

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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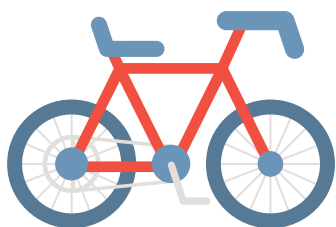
NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

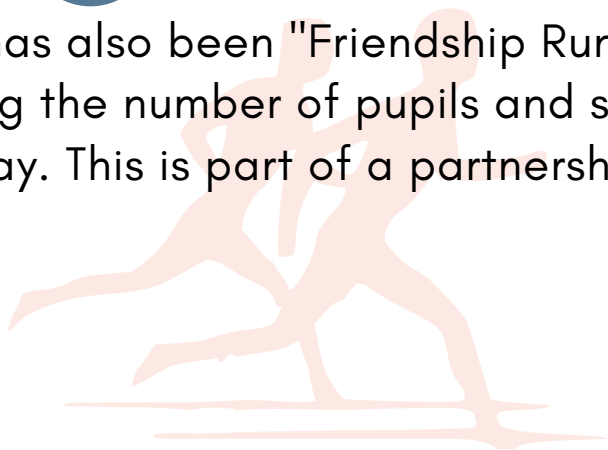
I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

It is hard to believe that we are drawing close to the end of our first half term of this academic year. It has certainly been a very busy and exciting half term, full of plenty of exciting opportunities linked to the curriculum and beyond.

This week, the majority of our Y5 pupils have taken part in Bikeability. This has reinforced their understanding of safe cycling, with the opportunity to practise their skills on the playground and the roads around Great and Little Shelford.



This week has also been "Friendship Run Week" - which culminates in us recording the number of pupils and staff taking part in a 10 minute run on Friday. This is part of a partnership-wide event.



- Bikeability
- Friendship Run Week
- Staff News
- Earrings
- Volunteer Induction Sessions
- Operation Christmas Child
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

Staff News

Last week, we shared news about Mrs. Jo Chrysandreas starting as our new Interim Inclusion Leader. Mrs. Chrysandreas will be working with us in this role until the end of December.

Last week, Mrs. Jenkin (Governor), Mr Cuff and I enjoyed interviewing candidates for the substantive role of Inclusion Leader, from 1st January 2023. I am delighted to announce that the panel unanimously agreed to offer the role to Mrs. Claire Pickard. Mrs. Pickard has written a short piece to introduce herself:

I am delighted to introduce myself as Inclusion Lead for the school starting in January. I currently work supporting speech therapists to implement programmes that ensure the children reach their speech and language targets and make as much progress as is possible, a post which I intend to continue.

I am originally from Croydon, South London and surprisingly studied Archaeology as my Bachelors degree. During my time at University, I worked in special schools supporting children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and it was this work that inspired me to train as a teacher. I gained my Post Graduate Certificate in Education from the University of Cambridge in 2002, with a specialism in Special Educational Needs and Disability. I have lived in Cambridge ever since. As a teacher, I have taught all of the Primary Year groups and worked as a Special Needs Co-ordinator and Deputy Headteacher before qualifying as a Head teacher in 2010. I loved my eleven years working as a Headteacher and during this period I was appointed as a National Leader of Education, supporting struggling schools to improve.

Also, whilst working as a Head, I became the proud mother of two sons. My youngest son, George, was born with a genetic disorder, cerebral palsy and epilepsy. He is now seven years old and is thriving at school, despite the negative forecasts when he was younger. I am eager to use my broad range of experience, both personal and professional, to work in partnership with you all and help every child at Great and Little Shelford realise their potential. I very much look forward to meeting the community after Christmas and will be advertising open door slots where parents can come in, have a cup of tea, and ask for support or advice regarding their child's progress and next steps.

Earrings

Please note, earrings must be removed for PE. They cannot be taped. Whilst taping earrings does highlight that they are present, it does not improve safety during PE and Sports. Therefore, please ensure that earrings are not worn on PE days.

Volunter Induction Sessions

We are very welcome to see the return of our wonderful volunteers to the life and work of the school - thank you all so much for your time.

We require all volunteer helpers to complete an induction session. Please see the three sessions available next half term:

- Friday 11th November - 9:00am-9:30am
- Tuesday 29th November - 2:45pm-3:15pm
- Tuesday 6th December - 9:00am-9:30am

Please book in via the office for these sessions.



Operation Christmas Child

Today, Mrs. Alderson welcomed Mrs. Furlow from Operation Christmas Child to our Worship session. This was to launch this year's appeal. This year, rather than asking families to fill a whole box, the school is welcoming donations of items. You can see suggested items [here](#). **On Saturday Nov 19th there will be a "shoebox box filling party" at the Free Church from 10am to 12.**



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 14th October 2022

Well done to the Y6 English Challenge Team!

GATHERING

We entered the hall to a song relating to **our focus on Taking Notice: Begin Again by Fearless Soul**

We gathered with our vision statement - also signed in sign language:

We live and work in harmony with love for one another

CELEBRATIONS ->

SENDING

We were sent with our vision statement - also signed in sign language:

we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners.

We left the hall to a song relating to **achieving our potential: Shine - from the inside out**

> CELIA AND CYRIL

EMILY C & JOSEPH B

for helping someone clear up their lunch tray that they dropped.

MRS. HARRISON (Y4 TEACHER)

for always being so kind and helpful.

> CLASS AWARDS

Silver Bins - Y1 and Y6

Dinner Winner - Y4

> HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Jack S - for determination and perseverance in maths, excelling and completing tricky calculations.

Theo B-C - for a positive and enthusiastic approach to phonics and reading.

Wilf S - for super Science, connecting knowledge about animals and learning in school.

Charlotte N - for excellent progress in writing, including vocabulary, detail and punctuation.

Ava P - for careful construction of a symmetrical castle in DT.

Rosie F - for a clearly designed castle, with hexagonal-based pyramid turrets.

Matthew B - for a happy and positive attitude to learning, applying great effort to everything at school.

Tomas B - for a fantastic attitude to learning - especially in maths and English.

Theo M - for a conscientious attitude in all lessons, showing creativity and resilience throughout - a role model to others!

> HOUSEPOINTS

Housepoints: this week's winning house is **domus praestantium** - the house of excellence - the Owls





ALL HALLOWS' EVE

Festival

31ST OCTOBER

5:30 PM TILL 7:30 PM

ACTIVITIES | REFRESHMENTS

For more information and to book a place,
please contact
administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Alternatively, book directly on our website at
www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

October 2022

HELLO!



I am Naomi Shepherd and am part of the Education Inclusion Family Advisor team.

Education Inclusion Family Advisors support parents with challenging or worrying behaviour such as: tantrums, meltdowns, worries, self-esteem, bedtime problems, sibling rivalry etc.

Support is currently available virtually or by phone.

Activity Idea: Leaf animal pictures

Some animals are hard to spot when you're out exploring, but you can make your own forest friends using fallen leaves. Look for leaves shaped like a hedgehog's snout, an owl's feather, a squirrel's bushy tail or a fox's face, then build up a picture. You can use acorns and conkers for eyes and noses too.



For more ideas, please see:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/10/autumn-leaf-crafts-for-kids/>

World Health Mental Health Day 10th October 2022

The theme for this year's World Mental Health Day, set by the World Federation for Mental Health, is 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'.



Being in touch with Nature can support your mental health. This might be as simple as tending to a house plant, listening to the birds, touching the bark of trees, smelling flowers or writing a poem about our favourite nature spot.

Even small contact with nature could reduce feelings of social isolation, effectively protect our mental health, and prevent distress.

Why not take some time out as a family this weekend for some outdoor fun and help everyone's emotional well-being?

More info: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



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