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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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Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 17th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of term and academic year. So often, we have been in the midst of busy, exciting and engaging activities in school, which continue until next Wednesday! However, it is important to stop and reflect on the year and all of the school's achievements... some of which have been captured in the photo mosaic below:



Last week, we were delighted to appoint two new teaching assistants to our Great and Little Shelford team. Mrs. Haigh and Mrs. Hallebro will join us in September 2019. I'm sure you will join me in warmly welcoming them to the staff team.

School Councillors met for their final meeting on Friday 12th July. A big thank you to all of the representatives this year – who have made excellent contributions to the decisions made in school, especially with respect to developing our approach to Science, reviewing our vision and developing the class library areas.

Yesterday, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Felixstowe, linked to their topic on the Seaside. Children visited the beach, a local museum and enjoyed an ice lolly. While visiting the beach, they enjoyed the company of a visitor (*right*), which they named Bobby due to the way the seal initially bobbed its head up and down!



Yesterday, we also enjoyed a fantastic violin performance led by our violin teacher Mrs. Hopkins. We were delighted to listen and enjoy a duet, a solo from each violinist and an ensemble piece. We look forward to welcoming new pupils to instrumental lessons for September. Should you wish to enquire about instrumental lessons for your child, please get in touch with the office.

It is inevitable that the end of the academic year sadly brings some farewells. As you already know, Mrs. Kellock and Mrs. Dasher will be retiring from their positions in school. They have both given a lot of support, dedication and professionalism to the school over the years and we will sorely miss having them as part of our team. We will be sending them on their way with lots of love and luck for their retirements. We'd also like to say a farewell and huge thank you to Mrs. Bullock and Dr. Doubleday as their tenure as Parent Governors come to an end. Again, both Mrs. Bullock and Dr. Doubleday have contributed a huge amount of work in many different areas of the school's life from Special Educational Needs and School Council to Equality and Performance Management.

We are still intending to send our newsletter next Wednesday. But, if I do not see you personally before the end of the year, I would like to thank you all for your support this year – both of your child's education in school and of the staff's hard work in the school. In addition, I would like to personally thank you for your very warm welcome to the school community.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey

Announcements

Bags!

Pupils will be bringing books and other elements of learning home during the week commencing 22nd July. Please provide your child with at least 3 bags during 22nd and 23rd July.

PTA Camp out

The Big Camp Out returns this Friday night to Shelford School's field, courtesy of the PTA. For one night only, parents and their children can camp out at school until Saturday morning, with barbecue food and entertainment provided on Friday evening. The cost of attendance is £10 per person (a flat rate for all adults and children), or, if you're not a seasoned camper, you can attend the barbecue on Friday evening only for £6 per adult or child. For tickets, please contact the PTA via the Camp Out announcement on Classlist, email pta@shelfordschool.org.uk, or see the PTA secretary Matt (in his camping hat) at the table outside the school Wednesday or Thursday after school!

Change to menu next week

Monday 22nd July

Pizza

Cheese roll

Jacket Potato

Dessert to be confirmed

Tuesday 23rd July

Fish fingers & chips

Pasta bake

Jacket Potato

Dessert to be confirmed

Wednesday 24th July

(Leavers' Lunch chosen by Year 6)

Sausage, Yorkshire pudding & mash

Gammon, Yorkshire pudding & mash

Quorn dippers & mash

Fudge tart or Cheesecake

Volunteer Helpers

Have you ever thought of helping out in school? If so, please touch base with the office! We can arrange for the necessary checks and full induction process. If you intend to offer your services in September 2019 for the first time, it is often easier to try to set you up now as the process can take some time.

Wildlife Garden

We recently said goodbye to Bridget Hodge, who kindly volunteered in running our Wildlife Garden Club. If you are interested in working with a small group of pupils in the meadow or allotment for some weeks, please register your interest with the office.

Little Shelford Walking Bus – Volunteers needed!



The Little Shelford walking bus meet every Wednesday at the corner of Church Street/Hauxton Rd next to the old Sycamore restaurant at 8.25 am prompt.

Two DBS checked parents walk with the children to school all wearing hi viz jackets.

There is a parent helper rota, if more families join the fewer mornings you will need to help.

Please just turn up and join in this fun, active group.

If you require any further info please contact Charlotte Chatwin or Claire Chaloner. Thanks

Safeguarding issues

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

❖ **Medicine in school**

- ❖ If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.

❖ **School access – gates**

- ❖ For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

❖ **Site Safety**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

❖ **Changes to your child's circumstances**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Bug busting

Unfortunately, we have had reports of head lice in school. Please can you ensure that you check your child's hair as soon as possible, and take action as necessary. Thank you.

1st Shelford Guides Unit Leader needed urgently

1st Shelford Guides has been running continuously since 1917 but sadly may not be able to reopen in September 2019 due to the current Unit Leader standing down. So, we're looking for a Girlguiding Leader to take over the unit and keep it going. Please pass the message on to friends and neighbours and get in touch with Joanne Staines or Lisa MacGregor (Shelford District Commissioners) at shelforddistrict@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!

May Bank Holiday 2020

As you may have seen, the May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May due to the VE Day celebrations.

Term dates for next year

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

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). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. 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.