

### **Victorian Day**

Thank you to parents for working with Year 3 children on their excellent Victorian costumes today and thank you to Mrs Ashton for her excellent work to bring this experience to life for the children. I could get used to this standing-as-I-enter-the-classroom routine! Look out for the photos on the website shortly.

### Last chance to book musical instrument consultations and tasters

During the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May there will be no music lessons with our visiting teachers. Instead there will be an opportunity for parents to meet for a consultation with their child's music teacher and also for children interested in learning an instrument, to have a taster lesson. If you would like to have a consultation or a taster session, please give your name to the office by tomorrow. Consultation times will be issued on Friday.

Even if you have already contacted one of the music teachers directly about lessons, please give your name to the office if you want a taster so a timetable of appointments can be drawn up. Thank you

# PTA Summer Fair – Saturday May 19th 2.00 – 4.30pm

Please do save the date for the school's much-loved Summer Fair, taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Maria Lazarus and the PTA committee are beavering away behind the scenes to prepare - thank you to each of you for your commitment! Please do support your child's class reps in the preparations and/or volunteer to take part in the stall rota on the day if you can. The joy of such events is the strength of the team as parents, staff and governors work together to achieve this excellent event.

#### School Choir and Orchestra concert – Shelford Free Church – 7.00pm, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Please save the date for this excellent annual school choir and orchestra concert led by Mrs Barlow at the end of this half term. I am grateful to the Free Church for hosting this event so that, with more space, we can open up this event to all parents to attend.

#### Free school meals

As from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, more families have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) as the income threshold for **Free School Meals (FSM)** has decreased to £7,400 net (take home pay). If this is your situation, please apply by completing a **Free School Meals (FSM) form** on the following website <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</u>. In addition to **Free School Meals** for your child, **this will also entitle the school to receive extra funding**, so please do help us by registering in this way if this is your situation, even if your child brings a packed lunch. Thank you for supporting the school in this way.

# Survey

Cambridgeshire County Council are currently gathering feedback from parents on the **School Admissions** process and **Home to School Transport** process. Please follow the links below if you would like to contribute your views:

<u>School Admissions</u> <u>https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SchoolAdmissions2018/</u>

<u>Home to School Transport</u> <u>https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HomeToSchoolTransport2018/</u>

Both surveys will close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

# **Focus Group**

There is also an opportunity for **parents** to get involved in a focus group and provide detailed feedback about either or both application processes. To get involved in this please leave your details in the last section of the survey or email <u>transformation.team@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u> with the subject 'School Admissions and Transport Focus Group' **by 5pm, Friday 18th May**.

# Affordable childcare information for parents

The Government launched its 30 hours extended entitlement for 3 and 4-year-olds in September 2017. Working parents of younger children may find information about this extended childcare entitlement useful. Tax-free childcare has now been extended to children up to the age of 12 for out of school and holiday care.

The Government's Childcare Choices website, <u>https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</u>, offers parents information on all the available childcare entitlements. Any enquiries on 30 hours extended entitlement can be sent to <u>30HoursChildcare@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u>.

# Dates for next academic year (including INSET days):

Autumn Term 2018	Spring Term 2019	Summer Term 2019			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 to	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to Friday	Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to			
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 inclusive	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 inclusive			
inclusive					
	Half term Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term: Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday			
Half term Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018	2019 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019 inclusive			
to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 inclusive	inclusive	May Day: Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019			
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed:					
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- 1. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- 2. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- 3. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019
- 4. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- 5. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

# **Gymnastics Club**

Please note that there will be gymnastics club tomorrow as normal. There will be no gymnastics on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Be Happy. Be Busy. Be Safe. Be Healthy. Be Organised. Reflect. Celebrate. Be an Enthusiastic Learner.

# Change to lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, seasonal veg & gravy or Quorn roast with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, seasonal veg & gravy (v) or Jacket potato

Fudge tart or Shortbread biscuit

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018				
<ul> <li>This half term's Secrets of Success focus:</li> <li>Push yourself</li> </ul>	Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):			
Headteacher's Award (4 house points): • Anna Sargeant • Ava Henry • Max Merkle • Florence Dootson • Lottie Sidders • Seren Olney • Alex Taylor	<ul> <li>Ellie Moss</li> <li>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</li> <li>Ellie Stephenson</li> <li>Flynn Darby</li> <li>Zoe Beer</li> <li>Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):</li> <li>Abigail Pearce</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Alex Taylor</li> <li>Star Writer (4 house points): <ul> <li>Magnus Heath</li> </ul> </li> <li>Maths Investigator Award (4 house points): <ul> <li>Filip Bredborg</li> <li>Harley Sandford</li> <li>Ruby Seaborn</li> <li>Anna Sargeant</li> <li>Gordon Doubleday</li> </ul> </li> <li>Pen Licence: <ul> <li>Not awarded this week</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points) • Rowan Alcock • Lottie Sidders Celia (10 house points) • Not awarded this week Cyril • Miss McLoughlin Care of Books (2 house points per class member) • Year 1 Dinner winners (2 house points per class member) • Not awarded this week Silver bins (2 house points per class member)			
	<ul> <li>Year 2</li> <li>Year6</li> <li>This week's house winners:</li> <li>Otters</li> </ul>			

#### Sports news

For further information regarding sports news and write-ups, please see the sports page under the 'Curriculum & Enrichment' section on the website.

#### **Woodwind Lessons**

There are currently two spaces available for children who would like to learn flute, clarinet or saxophone. If your child is interested, please contact the office.

#### Limiting illness in school

For further information, please use the following link to our school website: <a href="http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance\_on\_absence\_for\_common\_illnesses/216944">http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance\_on\_absence\_for\_common\_illnesses/216944</a>

#### **Dinner Money**

For information regarding school dinner money, please use the following link: <u>https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/online\_payments\_for\_school\_dinners\_trips\_etc/201</u> <u>808/cHJIdmlId3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxMzo1MDowNQ</u>==

### Medicines in school

For information regarding medicines in school, please use the following link to our school website: <u>https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering\_medicines\_in\_school/216948/cHJldm</u> <u>Ild3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxNDowMjozMg</u>==

### School Uniform

For further information, please use the following link to our school website: <u>http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/uniform/171288</u>

### 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
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# PTA News - 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Hello! We're into the busier and more exciting months for PTA events now! First up, Summer Fair...



#### Summer Fair

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May is a **non-uniform day**! The year 4 team will collect your bottle 'fines' at the gates in the morning. The PTA team will also be there collecting plant donations. Thank you for your help!

Can you donate any of the following to the boxes in the Office please?

- bric-a-brac
- **bunting** and **balloons** (in red, white or blue)
- flags (large Union Jack and Star Spangled Banner)

If the bunting/flags are on loan please label with your name. Thank you!



#### PTA Challenge: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Dust off the ActiveWear<sup>TM</sup> – there's a wheely good Challenge coming up...!

This year we will conquer the **London to Cambridge bike ride** on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, raising money for our school and Amnesty International with every pedal!

The ride is just over 50 miles long, from Pickett's Lock (in the Lea Valley) to Midsummer Common. It is carefully marshalled and signposted, follows traffic-free canal-side paths until it gets outside the M25, then switches to very quiet, leafy Hertfordshire and North Essex country lanes, 'back routes' through Ickleton, Whittlesford and Shelford, then cycle paths to Cambridge.

If you are put off cycling events by lycra-clad groups travelling, heads down, at supersonic speeds, *this is a ride for you*! Yes, you could ride this as a speed challenge but the PTA team are thinking less of an arduous sporting event and more of a leisurely cycle along beautiful canal towpaths and country lanes...the way Winnie the Pooh would do it. Gently, slowly, with lots of stops for a little something in beguiling country taverns along the way.

We have a growing team of PTA committee, parents and...yes, Bradley! For more info see <u>https://www.bike-</u> <u>events.co.uk/Ride.aspx?id=631&n=y</u>. To join the team click 'Book Now', choose team entry and search for **The Go Bradley's (Shelford School PTA) team**. Entry costs £23.50 per person. The organisers provide coach travel for an extra cost but we plan to travel together by train from Cambridge around 6.45am. Further info from Matt Bell (PTA Secretary) on 07973 225612, via Classlist, or matt@directredmedia.com.

Go team Go Bradleys!



You will find the calendar on the bottom of the home page on the school website under link and downloads.