

# 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,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. This half term, we commence a new 'curriculum thread' across the school. Our new curriculum thread is: **Our Environment: Local and Global**. This ties in really well with our continued focus on Internationalism and enables our children to 'travel' to a range of places!

Children across the school are coming to this thread from different angles. A summary for your reference is below:

- Reception - It's Freezing Here!
- Y1 - Wonderful Weather
- Y2 - Chinese New Year
- Y3 - Why is Cambridge Flat? (Mountains focus)
- Y4 - Europe
- Y5 - Life on the Nile
- Y6 - Where did the Anglo Saxons settle and how do we know?

- Curriculum Thread
- School Development
- Spotlight on Writing
- Staff Update
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- Collective Worship

# School Development

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Thanks to the feedback from our survey in Summer 2021 on our previous 3 Year Strategy, the following 'Golden Threads' are what is guiding our school development for 2021-2024:

- 🧵 Embedding Pupil Behaviours for Learning;
- 🧵 Supporting Pupil and Staff Wellbeing;
- 🧵 As life-long learners, continue to develop our practice to ensure our children get the very best;
- 🧵 Ensure inclusion and equality underpin all our work and are actively promoted;
- 🧵 Working in partnership to enhance the outcomes of our pupils and others connected to our school community.

## Spotlight on Writing

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One of the strengths at Shelford is our reading culture. This year, we are taking inspiration from our wonderful reading culture to develop a strong writing culture. Last year, we trialled some different approaches in writing and this work continues - as life long learners - to find the very best for our children. Below are some examples of writing displays from pupils as it builds up over a unit. We will share more on the development of writing in upcoming newsletters.

## Former Headteacher - Ken Starling

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Sadly, Ken Starling - former Headteacher of Shelford School passed away on 8th December. Mr. Starling was Headteacher at the school from 1975 - 1988 and will be remembered by many in the community for his contribution to the school community, along with his many passions - including woodwork... some of which is still in use at school today.

# Spotlight on Writing

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Mother nature is dying! I am here to say, Mother nature is dying!

I want you to hurry. Panic. Scramble. Mother Nature is dying and we need to act now.

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According to the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), we are less than twelve years away from a catastrophe of unspoken sufferings for enormous numbers of people. This panel, made up of 2000 experts from 80 countries, claims that if we

continue to emit the same quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere at the same rate as we currently do, Earth may become at least warmer. Moreover, warming of this magnitude may well cause extreme climate change: swallowing communities through flooding, ravaging regions by droughts and encouraging drought. Mother Nature is dying. But, we have not lost her. Not yet.

## Daring Darling

Grace Darling was born over 200 years ago in 1815

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Grace's father was a lighthouse keeper on Brownsman Island which was miles away in the Farne Islands

Grace was one of nine children and adored catching shellfish and exploring rock pools with her brothers and sisters

## Sea Saver

Grace was born a long time ago. Grace's father was a lighthouse keeper on an Island which was a really long way from towns, villages or streets. Grace treasured the memories of fishing with her brothers and sisters. Grace was a child of nine

## Staff News

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Mrs. Paterson - our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Leader (SENDCo) - will be retiring from her role at Shelford at the end of this term.

Of course, this is a great shame for us as Mrs. Paterson is a very experienced, knowledgeable and professional SENDCo that goes above and beyond for all our pupils - especially those with additional needs. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs. Paterson all the very best for her retirement and thanking her for her outstanding work as part of Shelford.

## PTA Update

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### PTA & Playscape

The joint PTA and Playscape Christmas event last term was a huge success and raised £2528 for the PTA which is fantastic! Thank you to everyone who was involved in helping and coming along to support it.

### The PTA Quiz

The quiz this year will be a virtual event in February following the success of last year's quiz, teams can choose whether to gather in person or meet in virtual break out rooms.

Details to sign up will be on Classlist and sent out by class reps shortly so please organise your teams (up to 8 participants per team).

All proceeds from the quiz will be put towards the class book wish lists.



Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared our **Three Kings Soloists** from our Carols by Candlelight Performance, linked to this week's focus on Epiphany.

**Celia** - Mia R-G - for compassion to others on multiple occasions and politeness to all adults.

**Cyril** - Mrs. Cusano - for spending time during her holiday painting murals in the Meeting Room, making the room even more inviting.

**Silver Bins:** Year 2 (second week running) & Year 4

**Dinner Winner:** Year 4

**Wonderful Walkers:** Reception

**Shelford Mile:**

**Shelford Mile 5 miles**

R - Elena; Y6 - Teddy, Humphrey

**Shelford Mile Silver**

Y1 - Caleb; Y2 - Austin, Joey, Zoe, Samantha, Samuel

**Star Writer:**

**Isabelle K** - For your fantastic story called 'Happy Little Girl'. You used what you had learnt about the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' to help you to create your own story. When you wrote your story you included story language, dialogue and adjectives.

**Headteacher Awards:**

- **Andrew W** - for always demonstrating quiet focus and a positive attitude to all your learning. It is a joy to have you in Year 4! Well done!
- **Evie M** - for showing growth in confidence! You have offered lots of ideas on the carpet. You have joined in with phonics and maths activities with enthusiasm.
- **Wilf S** - for being very considerate towards others. You are always very kind and helpful.
- **Molly F** - For your fantastic attitude to learning. It is wonderful to see your enthusiastic approach to learning activities. You participate well in whole class activities as well as doing some great independent work.
- **Hunter M** - For helping the kitchen team on Shelford Christmas Day. You dressed up as Buddy the Elf and gave out Christmas crackers to the whole school along with a cheery 'Merry Christmas'. You made everyone smile!
- **Rose B-E** and **Flossie P** both for - your colourful Christmas stocking. You have shown thoughtful attention to detail at each stage of the DT process- sketching your original design, joining the fabric with beautiful neat, small stitches and evaluating what went well and what could be improved. An excellent start to DT in Year 3!

**This week's winning house is - domus pertendentium - the house of determination - The Red Squirrels**

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

## EARLY HELP FRAMEWORK

This week's newsletter can be found [here](#) - with some interesting information for parents on anger in children.

## DRAMA CLASSES

A flyer around Drama Classes available can be found [here](#).

## VACANCY

### Clerk to the Governors at Great and Little Shelford CE(A) Primary School

Great and Little Shelford CE(A) Primary School is looking to appoint a Clerk to the Governors, to provide efficient and effective administrative support in their vital strategic role. The successful candidate will be highly organised, provides attention to detail, is reliable and has excellent communication skills. The clerk prepares meeting papers, takes minutes and carries out a range of administrative tasks for the Board so flexibility in working hours is necessary. As the operation of the Board is paperless, computer literacy is essential and familiarity with Google Drive would be helpful.

Clerking of 9 evening meetings per year is expected, three per term. These may be virtual or in-person, and attendance at all meetings will be required. Training is available, along with mentoring and support from the Chair, Deputy Chair and outgoing Clerk. An honoraria of £1000 per annum is offered, paid in three termly installments.

For further information or to express interest in the post, please contact the chair of governors, Anna Caroe by email [chair@shelfordschool.org.uk](mailto:chair@shelfordschool.org.uk).

The deadline for applications is 13th February 2022. The timescale for starting is flexible but a period of handover by July 2022 is essential.