

Dear parents and carers,

**Welcome** back! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful half term break and were able to enjoy time together. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear their news of exciting adventures both at home and further afield.

Wednesday 26th February 2020

# Newsletter in 30 seconds!Welcome back!

Internal improvements

Christmas shoebox news!

- Music tuition
- Shelford Twinning

The theme of '**welcome'** has been echoed in much of our work this week. We **welcomed** in Lent today, as our next liturgical season. I attended a session at

Kettle's Yard around the idea of welcome and hospitality, as Jim and Helen Ede who set it up were renowned for their warm **welcome**. The idea of this was to translate some of their approaches into our school – both physically and in atmosphere. As you will be aware, we have been working in-line with our vision to continue

internal improvements in the school (*below left*). Our hall door project is approaching its final stages (*below right*).





Should you wish to **welcome** a new sound into your lives, you might be interested in your child taking up instrumental lessons at school. This Friday, Mrs. Barlow will be leading a talk about how to select the right instrument for your child. This will take place in the Think Tank. Mrs. Barlow is kindly running one session at 3:00pm and a second at 3:30pm. If your child is interested in taking up a musical instrument, please do drop in! In May, there will be taster sessions on offer for pupils. We will share details nearer the time.

Looking further ahead, each year we warmly **welcome** visitors from Verneuil-en-Halatte to the local area and the school. If you are interested in attending please see their letter <u>here</u>.

Looking further back, we **welcomed** Jane Furlow at the beginning of the year to launch the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift donations. I was pleased to hear that locally, the SAWSTON warehouse checked and sorted 31,000 boxes which went to Liberia, Belarus, Central Asia (countries names are protected) and Serbia.

Next Thursday, we look forward to **welcoming** pupils and staff to school as book characters. As per previous letters, the themes are: **R** – Nursery Rhymes; **Y1** – Julia Donaldson texts; **Y2** – Fairy tales; **Y3** – David Walliams texts; **Y4** – Fantasy Stories; **Y5** - My favourite book character of all time; **Y6** – Inspirational book character.

During the week commencing 9/3/2020, we will be **welcoming** many visitors to the school during British Science Week! There will also be visits out and many Science enrichment opportunities for all pupils in the school.



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N e live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learner. Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd Dates Summary

Changes / additions in blue				
	26/2/20		Ash Wednesday (Lent commences)	
	28/2/20	14:00	Y2 Class Briefing	Hall
	28/2/20	15:00 and 15:30	Talk by Mrs. Barlow on choosing the right instrument for your child	Think Tank
	5/3/20		World Book Day (non-uniform – book character themes per class)	School
	6/3/20	14:00	Y1 Class Briefing	Hall
	9/3/20 - 15/3/20		British Science Week	School
	12/3/20	AM	Tag Rugby Tournament	Shelford Rugby Club
	13/3/20	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
	21/3/20 (Sat) Fri - 20/3/20		World Poetry Day	School
	20/3/20	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall
	25/3/20	AM	High 5 Netball Tournament	Netherhall
	26/3/20		Travelling Tuba Music Enrichment	School
	27/3/20	14:00	Y6 Class Briefing	Hall
	1/4/20	18:30	Instrumentalists' Concert (older pianists and all other instrumentalists)	Hall
	TBC 3/4/20	14:00	Easter Service (led by Y5)	All Saints' Church
	3/4/20		End of Spring Term	
	4/4/20 - 19/4/20		Easter Holidays	
	20/4/20		Summer Term commences	
	May		Y2 Assessment Window	School
	8/5/20		Bank Holiday Friday (75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day)	School Closed
	w/c 11/5/20		Y6 Assessment Week	School
	20/5/20		Music Day	School
	22/5/20	9:30	Ascension Service followed by Picnic	St. Mary's
			End of first half of Summer Term	
	w/c 25/5/20		May Half Term	





## **Shelford Swish**

Feel you have nothing to wear despite a wardrobe stuffed with clothes? Want to exchange clothes that don't fit for ones that do? Keen not to add to the fast fashion problem and your global footprint? If the answer is yes, then Shelford's Swish, to be held at Great Shelford Free Church (opposite the Coop) is for you. We are taking women's, men's and children's clothes, shoes and accessories. Bring along and take as much as you like. Items must be clean and in good condition. Whilst the team are sorting clothes you can enjoy homemade cake at Cara Coffee next door and catch up on other environmental activities. Please drop off your clothes on Saturday February 29th at 2:00 for a Swish that will start at 2:30 and end at 3:30 pm. Entry is free but donations to Romsey Mill are very welcome. At the Free Church we are delighted to be teaming up with 2G3S (Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston)and Romsey Mill to organise this event, which will run concurrently with the Repair Cafe also at the Free Church.

### **Volunteer induction sessions**

The next volunteer induction session is on Tuesday  $24^{th}$  March – 9.05am. If you would like to attend this session, please contact the office.

### **Rainbow Preschool Bingo Night**

Tickets are now on sale for the legendary Rainbow Preschool Bingo Night on Friday 28th February 2020. With many fantastic prizes already confirmed it certainly promises to be a fun-packed night! Get your tickets now from <u>events@rainbowshelford.co.uk</u>, or see any Rainbow committee member.

