to welcome Eloise and Rose to Year 2; Edward to Year 3 and Bethan to Year 4.

One of the major highlights of the return to school last week was the shared outside spaces. It was wonderful to see the cross-age play that is so characteristic of the long-standing vision of the school. This has included exploring some of the new line markings that our School Council decided on in their classes and the various other outdoor areas. We also look forward to our buddy systems returning - most notably our Y6 & Reception buddies, along with our reading buddy systems.

This week, we launched the start of our new curriculum thread *identity*. The topics for each class link to the theme of identity. This might be through how the identity of our country has been altered in history like in Y2, Y3 and Y4's topics - The Great Fire of London; What happened in 1066? and The Romans: Who were they and how did they change Britain? Alternatively, this might explore our own identity or the identity of others in some of our other topics like in Reception, Y1 and Y6's topics - Marvellous Me; Shelford Stars and HMS Beagle - why did it go where it went? (with a focus on evolution). Meanwhile, Y5 takes an even wider stance with exploring the identity of our planet within their Star Gazers topic.

- Welcome Back and welcome!
- Return to whole-school lunchtimes and buddies
- Curriculum Thread
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Y1 - Y6 Meet the Teacher

We wrote to families recently to outline a different approach to Meet the Teacher this year. Each class will share a presentation that summarises important information via the school website. These will be available from **13th September**. Additionally, there will be two half hour slots, where classes will be open to parents. This will be an opportunity to visit the class and meet the class teachers - **Tuesday 14th September 3:30-4:00; Thursday 16th September 3:30-4:00.**

Key Dates

Our Term dates can be found [here](#) for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Please note the extra holiday, due to the Queen's birthday in the 2021-2022 dates.

A summary of upcoming dates for this half term can be found [here](#).

Spelling and Multiplication

An update regarding our approach to spelling and multiplication tables will be coming to families soon. Watch this space!



Welcome back and hello to new Shelford families!

We are raising £4,000 to buy additional resources and equipment for next year. While the school has dedicated budgets for each subject area (Maths, English, etc.) these are very limited - often to a few hundred pounds each. That means there is very little leftover to fund additional equipment and resources to enrich the teaching of these subjects and make it as fun and interactive as possible for the children.

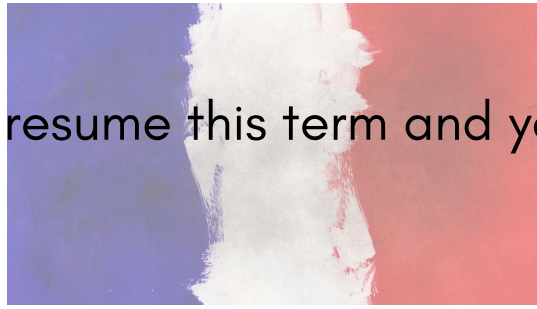
We have already raised £2,100 of our £4,000 target - thanks so much to everyone who has already donated! As we start a new school year, please do consider donating via our Just Giving page to help boost the subject area budgets. This will be used to buy things like cooking ingredients, extra maths equipment, experiences and visits, and materials for science experiments.

Every donation, no matter how small, will really help make our children's learning experience even better. Please do help if you can - it's much appreciated. [Just follow this link](#) to donate before 24 September.

Thank you,
The PTA

Announcements

French Club will resume this term and you can find details [here](#).



Parent/Carer support line

(from 1st September 2021)

We offer an opportunity to speak to a friendly professional from the Early Intervention Family Worker Team about any child or young person aged 4 to 12 in Cambridge City and surrounding areas.

- You can ask a question, request support about your child's or young person's behaviours, get help with new routines and boundaries, or maybe just talk about how you are managing parenting in the current situation.
- We will give you advice, support, and help with signposting or just listen to your parenting experiences.

You can telephone or email for support any time, please leave a message with your contact details, someone will call you back within 10 working days as we are not an emergency service.

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