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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 6th November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. Today, we have enjoyed a fantastic pupil-led Collective Worship by some of our Year 6 pupils. They explored issues around our world that God created and how God's vision of his creation might be different to how we are currently treating it. This included an exciting scavenger hunt by 6 pupils to retrieve items that could be swapped for more sustainable alternatives. Following this, they led a short meditation around the pupils discovering an unspoilt garden that they could retreat to in their mind if needed. They closed their worship with the hymn, 'He's Got the Whole World'. Following the responses from pupils during the Collective Worship, it is fantastic to see the impact that pupil-led Collective Worship is having as part of living out our vision.



On a similar vein, next week, we will welcome our next STEM Ambassador for our monthly STEM talk. His biography can be found in our Science Spot.

In line with our **community of life-long learners**, we welcomed a PhD student from the University of Cambridge last week to conduct some research into Online Safety with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. We look forward to hearing the outcomes of her whole study.

Year 5 have been enjoying a fantastic residential at Burwell House. They are shortly about to return to school. A blog of their time can be found [here](#).

Because the traffic flows so freely past the school, we felt that one coach for Burwell wasn't quite enough! So, you may have noticed that Year 4 also enjoyed a visit to the site of Verulamium near St. Albans, linked to their Romans topic.

We are looking forward to our school Remembrance Service on 11th November, which will be led by Year 6 and Mrs. Alderson, with the support of Major Carrothers.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey, Headteacher

- Pupil-led Collective Worship
- STEM Ambassador next week
- [Burwell Blog](#)

Science Spot

Next Wednesday, we will enjoy our next STEM Ambassador talk. A biography of our visitor is found below.

It would be lovely to share this with your children and think of any questions they may like to ask:

I'm a neuroscientist, which means I study the brain. I am interested in the brain because it controls what we think, feel, and act. I'm really interested in hunger, which is a feeling we get that makes us act in a certain way (look for food and eat it), usually without having to think about it. Certain parts of the brain are really important for controlling hunger, and we study these in the laboratory. We can make them in a special dish and look at them under a microscope. By studying how these parts of the brain work, we are trying to find new ways to people healthy.



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Dates Summary

Changes / additions are in blue

4/11/19 – 6/11/19		Y5 Residential	Burwell House
8/11/19	14:00	Y6 Class Briefing	Hall
11/11/19	10:45	Remembrance Service	Hall
11/11/19 – 14/11/19		Y5 Bikeability	School / Shelford
15/11/19	14:00	Y1 Class Briefing	Hall
19/11/19	14:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
20/11/19	9:30 & 14:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
20/11/19 -22/11/19		Y6 Residential	Grafham
21/11/19	9:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
22/11/19	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
w/c 25/11/19		Kindness Week	School
27/11/19		Kindness Workshops (Anti-bullying)	School
29/11/19		PTA Non-uniform Day for the bottle tombola	School
29/11/19	AM	Cross Country Tournament	Netherhall
29/11/19	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
2/12/19	All day	Advent Service to open RE Day	School
6/12/19	9:30	EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Hall
9/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
10/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
6/12/19	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall
12/12/19	18:00	Carols by Candlelight (led by KS2)	St. Mary's Church
18/12/19	All day	Shelford Christmas Day (non-uniform – smart party clothes / Christmas jumpers)	School
18/12/19		End of Autumn Term	School
19/12/19 – 5/1/20		Christmas holiday	Somewhere festive
3/1/20		PD DAY	School
6/1/20		Spring Term commences	School



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Announcements

Poppy sales

Year 6 children will come to each class for children to buy a poppy, if they wish, for a donation.

Netball Club

Please note that netball club will finish for the winter at the end of November and start again in February. The last session will be Monday 25 November and will resume on Monday 3 February. In the meantime, please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

Class Briefings / Assemblies

All of the class briefings will start at 2:00pm in the Hall and will follow the timings below:

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
Friday 8 th November	Year 6
Friday 15 th November	Year 1
Friday 22 nd November	Year 3
Friday 29 th November	Year 4
Friday 6 th December	Year 5

Y5 / Y6 Craft Club

A new craft club will be set up this term for Y5 and Y6 pupils. Please see the separate invitation on the school [website](#).

Volunteer helper induction

If you would like to attend the induction session on Friday 22nd November (9.05am), please contact the school office.

School prayer meeting – TOMORROW Thursday 7th November

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. We will be meeting at 15 High Street, Little Shelford on Thursday 7th November at 8pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time.



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Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members). Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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.

Name the new Gritters

Cambridgeshire County Council, are having new gritters delivered this Autumn

We are now asking primary school pupils to name the gritters

We are looking for **innovation, imagination**, and of course

humour!! Some previous names include;

- Snowbert
- The BFG
- Gritter Lemon
- Terminicer
- Gritney Spears
- Brad Grit
- Sir Spread A lot
- Spike
- Grittering star



The lucky winners will be invited to a naming ceremony at one of our depots in the county and will all receive a Road Safety Goodie Bag and a picture of their Gritter!

Please email your entries including;

- Name of Gritter**
- Name of child**
- School child attends**

to Lyn.hesse@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by Friday 15th November

GOOD LUCK!



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Shelford Twinning Association (Saturday 9th November – 7.30pm)

.... Invites you to a talk (in English) and illustrated slide show on *'Du pain, du vin et du Boursin -the essentials of French life* by Francine Rouanet-Democrate (Founder of Alliance Française Cambridge and International speaker). Great Shelford Free Church Hall, Ashen Green, Great Shelford, CB22 5EY

Come and find out more and bring your friends

£8.00 per person (which includes light refreshments) *(soft drinks and wine availabledonations appreciated towards the cost of the drinks)*

A raffle will be held during the evening

To reserve places, either...

Email: colin@frenchfrogs.net

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