



THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

*We live and work in harmony with love for one another,
so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners*

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NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

Recently, we have been welcoming the families that are joining us for Reception 2021. Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Caroe and I enjoyed meeting the families virtually and this week, the Reception team have been undertaking home visits. It is wonderful to welcome these families to the Shelford family.

We are looking forward to two special celebrations this week on tomorrow and Friday. Firstly, we will be holding our annual **International Day** tomorrow in school. Mrs Unwin (International Leader) will introduce the day by video. During the day, each class will focus on one particular country through a variety of activities. This will include a dance workshop with dance from that particular country. We will hold a special outdoor lunch (with the aforementioned menu change of pizza). Pupils should wear school uniform for the day.

Linking our other two special events together, we are delighted to be able to combine Picture News Day and Sports Day for this Friday, 2nd July.

- Welcoming new families
- International Day
- Sports Day and Picture News Day
- Victorian Day
- Celebration Worship
- PTA Raffle
- Announcements

The focus of Picture News Day is the Alternative Games and so this fits in well with our inclusion of Sports Day. Pupils will take part in Sports Day during the morning in groups of 2 or 3 classes, outdoors and distanced in their zones. In the afternoon, our KS2 classes will enjoy their traditional dash races.

Please can all pupils attend school in their PE Kit this Friday 2nd July. We will record and capture the day as best we can and share this with families as soon as possible afterwards.

Victorian Day

Last Wednesday, children in Y3 marked their Victorian Day, linked to the topic, 'Our Victorian School'. Throughout this topic, children have been exploring the history of our school, which has included a tour of the school and its historic features. For this special day, pupils attended in Victorian attire, with their room laid out in rows. (Sadly, this was not as unusual for our current Y3 group due to the rows required by guidelines presently.) During the morning, children took part in the kinds of lessons Victorian children would have completed. This included a drill on the playground and writing on their own slates. In the afternoon, children took part in a variety of creative activities linking to the topic.



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared [Baba Yetu](#), linking to Monday and Wednesday's weekly focus on prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision: **Leader:** We live and work in harmony **Response:** With love for one another

Cyril Award:

Miss O'Bryan - with the nomination below from Y1:

Miss O'Bryan does lots to help us in Year 1, and often at short notice. She is always kind, helpful and friendly. She often makes us laugh. She is very caring. When someone falls over or hurts themselves she takes good care of them. If she sees someone who is feeling sad she cheers them up. We love it when she is with us at lunchtimes.

Silver Bins:

- Year 1
- Year 5

Dinner Winner:

- Year 6

Wonderful Walkers:

- Reception

Headteacher Awards:

- Isabella L - for being an all-round superstar and good friend, demonstrating compassion and helpfulness.
- Sylvie G - for being a great 'Go for it Gorilla' and 'Exploring Elephant', making the most of opportunities to try new activities.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus fortium- the house of courage - the Stags

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

CONTINUED COVID SAFETY

Based on the Government's delay to the wider relaxation of measures, we are continuing with our Covid-safe measures in school. This includes all adults wearing face coverings when moving around site - especially at arrival and collection times. We should soon receive further guidance about how we can plan to create wider opportunities for pupils to prepare for September through the rest of this half term.

We are currently aware of bubbles in schools in Cambridge and Saffron Walden that have closed due to outbreaks of Covid.

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember to inform us if you have changes to your children's usual collection - for example another parent at the school. In-line with safeguarding procedures, we need to know that pupils are being collected as arranged by parents.

READY OR NOT STUDY

The University of Cambridge and the University of Birmingham are undertaking research into school readiness. The project aims to understand the viewpoints of children, parents and teachers on children's wellbeing and success at school. Please do take part at

www.readyornotstudy.uk

PTA RAFFLE

The PTA Hamper Raffle is back! As we can't run the usual summer fete this year, the PTA is organising a summer raffle to win colour themed summer hampers instead. Your class reps are collecting donations and if you'd like to be in with a chance of winning one, please buy some raffle tickets. Tickets are £1 each and available by contacting Anna Sidders via Classlist. If you're not on Classlist, Anna can be found at pick-up most days (year 1 and year 4). Thanks for supporting this year's fundraising.

STAPLEFORD YOUTH

You can find details of Stapleford Youth's Younger Youth sessions for Y3-Y5 [here](#).