



# Great and Little Shelford C E (A) Primary School

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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. We are starting to notice that autumn is amongst us now! This week, we have been able to launch a new Collective Worship schedule, to ensure our daily collective worship continues. This is a mixture of live video link sessions, pre-recorded videos and staff-led class reflections (*see summary - right*). Each Thursday, we will focus on our new curriculum threads. As you will remember, it is currently *Identity*. Staff members from across the school will pre-record a session for pupils to engage with and respond. Some of these will appear on our [school website](#). We will also hold the traditional weekly Celebration Worship with a live link from the hall. Y6 will be present and able to assist with the usual *responsibilities*, like raising the house flags via the Shelford exercise bike!

Our preparations for Meet the Teacher are coming along well and these will be published by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September on the website for you to view at your convenience.

At this time of year, we normally prepare for Pupil, Parent and Teacher Consultations. We know the sharing of information is valuable and so we have reflected on how we can continue the open dialogue around your child's attainment and progress in school. In light of the current restrictions and further recent announcements, we have developed the following overview for the year:

### Year 1 – Year 6

| Term  | Autumn  | Spring   | Summer   |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Main aims and foci</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of settling into the class and year expectations;</li> <li>social, emotional wellbeing.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of academic attainment, progress and targets;</li> <li>social, emotional wellbeing.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of the year;</li> <li>End of year assessments;</li> <li>Social, emotional wellbeing;</li> <li>Targets.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Format</b>   | Interim Report with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a short summary of how your child has settled into the class;</li> <li>brief summary of current academic attainment.</li> <li>Your child's completed pupil reflection.</li> </ul> | Face-to-face Pupil, Parent, Teacher consultation;<br><br>Pupils complete their reflections.  | End of year report;<br><br>Pupils complete their self-report.  |
| <b>Ongoing</b>  |   |  |  |
| Continued open dialogue between parents and staff around attainment and progress (email, phone, distanced meeting if required). |   |  |  |

2020-2021 Collective Worship Videos

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*Autumn - Identity and Our Story so Far*  
 Thursday 24th September 2020

24 9 20 Collective Worship

*Collective Worship Foci 2020-2021:*  
**Monday** – whole school live video link – liturgical worship  
**Tuesday** – class based current affairs and big question worship  
**Wednesday** – class reflections – digging deeper  
**Thursday** –pre-recorded video - curriculum thread worship  
**Friday** – whole school live video link- Celebration Worship

There is plenty of *creativity* being applied at the moment in school. Many of you will know that one example of how our vision is lived out in school is evidenced by the relationships between different members of the community. One particular example of this is the buddy system we have in place. The staff and pupils have made a rather *creative* adaptation to this with our Year 6s recording story videos for their Reception buddies.



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We have some rather *creative* opportunities coming up next week to enrich their curriculum topics even further. Year 2 and Year 4 will both experience virtual visits to the Museum of London and Museum of Ely (respectively). In addition, Year 6 will take part in a day visit to Grafham Water. The following week, Y3 will take part in a Medieval Castle Day. It is wonderful to be able to make the tweaks necessary to continue the wonderfully *creative* curriculum that the staff have worked so hard to design. We know these will provide memorable experiences for the children. We are also working hard to make adaptations to be able to provide the Harvest Service and other key events through the year.

We also have some staff news this week. Mrs. Hayes in the office has decided the time has come to hang up her office phone and keyboard at Shelford! We are extremely grateful for all her hard work over the years and wish her the very best as prepare to send her on her way with lots of love and luck for the future.

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey

## Announcements

### PTA

#### **New appointments needed for Shelford PTA**

Do you fancy getting a bit more involved? Do you want to help fundraise for additional resources and activities for the school? The Shelford School PTA will need a new Chair and Secretary when Sarah and I step down at the October AGM.

Being on the PTA committee is a lot of fun, very rewarding and for a fantastic cause! If you're interested in finding out more about joining the PTA, or think you could be the person for the Chair or Secretary jobs please see [here](#) and contact Hannah Mohamad or Sarah Hallebro via Classlist for any further info. You will be well supported by the members of the PTA, including no less than three former Chairs and two former Secretaries!

### **PTA AGM**

Everyone is welcome at the PTA Annual General Meeting which will take place at 8pm on Tuesday, 6th October, by Zoom. You can hear about how your generosity is making the school an even better place for all our children. Please also consider if you'd like to take on the Chair or Secretary role. Hannah Mohamad and Sarah Hallebro would be happy to answer any questions you may have, and they can be contacted through Classlist.

To join the meeting follow the link [here](#) (Meeting ID: 612 802 3143, Password: 0Fv9xD).

### **House T-shirts**

House T-shirts will be available to order soon. Watch this space for further details.

### **PTA Fundraisers**

As fundraising is a little difficult at the moment while we're unable to hold events in person, there is a really easy way that you can support our school – from the comfort of home. Please see [here](#) for more details. You could also help us to win a £300 donation to the school - if you shop through easyfundraising before 11th October, you will get us an entry into a draw to win!

The idea is to focus specifically on the key things that the school needs additional funds for - namely LAPTOPS and BOOKS. Without your generosity it just isn't possible for the PTA to support the school with buying these items. So many of you have already been so generous in donating to the laptop fundraiser and buying books from the Amazon wishlist, with books and donations coming in throughout the summer holidays. If you haven't already donated please do consider chipping in - the school urgently needs new laptops and new books for the classrooms and the library.

You can donate to the laptop fundraiser [here](#) - every little really helps and we're now over halfway to raising what we need. And you can buy books direct from Amazon (or elsewhere if you prefer) and have them shipped straight to the school - the school's wishlist is [here](#) - Thank you!



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**Sawston Fun Run**

**SAWSTON  
 FUN RUN  
 & WALK**

**CHALLENGE  
 EVENT**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

In aid of Sawston Village College Minibus Appeal, Cambridge Aid,  
 Sawston Sports Centre hoist and other local charities and organisations

**INFORMATION: [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk)**



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