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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Now we are firmly into December, we are seeing increasing signs of winter. It was fantastic to see so many of you, along with members of the wider community at the Lights Switch On on Sunday. A huge thank you to the PTA and Parish Council, along with the sponsors and all of you who supported the event. It seemed hugely successful – a great variety of performances, stalls and fun!

Last Thursday, I was hugely proud to share our school with our visiting SIAMS inspector. The school really shone in every way. I was particularly impressed with our pupils, who demonstrated our vision so clearly. Along with this, every other stakeholder group shone too: a group of parents who met with our inspector; all our staff; all the governors. We are currently awaiting our report and will share it with you when it is available. You may remember me mentioning at Meet the Teacher, that a new inspection schedule now measures a wider array of areas in our church school inspection.

Pupils attending the Premier Drama Club will be putting on a performance for the school on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1:00pm. Parents of these pupils are welcome to attend their performance!

Our Eco Committee held their first meeting yesterday. The newly-elected Eco Warriors are being led by Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Murray and Dr. Goettsch. They will firstly undertake a review of the school and then work with their classes to decide on which three areas we should focus on in particular.

EYFS and KS1 are busy preparing to delight you with their Nativity performances next week. Meanwhile, KS2 is a flurry of activity towards preparing for our Carols by Candlelight (12/12/19 at 6:30pm).

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey,  
Headteacher



*Our Advent wreath, introduced on Monday's Service.*

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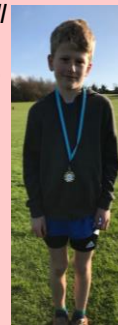
- Lights Switch On
- SIAMS inspection
- Drama Club Presentation
- Eco Committee
- Cross Country
- STEM Ambassador



*Choir singing at Great Shelford Memorial Hall*

### Sports Report

*On Friday 29th November, pupils from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Cambridgeshire Cross Country event at Netherhall School. The pupils competed in a very muddy 1 mile cross country race against others from various schools across the county. All pupils worked very hard and ran their fastest, all putting in great effort. A special mention has to go to Oliver Seaborn, who won the Year 5 boys race by a considerable distance. We all had a great morning, even though it was cold and muddy.*



### Science Spot

*Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Airoldi to our school to share her work as a plant biologist. Pupils were fascinated to learn about how understanding plant structures is supporting engineers and designers in developing new technologies.*



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**Half-termly update from the Governing Board**

As you may be aware, last Thursday was a very busy day for the school as we welcomed an inspector to undertake our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS).

A SIAMS inspection focuses on the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish.

As Governors we met with the inspector ourselves but were **hugely** proud of the pupils and staff as they showed the school off to its very best and articulated in words and actions how 'We live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential in a community of lifelong learners'. Thank you to the parents who gave time to speak with the inspector too. The writing-up and critical reading of the inspection report takes a few weeks, but we will share that with you as soon as possible.

As if that wasn't enough to fit into a day, Thursday was also the date of the second Full Board meeting this term. Alongside the regular business of the meeting it was great to see the freshly decorated Year 5 classroom. Our thanks to the team of volunteers who have transformed that space for the benefit of the pupils' learning and well-being.

Governors are often in and around school informally but as part of our work we make regular, more formal visits to monitor the impact of the strategic decisions the Board takes and learn about how the curriculum is implemented. At Thursday's meeting we shared reports of visits relating to RE, Science, Literacy, French, SEND and are looking forward to scheduling some times to join Collective Worship in the new term.

Further information about the work and membership of the Board can be found on the [school website](#) and we can be contacted about school matters by email: [clerk@shelfordschool.org](mailto:clerk@shelfordschool.org)

**Dates Summary**

*Changes / additions are in blue*

	6/12/19	9:30	EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Hall
	9/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
	10/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
	6/12/19	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall
	12/12/19	18:00	Carols by Candlelight (led by KS2)	St. Mary's Church
	18/12/19	All day	Shelford Christmas Day (non-uniform – smart party clothes / Christmas jumpers)	School
	18/12/19		End of Autumn Term	School
	19/12/19 – 5/1/20		Christmas holiday	Somewhere festive
	3/1/20		PD DAY	School
	6/1/20		Spring Term commences	School



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## Announcements

### **Nativity tickets**

Tickets for the FS/KS1 Nativity went home with children on Monday (so please check their book bag if you have not received any). The extra 'lucky dip' tickets have also been issued. However, there is still a waiting list for tickets so if you find that you are unable to use your ticket, please return it to the office so that it can be re-issued. Thank you.

### **General health**

Unfortunately, it is that time of year again where we are all suffering with coughs and colds etc. Please can we ask that if your child has a temperature or is complaining of feeling sick or having tummy ache (which you believe to be genuine), please keep them at home until they have recovered. Thank you.

### **Christmas post box**

From tomorrow the post box will be located by the junior entrance for children to bring Christmas cards in for their friends or staff if they wish. Please remind them to put the name (including Surname or first letter of Surname) and year group on the envelope.

### **Code Club**

Please see the letter from Miss Bachewich relating to Code Club, which will commence in January for Y5 and Y6. This is on the website with the newsletter.

### **Brass lessons**

There will be no brass lessons on Tuesday 10 December, therefore the last session of term this term will be Tuesday 17 December.

### **Art Day – Wanted Items please**

Please can you donate all of your old/unwanted small plastics (e.g. Kinder eggs & toys, old pieces of Lego, tiny toys, lids etc.) to be used during Art Day. Please put any donations into the box in the foyer by the office. Thank you.

### **Exciting Opportunities**

Please look out for details on our upcoming **Code Club** for Y5 and Y6, to commence in Spring 1 and some exciting developments around **environmental issues**. We also have a weekly 'Shine Club' every Tuesday lunchtime for Y5 and Y6 pupils to explore big questions with our Youth Workers from All Saints' and GSFC.

### **Netball Club**

Please note that netball will resume on Monday 3 February.



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**School Christmas Disco (Save the date)**

This year's Christmas Disco will take place in the school hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December (KS1 4.00-5:15pm, KS2 5:30-6:45pm).

**Class Briefings / Assemblies**

All of the class briefings will start at 2:00pm in the Hall and will follow the timings below:

2:00pm	Presentation to Parents
2:15pm	Activity with parents based on the theme of the presentation in the hall
2:35pm	Set up the hall for Celebration Assembly
2:45pm	Celebration Assembly Commences, parents welcome to stay

The remaining Class Briefings will take place on the following dates:

Date	Class
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5



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