

Shelford School News

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Parent briefings and celebration assemblies

The autumn term round of parent briefings and celebration assemblies started last week. In an effort to use time (yours and ours) more effectively, we are combining year groups for this term only. Parents/carers of children in Year 1 & Year 2 are therefore invited **this Friday, 10th November**.

I regret that, due to fire regulations, it is necessary to **limit attendance to one representative per child**. Please let the office know if you will not be able to attend as the place can be used by others who would like a second place. If you are interested in a second place, please would you also let the office know and they will alert you if this becomes possible.

The parent briefing will begin in the hall at 2.00pm followed by a short time/conversation in classrooms with class teachers at 2.30pm. The main subject of the briefing is safeguarding, mental health and well-being. The children from both classes will then present a short musical performance in celebration assembly from 2.40pm. I do hope that you will be able to join us.

Scooter storage

Thank you for encouraging the children to be independent in parking their scooters – the system seems to be working well.

Here is a reminder of the storage process:

- ❖ Wear your backpack on two shoulders so that both hands are free
- ❖ Hang your helmet on the handlebars
- ❖ Hold the steering column and the footplate at a right angle to the rail
- ❖ Lift the scooter up so that the handlebar goes between the rails
- ❖ Turn the scooter to face the homeward direction
- ❖ Lower the scooter to sit on the rails

When retrieving your scooter:

- ❖ Wear your backpack on two shoulders so that both hands are free
- ❖ Hold the steering column and the footplate
- ❖ Lift the scooter up so that the handlebar goes between the rails
- ❖ Turn the scooter to make a right angle to the rail
- ❖ Lower the scooter to the floor
- ❖ Put your helmet on

Making a positive contribution

Many thanks to those of you who have packed and presented a shoebox gift for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. These are being collected in the main entrance and will be picked up later this month. Please ensure that your donations are left in the foyer outside office by the 18th November. Many thanks for your generosity.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Fairtrade Day - 1st November 2017

Our international focus for this academic year is 'Food Around the World'. We thought a great way to start would be to think about where our favourite foods actually come from and with that we thought about Fairtrade.

The day started with a glimpse at the Fairtrade mark.

Then Mr and Mrs Wilkinson from Shelford Delicatessen came in to run a fantastic Fairtrade assembly. They demonstrated the supply chain to show us how chocolate actually gets to us. At first, we were surprised to find out that not everyone in the supply chain was paid fairly. The farmer was very poorly paid and could not afford to feed, clothe and educate his family. Once Fairtrade had been established, this meant a better deal for farmers all around the world. Now we know that when we buy Fairtrade products, farmers have been paid fairly, even if these products cost us a little bit more.



All year groups went back to their classrooms to look at Fairtrade in greater detail.

Reception and KS1 met Pablo the Super Banana! He told us all about the meaning of Fairtrade. We played Spot the Difference games and we shopped for Fairtrade foods. Reception class even made their own banana tree! We thought about our favourite meals and recorded them to send to our partner school in Kenya. We look forward to hearing back from them about typical meals they eat. We wondered if there are farming families among them who benefit from Fairtrade.

KS2 did some exciting work about the banana industry and in particular the supply chains. We thought carefully about what happens to a banana before it reaches the consumer and discussed 'who gets what' from the sale of bananas. Working in small groups, we had to allocate each other roles: banana worker, plantation owner, shipper, importer, ripener and supermarket. We were told that a banana would cost 30p and had to decide how much of that 30p we should get for our job as part of the banana chain. This fun activity taught us about how we are connected with people all around the world through the things we buy and eat.



Well done to all children for their enthusiasm and hard work during the day. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Wilkinson for their amazing contribution to our Fairtrade Day! Look out for some Fairtrade Fundraising with help from our PTA coming soon.

Mrs Unwin

I've enjoyed learning about how farmers found it really hard to live before Fairtrade started. I've enjoyed learning how since Fairtrade has happened it has made farmers' lives much better.

Ella, Year 2

I liked it when we learned about Pablo the Super Banana and I liked the supply chain in assembly. I was the manufacturer and it was good when everyone got a fair amount.

Oscar, Year 2

It was nice to see parents contributing to the day. I really enjoyed Mr and Mrs Wilkinson's assembly and now I take more care with my food after I saw how much work was put in. I now see that it's not always about me, but for the people who are not as fortunate as us. I think that spending 5p extra is worth it because, just think, that 5p could save lives!

Maisie, Year 5

I liked the 'Banana Split' activity where we had to debate our share of 30p. I was the banana worker and I thought I should get 10p but then I changed my mind to 9p.

Samuel, Year 5

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 3rd November 2017

<p>This half term's Secrets of Success focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imagine <p>Headteacher's Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None awarded this week <p>Star Writer (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None awarded this week <p>Maths Investigator Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once a half term <p>Pen Licence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None awarded this week <p>Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lyla Humphreys Alex Taylor Sofia Zmija Abbey Day Rachel Beers Ava Henry Tom Ranasinghe Julia Sargeant Corbett Baynes Jonathan Cartwright Conall Darby Roel Diamond Daniel Neagoe Lilly Ripper <p>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rowan Alcock Amanda Bredborg Emily Ford Harvey Mee Jacob Moss Mia Rugg-Gunn Harley Sandford Oliver Simmons Tomas Bell Sebastian Betsworth Jack Dawson Joshua Lee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Felix Mann Theodore Murray Nathan Edmond Elizabeth Cousins Eleanor Crew Ellie Harry Sofia Munoz Rory Wall Rachel Staines <p>Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah Wilyman Alex Westwick Matthew Russell Samuel Caroe Oliver Chatwin Joel Dennington <p>Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None this week <p>Football Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th place Edith White - Teamwork sticker <p>Celia (10 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beatrice Parsons <p>Cyril (staff member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not awarded this week <p>Care of Books (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 <p>Dinner winners (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 <p>Silver bins (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Year 4 <p>This week's house winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owls
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Flu vaccinations

Please note that flu vaccinations for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will be held on Tuesday 21st November. Letters giving more information about this were sent home in book bags yesterday. If you have not received this, please contact the office.

Guitar Lessons

There are still some spaces for guitar lessons, so if your child is interested, please speak to the office.

Baking

Two children from each year group will be chosen to bake once a week. The children really enjoy baking (and eating the end product), but they are only able to do this if we have enough parent helpers to cover the baking rota, so if you have a current DBS and are willing to help, please contact your class rep to see if there are any spaces on the baking rota. The baking is very simple and full instructions are given, so there is no need to be the next Mary Berry! Baking times are as follows:

Year 1 – Thursday 2.20-3.20pm

Year 2 – Friday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 3 – Thursday 9.30-10.30am

Year 4 – Thursday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 6 – Tuesday 1.20-2.20pm

DBS checks

As we begin a new half term, please note the reminder to parents/carers and our volunteer helpers about the following very important aspect of the schools Safeguarding procedures.

All volunteer helpers are required to:

- be DBS checked by the school, even if you already hold a DBS certificate from somewhere else.
- attend an induction session with Mrs Evans prior to helping within the school. Dates for future induction sessions are:
 - Thursday 11th January
 - Wednesday 28th February
 - Monday 23rd April
 - Friday 8th June

(These will all be held from 9.05 until 10.15 am)

The exception to this is if you are helping to walk children to an outside venue, e.g. church, under the supervision of the class teacher. If you are unsure whether a DBS check is needed, please speak to a member of the office team or to your child's class teacher.

If you would like to help in school, please pick up a Volunteer Helper application form from the foyer outside the office (peach coloured paper).

In order to keep your DBS current, you will need to sign into the 'Visitor's signing in book' (located at the office) every **three months**. If you don't sign in within this time, your DBS will expire and you will need to go through the process of applying for a new one before you can help in school again.

It is your responsibility to remember to sign in regularly and keep your DBS current.

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

Nut Awareness Policy

Please note the following extremely important information for packed lunches:

- Please do not include any portions of nuts
- No nutella or peanut butter sandwiches
- No pesto pasta with pine nuts or similar nut ingredients incorporated.

With this in mind, we take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that the invitation to bring a KS2 break time snack is for **an actual piece of fruit not a cereal bar or fruit snack** as this could be a serious health risk nut allergy sufferers

Please help us to keep everyone safe by not sending these foods. For safety reasons, we will need to remove snacks that do not comply with these instructions. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. If you think you are eligible for free school meals, please ask at the office for more details.

Please will you make every effort to pay this 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. Thank you.

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>

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 have to provide a packed lunch 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.

Medicines in school

Please be reminded that all medicines and lotions must be given to the school office staff. Pupils are not permitted to have any medicine, lotion or cough sweets in their bags or pockets during school hours.

Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours.

The school staff can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and for which permission has been signed.

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	Recorder books: £4.00
Recorders: £9 or £16	School hats: £2.50

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

Any additional teal sweatshirts for Year 6 children are also available to order online.

School Uniform

Uniform is 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.

PTA News

Hello everyone,

Even better bike sale news

Thanks to several generous bike sellers who have opted to donate all of their proceeds to the PTA, the total from the bike sale now stands at £446. Thank you all very much.

Northbrook gift wrap

Thank you for the orders so far. To guarantee this gorgeous gift wrap for Christmas, please deposit your brochure order form and payment in the PTA lock box beside the Office doors by this **Friday 10th November**. Cheques payable to Shelford School PTA.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday 9th December (1400-1630)

Fair preparations start in earnest this week – hooray! As is tradition, each year will offer its own fantastic festive stalls. If you haven't already heard from your reps, look out for an email soon explaining how you can get involved with preparing and running your stalls. They will also announce your year's colour for the Rainbow Hamper Raffle.

We are excited to give you early notice for the non-uniform day on **Friday 8th December**. The 'fine' for 'forgetting' uniform will be to bring a bottle of (almost) anything on the day to put towards the brilliant bottle tombola please!

And finally, year 5 are running the Accessories stall and bead craft kits at the Fair this year. They would be very grateful for our help with stock:

Pre-loved accessories and beads needed for Christmas stall

Do you have any bags, belts, jewellery, hats, hair accessories or scarves in good condition that you no longer use? A quirky brooch, fascinator, bow tie, pendant or bangle ready to find a new home?

Or any loose wooden, plastic or metal beads that could be used to make pretty bracelets and necklaces?

All donations are welcome and hugely appreciated!

Please bring your surplus bling to the designated box in the school office.

Thanks for your help!

Cris, Yr 5 mum

Until next week!

The PTA team.

School Calendar for 2017 – 2018

Please ensure that all holidays are booked during the holiday periods only. Authorised absence cannot be given for absences on Friday afternoons or Monday mornings unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please put all requests for absences in writing to Mrs Evans and/or make an appointment, via the school office, to speak to her about these. Thank you. **This week's addition in red.**

Shelford School Calendar			
Academic Year 2017 - 2018			
Autumn Term 2017			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Friday 10 th Nov	11.00am	Remembrance Service	This is will also be attended this year by military surgeon, Major Currothers (dad of Molly and Duggie)
Friday 10 th Nov	2.00 – 3.30pm	Years 2 and 1 parent briefings and celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Friday 10 th Nov	1.00pm	Launch of the Celebrating Girls' Friendships and Stop Think Do PSHE Programmes for Years 5&6	Yrs 5&6 boys with Mr Paduano and Mrs Dasher Yrs 5&6 girls with Mr cuff and Mrs Weston
Week beginning Monday 13 th Nov		Anti-Bullying week	Assemblies and PSHE in class will focus on this theme
Friday 17 th Nov	2.00 – 3.30pm	Years 3 and 5 parent briefings and celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Week beginning Monday 20 th Nov	9.15 – 10.15am	Admission Tours for Reception Intake 2018	Please sign in at the school office
Friday 24 th Nov	2.00 – 3.30pm	Year R parent briefing and celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Saturday 2 nd Dec	6:00pm	KS2 singing at the switching on of the Great Shelford Christmas lights	Shelford Memorial Hall
Monday 4 th Dec	2:30pm	FS/KS1 Nativity	School hall - ticketed event – details to follow
Tuesday 5 th Dec	2:30pm	FS/KS1 Nativity	School hall - ticketed event – details to follow
Saturday 9 th Dec	2.00 – 4.30pm	PTA Christmas Fair	School
Thursday 14 th Dec	6pm	KS2 Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's Church
Tuesday 19 th Dec	All day	Shelford School Christmas Day	School
Tuesday 19 th Dec	KS1 4.15 – 5.30 KS2 5.45 – 7.15	PTA School disco	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
Christmas Holiday 20th December 2017 -2nd January 2018			

Spring term 2018			
	Time	Event	Notes
Wed 3 rd Jan	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Thursday 11 th Jan	9:05-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Friday 19 th Jan	1:30pm	Year 6 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Friday 26 th Jan	1.30pm	Year 5 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Saturday 27 th Jan	7.00 – 11.30pm	PTA Quiz	
Thursday 1 st Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Year 6	School hall
Friday 2 nd Feb	2:30pm	Candlemas	St Mary's Church
Mon 5 th Feb- Wed 7 th Feb		Year 6 residential trip to Grafham Water	
Monday 5 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-5	School Hall Mrs Paterson (SENDco) able to attend
Wednesday 7 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School hall
Thursday 8 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School hall
Friday 9 th Feb	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half term 12th February to 16th February 2018			
Wed 21 st Feb to Friday 23 rd Feb		Year 5 trip residential trip to Burwell House	
Friday 23 rd Feb	1:30pm	Year 4 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Wed 28 th Feb	9:05-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Friday 2 nd March	1:30pm	Year 3 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Friday 9 th March	1:30pm	Year 2 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Friday 16 th March	1:30pm	Year 1 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Thursday 22 nd March	7:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting	Think Tank Room
Friday 23 rd March	1:30pm	Year R Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Thursday 29 th March	2:15	Easter Service	All Saints Lt Shelford
Easter Holidays 30th March to 15th April 2018			

Summer term 2018			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday 23 rd April	9:15-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Monday 7 th May	All Day	Bank Holiday	School closed
Saturday 18 th May		PTA Summer Fair	
Thursday 24 th May	11:15am	Ascension Day service and picnic	
Friday 25 th May	All day	Teaching Training day	School closed
Half term 28th May to 1st June			
Friday 8 th June	9:15-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Thursday 14 th June		Class photos	
Friday 29 th June	8am	French Breakfast event	hall
Sunday 15 th July		Shelford Feast	
Tuesday 27 th July	All Day	Leavers' service and event	
Summer Holidays 25th July to 3rd September			

Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
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	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	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:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 4th September 2017 Friday 20th October 2017 Wednesday 3rd January 2018 Friday 9th February 2018 Friday 25th May 2018 		