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Wednesday 13th January 2021

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

We hope that you are all well and adapting to yet another new way of working. Thank you to all the families for your continued support of the work of the school. It has been great to see some of the wonderful submissions coming in from home (*selection of photos below*). Well done for your *resilience* and *creativity*! Thank you also to the amazing staff who are gradually adding to our home learning offer during this week. It has been lovely to watch and hear about the additional online live and pre-recorded elements taking place. I am also delighted to be able to join Y2 each week so that we can continue our reading of James and the Giant Peach!

Newsletter in 30s:

- Welcome Back!
- Home Learning
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- Stay at home!
- Home Learning Photos
- Message from our Chair of Governors

Our Collective Worship offer continues with a familiar feel. Most of these are pre-recorded to allow for flexibility in using these. Pre-recorded sessions can be found [here](#).

Day	Focus	Format
Monday	Liturgical Worship	Pre-recorded video – Mr. Grey
Tuesday	World-wide Current Affairs	Picture News pre-recorded video
Wednesday	Digging Deeper – normally linked to Monday	Pre-recorded video – Mrs. Alderson
Thursday	Curriculum Thread	Pre-recorded video – Mrs. Alderson and Guest
Friday	Celebration Worship	Live via Zoom at 2:35pm

We continually review our offer and reflect on the arrangements of all home learning.

As you will be aware, the number of pupils attending school is significantly higher than in March 2020. This means that all our staff are in school with pupils and preparing, leading and feeding back to families at home. Please do bear this in mind as the pressures for our incredible staff team have never been higher. If you are accessing provision in school, please be aware that the stance of the Department for Education has now changed: **‘The guidance sets out that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.’** Therefore, if you are working from home as a critical worker, the Department for Education are now advising families to do so. This is a further reminder that the current rates of transmission are currently significant. This message is also underlined locally by Cambridgeshire County Council:

We need to ensure that the number of children and young people accessing the offer of provision in a school or college is kept to the lowest number possible, so that we can reduce household mixing and the risk of spreading coronavirus. As a result, schools will have a limit on the number of children they can safely support in their bubble arrangements. Therefore, even if you are a critical worker, if your child(ren) can remain at home rather than attend school, on some or all days, then they should. Please only use the offer of provision when it is crucial for you to undertake your critical role.

In-line with the messages from the Local Authority and the Department for Education, please continue to keep your children at home. If you are accessing provision, please review your needs and keep your children at home, where you can.

You may remember in the previous school closure that we won the Virtual School Games! We were obviously delighted to hear about a new initiative run by School Games called ‘Healthy Selfie Month’. Miss Beck, PE Leader, has added details on the challenge [here](#).

Once again, thank you all for your continued support.
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A Message from our Chair of Governors:

What a lot of changes since we wished each other 'merry Christmas' and tried to figure out our festive - but ultimately ill-fated - bubbles! A multitude of challenges have faced us all since then, and continue to do so, but the vision of the school endures and reminds us that we exist in a community who care for, support and encourage each other, who learn together and who look for the best outcomes for each other.

The response of the staff to the sudden and last-minute announcement about school closure has been exceptional. I cannot begin to describe the undertaking it is to prepare a school for this situation and on behalf of the Board, a HUGE THANK YOU goes to the staff for all they have done to transform how education is provided once again, whilst also presumably managing personal concerns for family and friends. Thanks to families for all the messages of support coming in for the staff this week, I know each one is appreciated and valued.

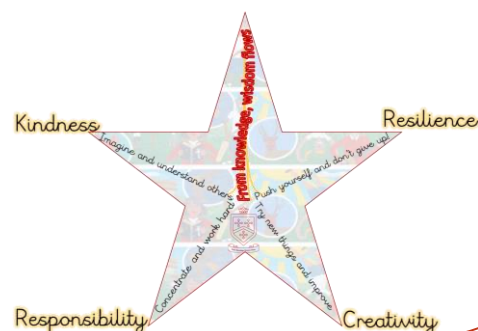
We are all trying to juggle our new roles as best we can, stay safe and prevent the spread of Covid-19 to others. With this in mind, please be aware that school places are a last resort, for children of critical workers only* and then only if there is **no other safe option**. It is imperative that we ensure numbers of children in school are as low as possible. We are extremely grateful for the efforts of families to adapt to remote learning even when this has made life extremely challenging.

(*or in specific categories where the school will have contacted families)

As we face this half term, we may need to reach out for help or support, but as we do, we reinforce the strength there is in community as we work together towards enabling all our children to learn and achieve their potential.

Anna Caroe
Chair of Governors

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PECULIAR PETS ENTRY FORM

Poem Title: Henrietta, the high flying chicken
 Happily flying at 23,000 feet
 Everlasting, agile acrobatics, loops and rolls
 Never crashing
 Revealing her skill
 If the weather is bad she will wear her goggles
 Evening comes like a curtain being drawn
 Time to roost
 Taking the medal of corn
 And with a cluck, tucks her head
 under her feathery wing

Announcements

PTA

Raise funds while you shop!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that has the same products, prices and service as Amazon.co.uk BUT when you shop on AmazonSmile Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to your chosen charity. There is **no extra cost to you** - the donation is made by Amazon. When you visit AmazonSmile you simply choose Great and Little Shelford School PTA as your chosen charity. And then start all your Amazon shops on smile.amazon.co.uk to support the PTA.

With **easyfundraising** you can raise free donations for the PTA whenever you buy anything online. There are over 4,000 shops and sites – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is sign up on the easyfundraising website and visit the site before you shop online.

You can find out everything you need to know about using both websites [here](#). Every penny raised through these websites will help raise valuable funds for the PTA to support the school's activities and equipment.

French Club

There are still a few spaces available at Le French Club which takes place on line due to current circumstances.

KS1 French Club: Tuesday 8.00 am -8.30 am

KS2 French Club: Tuesday at 4.45 pm -5.25 pm

Cost is £6 per session. Please email Beata Kovacs

(french.beata@gmail.com) if you'd like to enrol your child for Spring term.



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Home Learning Costs

Two very kind donors in Little Shelford have offered to support costs of home learning. Therefore if are finding the costs of paper, ink etc. a burden financially, please contact us via office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk . We can then pass on details sensitively and support where possible.

Shelford COVID Support Group

The Shelford COVID Support group has been created to help people access basic amenities (shopping, prescriptions, post etc.) should they become unable to do so as a result of COVID. We have a network of 78 volunteers who ensure every street in Great Shelford has at least one key, local contact who are willing to give their time to do this. In the first instance, touch base with Chris Smith - Christopher.i.smith3@gmail.com and you will receive details of your local volunteer.

