

Shelford School News

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Harvest Service

Thank you for your donations for the Harvest Service. These will be kindly transferred by the church wardens at St Mary's, with their own contributions to the Cambridge Food Bank. Thank you also to Year 3 for leading the service with great care and enthusiasm – well done!

Two important notices

Please read the next two important notices – responding positively to each will make a significant difference of our school. Thank you.

Important notice 1- Buy your child a school meal tomorrow and raise funds for the School

We would like as many children as possible to have a school meal tomorrow so the kitchen are putting on one of their most popular meals – certainly the most popular pudding!

Part of the 2018 – 2019 school budget will be determined based on the number of children in FS/KS1, who are already entitled to a free school meal, ordering a school meal on **Census Day**. Please do therefore encourage your FS/KS1 to have a school meal tomorrow or to try it out for the first time. Thank you very much.

School Lunch - Thursday 5th October

Main meal:

(Red meal)

Beef burger in a bun
with potato wedges & corn on the cob

or

(Blue meal)

Quorn burger in a bun
with potato wedges & corn on the cob

or

(Green meal)

Pasta Neapolitan

Pudding:

Fudge tart with chocolate sauce

or

Yoghurt or fruit

Important notice 2 - PTA AGM

Please join us **tonight** in the school hall at 7.30pm for the PTA AGM. This is always a really encouraging meeting, as we remember what the PTA has achieved for the school over the past year. As well as raising just under £23,000 this year – an amazing total – the committee has massively contributed to the community life of the school, by facilitating our much-loved Christmas and Summer Fairs and the Quiz and a number of other fun events throughout the year, which have been enjoyed by us all.

Please see further details in the PTA section below and note the sobering reminder that:

“Without a properly constituted and active committee, the school will miss out on additional funding and the following events cannot be organised by the PTA this year:

Christmas and Summer Fairs

Quiz Night

PTA Challenge

Summer Camp Out.

Kids’ Discos

Bike sales

Shelford Feast Stall

Cake at the Gate

Refreshments for school concerts, sports day, performances and nativity plays”

... in other words, even the cake sales are not able to go ahead without people in elected positions.

Therefore, **please do consider** whether you would be willing to head up the team in the positions of Chair or Secretary (Holly Gregory has kindly agreed to be proposed again as treasurer) so that at least the three main events can go ahead as planned. The job descriptions are posted here for your attention:

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/pta_newsletter/302472

Please do remember that the main skills required are co-ordination and delegating rather than doing it all yourself!

Thank you very much for considering these essential roles, **for the good of the school community.**

Sawston Village College open evening

Prospective Parents/Carers are invited to attend an Open Evening at Sawston Village College on Thursday 5 October 2017 from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

In addition to this, Mr Russell (Assistant Headteacher) will be visiting the school for an annual Q&A parental drop-in session **for Year 5 and Year 6 parents**. This will take place on Tuesday 17th October - please drop in from 3.00pm -3.45pm.

Year 6 – Ely Cathedral trip

We wish Year 6 well as they take the school banner and represent the school at Ely Cathedral tomorrow. This visit is kindly funded by the **Shelford School Support Fund**, managed by the school governors.

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School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school next Wednesday, 11th October, to take individual photographs of children and sibling groups. Sibling groups of school age will be organised within the morning programme. However if you have younger children who you wish to be included in a photograph, you are welcome to arrive at school from 8.15am and enter the school via the junior entrance (red doors) to have this photograph taken in the Think Tank room. This will need to be completed by 8.45am at the latest so that the school day is not disrupted. Thank you very much.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 29 th September 2017	
<p>This half term's Secrets of Success focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding others <p>Headteacher's Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bella Seymour Mia Rugg-Gunn Joseph Rayment Humairah Uddin Annie Sillence Alexander Hunter Ava Cook <p>Star Writer (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milo McCrone <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"> Humairah Uddin Daniel Ward Samuel Caroe Elliot Cook Ava Henry Jack Vaughan <p>Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rowan Alcock Tomas Bell Eva Bennett Sebastian Betsworth Amanda Bredborg Joseph Button Jack Dawson Emily Ford Joshua Lee Felix Mann Harvey Mee Jacob Moss Seren Olney Mia Rugg-Gunn Harley Sanford Ruby Seaborn Oliver Simmons Charlotte Will 	<p>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Chatwin William Crump Milo McCrone Magnus Melton Lottie Sidders Teddy Page Abigail Pearce <p>Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Stone <p>Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None this week <p>Celia (10 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbey Day <p>Cyril (staff member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Crawford <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 6 <p>Silver bins (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Year 3 <p>This week's house winners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Otters

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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 will be sent home on 7th November.

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 we would love to hear from you. 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 school year, it is a good time to remind 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. (The date for the next two induction sessions are as follows:
 - Friday 6th October 9.15 – 10.15am
 - Tuesday 31st October 9.15 – 10.15am.

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.

If you are already DBS checked and haven't signed in since July, please remember that you will need to do this soon. Please check with the office if you are unsure.

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. Year 3 parents please be aware that free school meals are no longer available for your children unless eligible through Cambridge County Councils 'Count me in Scheme'. If you think you are eligible 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.

House T-Shirts

If you have ordered a house T-shirt, the PTA will take payment and distribute T-shirts in the week before half term (w/c Monday 23rd October

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.

Attachments:

- Exams invigilator advert
- Half term tennis camps
- Dramawise - Sawston

PTA news

PTA AGM – TONIGHT - 7.30 p.m. School hall

Everyone is welcome at the PTA AGM tonight when we will be recapping on last year's successes and voting in new members, a new Secretary and a new Chair. Please consider coming along and getting involved. Thank you. Agenda attached.

PTA Bike sale - THIS SATURDAY – Great Shelford Memorial Hall – 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The bike sale is this Saturday. We'll have lots of bikes and scooters and bike accessories for you to choose from. Great Shelford Memorial Hall, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The No 1 second hand bike sale in South Cambridgeshire !!!! See you there.

School photographs – Help needed next week

Anna Marriage will be in school next Wednesday morning (11th October) to take individual and sibling group photographs. If you are able to help between 0900 and 1100 on that morning, please let the office or the PTA know ASAP. Thank you so much.

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 to speak to her via the school office. Thank you.

Shelford School Calendar			
Academic Year 2017 - 2018			
Autumn Term 2017			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Thursday 4 th Oct	7.30pm	PTA AGM	Everyone welcome
Monday 16 th Oct	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School Hall Mrs Paterson (SENDco) able to attend
Wednesday 18 th Oct	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School Hall
Thursday 19 th Oct	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School Hall
Friday 20 th Oct	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half Term 23rd – 27th October			
Autumn Term 2017 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		Spring Term 2018 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	Summer Term 2018 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: 1. Monday 4 th September 2017 2. Friday 20 th October 2017 3. Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 4. Friday 9 th February 2018 5. Friday 25 th May 2018			