

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 30 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

This week we have started plans to help pupils adapt to what life might be like in September. We started by inviting one class per week to the hall for our Monday Collective Worship sessions. In addition, Y6 and half of Reception attend Celebration Worship in the hall each Friday.

Our new Collective Worship focus is *prayer*. Each Monday, we will be exploring different aspects, thoughts and approaches to prayer. This week, we began the series by exploring prayer through spoken or written words. We used the mnemonic of a teaspoon that had been introduced to us by former members of the All Saints' team. We shared a recipe, which included teaspoons and looked at the letters that it is abbreviated to: tsp: **T**hank you; **S**orry; **P**lease. Children created suggestions for each of these areas to create our own prayer to close the session. Our prayer ended with asking for help in caring for our world - this links nicely to Eco Committee's fortnight.

- Preparing for September
- Collective Worship
- Eco Committee
- Continued Safety Measures
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

Eco Committee

This week starts the fortnight that Eco Committee have designed to particularly prioritise three pledges, designed to support their application to Blue Peter for the Green Badge.

Bea P reminded the whole school during collective worship of our three pledges that we are focusing on:

Power - Turn off electrical appliances (incl. AC, lights etc.) when they are not being used.

Plastic - Reminding everyone to recycle at home and at school. This includes sourcing recyclable materials where possible.

Plants - Aiming to choose the green menu option more often, as this has less impact on the environment than eating meat.

A suggestion has also been taken to School Council to consider a weekly award for the most Eco Friendly Class.

Donation from Garden Club

Last week, we were delighted to receive a very generous donation of nearly £400 from Shelford Garden Club. Unfortunately, the club has now closed, but they very thoughtfully donated some of their remaining revenue to the school. For many years, the school was the venue for their meetings. We are delighted to be able to add this to the £500 from the Sawston Fun Run to develop part of the green outside of the Reception Class. Pupils have already been planning and designing this garden in their classes and through School Council.

Continued Safety Measures

Based on the Government's delay to the wider relaxation of measures, we are continuing with our Covid-safe measures in school. This includes all adults wearing face coverings when moving around site - especially at arrival and collection times. We should soon receive further guidance about how we can plan to create wider opportunities for pupils to prepare for September through the rest of this half term

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared the hymn '[Be Still for the Presence of the Lord](#)', linking to Monday's (belated) focus on Pentecost.

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision: **Leader:** We live and work in harmony; **Response:** With love for one another

We shared the three tasks that School Council will need to complete before our next meeting:

- Vote on three titles for your class libraries;
- Review, add or edit any items on the Wellbeing Offer for Pupils;
- Gain feedback from your class on Collective Worship.

We shared the job advert and application form for Y5 pupils to apply for **Head Girl** and **Head Boy** 2021-2022.

Individual Successes:

Matthew R - Matthew has been selected to play for the Under 12 Cambridgeshire County golf team, based on his recent successes and wins.

Silver Bins:

- Year 1 (second week running)
- Year 3

Dinner Winner:

- Reception

Wonderful Walkers:

- Year 2

Headteacher Awards:

- **Alex A-R** - for super teamwork in maths, demonstrating kindness in explaining you thinking to a friend/
- **Florrie B** - for fantastic effort at home and at school with reading a range of books, leading to super progress.
- **Tomas B** - for incredible focus and diligence. This was evident in supporting a peer in literacy and getting stuck into symmetry work with accuracy and care.

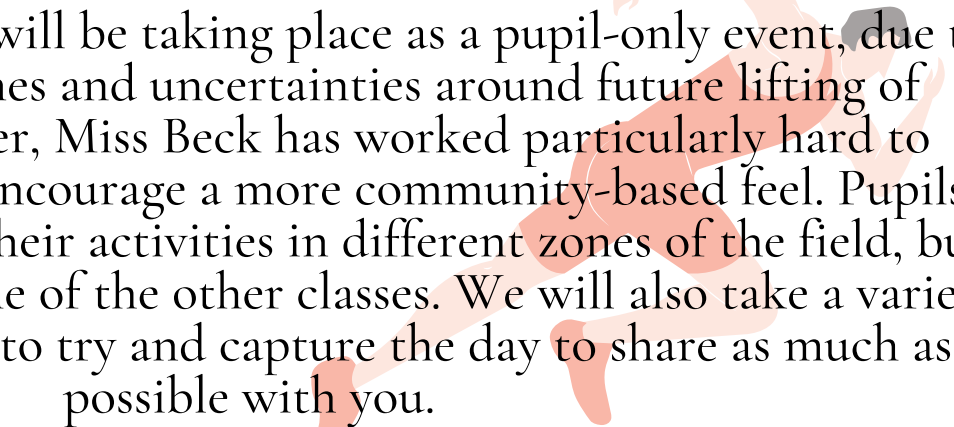
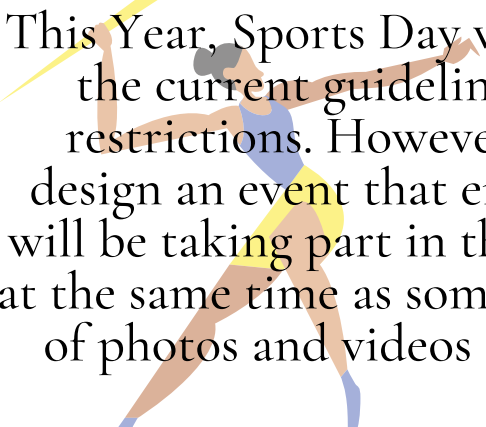
Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus pertendentium - the house of the determination - The Red Squirrels.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS


OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

SPORTS DAY




This Year, Sports Day will be taking place as a pupil-only event, due to the current guidelines and uncertainties around future lifting of restrictions. However, Miss Beck has worked particularly hard to design an event that encourage a more community-based feel. Pupils will be taking part in their activities in different zones of the field, but at the same time as some of the other classes. We will also take a variety of photos and videos to try and capture the day to share as much as possible with you.

HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY VACANCY



During Friday's Celebration Worship, we shared the advert for Head Girl and Head Boy for 2021-2022. Applications are accepted for this internal vacancy from current Y5 pupils. Further details can be found [here](#).

END OF YEAR REPORTS



Pupils will be receiving their end of year reports in July this year. We aim to get these to you two weeks prior to the end of the academic year.

SWIMMING



Unfortunately, we still have an issue with the pool liner. We are investigating options and will keep in touch regarding the start of swimming lessons.