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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

This week in collective worship, pupils have been exploring how our four values – **creativity, resilience, kindness and responsibility** - are evident in the bible stories and extracts they know. We have created an interactive station on the altar for pupils to continue to share. This is just one way of us linking the special values and qualities that we promote to our vision. We have already had some great suggestions of stories that link to our values.

Talking about kindness, we are still collecting boxes for Operation Christmas Child, along with any specific contributions. Further details are below.



After their trip to Burwell, our Year 5 pupils have shown further **resilience** by taking part in Bikeability this week. They have practised a range of safety checks and manoeuvres to reinforce safe cycling. In addition, our Reception pupils continue with their Balanceability course this half term. They have also been demonstrating great resilience.

As part of enabling our pupils to **achieve their potential within a community of life-long learners**, we have been delighted to welcome the Y2 and Y6 parents and families to their class briefings. Last week was the turn of Y6, who opened their Celebration Worship with a moving presentation around World War I.

Linking in to how we show **love for one another**, Y6 led a stunning and moving Remembrance Service in school on Monday. They prepared and shared poetry, prayers and hymns to mark Remembrance. We were delighted to welcome Major Carrothers in for our service and are grateful for his involvement. After a talk around Remembrance, Major Carrothers rested our Remembrance wreath, which was made by Y1.

With respect to **responsibility**, Y6 will soon be off to Grafham Water for an exciting set of challenges to further promote team cohesion. Also linked to **responsibility**, please can I ask you all to check your children are coming to school with the correct uniform. In particular, a reminder that tights should be grey and school footwear should be smart and black. In addition, nail varnish is not permitted.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey, Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds:

- Our values in the bible
- Christmas shoeboxes!
- Bikeability, Balanceability
- Remembrance
- Grafham Water
- Uniform reminder

Science Spot

Today we were delighted to welcome our second STEM Ambassador to school.

We heard from Dr. Florian Merkle and his interesting work in neuroscience. We learnt about how the brain makes decisions around whether to eat something or not. This was reinforced by a fun activity, where pupils represented different parts of the decision making process in the body.



Pupils were very engaged and had many interesting questions linked to hunger and our perception of it. Huge thanks to Dr. Florian Merkle for his time and fantastic talk!



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Dates Summary

Changes / additions are in blue

	11/11/19 – 14/11/19		Y5 Bikeability	School / Shelford
	15/11/19	14:00	Y1 Class Briefing	Hall
	19/11/19	14:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
	20/11/19	9:30 & 14:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
	20/11/19 -22/11/19		Y6 Residential	Grafham
	21/11/19	9:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
	22/11/19	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
	w/c 25/11/19		Kindness Week	School
	27/11/19		Kindness Workshops (Anti-bullying)	School
	29/11/19		PTA Non-uniform Day for the bottle tombola	School
	29/11/19	AM	Cross Country Tournament	Netherhall
	29/11/19	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	1/12/19	15:30-19:00	PTA & Village Christmas Light Switch On	Great Shelford Memorial Hall
	2/12/19	All day	Advent Service to open RE Day	School
	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

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 club will finish for the winter at the end of November and start again in February. The last session will be Monday 25 November and will resume on Monday 3 February. In the meantime, please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

Christmas Shoebox appeal

If you want to take part there are 3 ways to do this

1. Get a shoebox, cover it with colourful paper and fill it with gifts. There are 3 age groups to choose from and also boy or girl-leaflets are available at reception
2. Bring in items for the boxes and leave them at reception. Lots of ideas if you look on the website. samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ
3. Bring in a donation that can be used to buy items or for the very important transport and training costs- again leave at reception please

Please can the above be brought in by Friday 15th November.

School Photographs

School Photo Orders: please remember to order your child's photo by the deadline of first thing on Wednesday 20th November. While orders after this date will still be processed, the School will not earn commission from late orders. The PTA welcomes your feedback on the photo company used at PTASecretary@shelford.cambs.sch.uk

Non Uniform day – Bring a bottle please!

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 29th November, in exchange for bottles for the Christmas fair tombola, please? Bottles will be collected at the gate at drop off.

School Christmas Disco (Save the date)

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



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Great Shelford Christmas Light Switch On

The PTA would like to remind you that the Great Shelford Christmas Light Switch On takes place on Sunday 1 December. Please remember to bring in your contributions for the colour-themed hampers this week, as well as contributions for your year group's activity. More information is available on Classlist or via your class reps.

In addition to the light switch on itself, at the Memorial Hall there will be a Christmas market, BBQ, mulled wine, baked goods, a bar, festive games and crafts, raffles, live music, carols, carousel, festive photo booth, and Father Christmas in his grotto. If you can help, please: sign up to your class activity's rota, let us know if you can set up or clear down, offer to cook on the BBQ, or just dig out some unwanted fairy lights or good quality toys for the pocket money stall. Many thanks Hannah

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 15 th November	Year 1
Friday 22 nd November	Year 3
Friday 29 th November	Year 4
Friday 6 th December	Year 5

Volunteer helper induction

If you would like to attend the induction session on Friday 22nd November (9.05am), please contact the school office.

Aldi Team GB sticker promotion

Aldi Team GB sticker promotion: The School, churches and library managed to collect an impressive 180 team GB stickers. While this fell short of the 300 stickers required to enter the prize draw it was a good effort and a great example of community spirit. Many thanks to all who collected and brought in stickers.

Sarah Hallebro
PTA Secretary



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Name the new Gritters

Cambridgeshire County Council, are having new gritters delivered this Autumn
We are now asking primary school pupils to name the gritters
We are looking for **innovation, imagination,** and of course **humour!!** Some previous names include;

- Snowbert
- The BFG
- Gritter Lemon
- Terminicer
- Gritney Spears
- Brad Grit
- Sir Spread A lot
- Spike
- Grittering star



The lucky winners will be invited to a naming ceremony at one of our depots in the county and will all receive a Road Safety Goodie Bag and a picture of their Gritter!

- Please email your entries including;**
Name of Gritter
Name of child
School child attends

to Lyn.hesse@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by Friday 15th November

GOOD LUCK!

Shelford Twinning Association (Saturday 9th November – 7.30pm)

.... Invites you to a talk (in English) and illustrated slide show on **'Du pain, du vin et du Boursin -the essentials of French life** by Francine Rouanet-Democrate (Founder of Alliance Française Cambridge and International speaker). Great Shelford Free Church Hall, Ashen Green, Great Shelford, CB22 5EY

Come and find out more and bring your friends

£8.00 per person (which includes light refreshments) *(soft drinks and wine availabledonations appreciated towards the cost of the drinks)*

A raffle will be held during the evening

To reserve places, either...

Email: colin@frenchfrogs.net

Telephone Colin Jefferson: 07957 465033



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