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Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, Year 5 and Year 6 are in the throes of their final rehearsal before the final performance of Alice in Wonderland. It has been amazing to see how well the lines, lyrics, dances and props have all come together to create an amazing performance. A huge thank you to the staff who have supported and led the production: Miss McLoughlin, Mr. Cuff, Mr. Paduano, Mrs. Weston, Miss Wesley, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Dasher and Mrs. Murray. A big thank you, also, to those of you who supported with costumes!

At the end of the last week, I heard the grand total of the PTA Summer Fair is £5,489! A heartfelt thank you to the PTA and to all of you who helped, supported and visited the fair. I hope many of you managed to see the fantastic projects that the PTA have supported and developed recently, including the opportunity to visit the new library.

On Friday, I was thrilled to read about our very own Jessie, who appeared in the Cambridge News with respect to her amazing fund raising for homeless people in Cambridge. Her fundraising page is at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jessie-godsal>

Sports day is taking place this Friday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit, including their house T-Shirt. The weather is due to be warm and sunny. Please ensure that your child comes with a water bottle and cap. Parents are welcome to join from 1:15pm. Please sign in at the tables near to the office and make your way to the edges of the field (the centre will be set up for the activities). The house parade will take place around the Shelford Mile track at 1:30pm. The award ceremony will take place at the end of the afternoon, followed by a performance by Lane Academy Jazz Dance.

As some of you may know already, Mrs. Kellock has informed us that she will be retiring at the end of this year. I have also heard from Mrs. Dasher that she will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to spend more time with her daughter. We will make the most of our time together with them, but sorely miss both Mrs. Kellock and Mrs. Dasher. When the time comes, we will send them on their way with lots of luck and love. This means that we will be recruiting a new Teaching Assistant to join our staff team. An advert for this is on the school website and is available at: <https://www.epm.co.uk/school-vacancies/23513/>

On Monday 1st July, the choir and orchestra will be performing at Great Shelford Free Church. The concert will commence at 6:30pm. Please see below for further details. On Sunday 7th July, all of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are invited to the Twinning Association's 30th Anniversary celebrations. Unfortunately, for our performance to go ahead, we need more pupils to attend. If your children are able to attend, as per the previous letter, please let us know. Pupils who attend will be welcome to stay for parts of the party afterwards.

With best wishes,
 Chris Grey

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Y5 & Y6 performance
- PTA Summer Fair total!
- Sports Day
- Staff news
- GSFC concert
- Twinning performance

Hall Displays



Announcements

Photo orders

Please can we remind you that if you wish to buy a copy of this year's class or club photos you will need to return your order form to the office by Friday 28th June

Change to menu – Sports day (Friday 28th June)

Hot dogs & chips

or

Quorn Hot dogs & chips

or

Jacket potato

Concert at GSFC Monday 1st July

The concert will be held at Great Shelford Free Church, which has several entrances. These are the logistical arrangements for the evening:

- At 5:45pm, members of the orchestra arrive at the side entrance on Ashen Green, where they will be met.
- At 6:00pm, members of the choir (who aren't in orchestra) arrive at the side entrance on Ashen Green, where they will be met.
- Audience members then go a little further down Ashen Green to the rear entrance, by the bike sheds. This leads into the hall where the PTA will be serving wine and soft drinks. Please stay in the hall with your drinks.
- At approximately 6.25, you will be directed round to the front door on the High Street from where you can make your way into the church, which has ample room on the balcony in addition to downstairs seating. Audience members will not be able to enter the church before this time, as the children will still be rehearsing.

The church is accessible to those with limited mobility, including wheelchair users, and there is a disabled toilet. Please let the school office know if you have any special requirements and arrangements will be made.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Moving up day

This year moving up day will be on Wednesday 3rd July, where children will spend time in their new classes for September. If your child is going to Sawston Village College, please note that you will need to transport them to and from the college.

Sawston Village College will be holding their induction evening for new parents and pupils to attend on Thursday 4th July. Full information regarding this is in the information pack.

Swimming

Unfortunately, the pool is still unable to be used at the moment. We will keep you up to date with any further developments.

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.

School prayer meeting - Thursday 27th June

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. It's fine to bring little ones, we have plenty of toys! We will be meeting at The Lodge, Kings Mill Lane, Great Shelford on Thursday 27th June at 2pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time.

Parking

Quite a few villagers have raised concerns regarding cars parking on the double yellow lines outside the school, particularly at the various drop off and pick up times. There have also been problems with cars parked just next to the Kings Mill Lane entrance blocking the view and making it unsafe to turn out. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

Dress for the weather

Please ensure all pupils have named jumpers and coats available in school, especially as we are heading into unpredictable spring and summer weather. Please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before school and provide a hat if the weather is predicted to be hot. Please ensure that your child wears enclosed toe footwear and not open toe sandals.

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.