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'From Knowledge Wisdom Flows'

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a lovely weekend and bank holiday Monday together.

Recently, I have been exploring the Health and Social Care 'Take 5' with pupils in Collective Worship. This is a scheme to promote mental health and wellbeing. The idea is that there are 5 activities that we should **all** take part in to promote wellbeing and mental health. This week, we have been looking at 'Take Notice'. I have challenged the children to share the things they notice by contributing these to a 'take notice box' on our altar. It is all too easy to rush on by with the busy lives we lead as the example (*right*) explains well.

Yesterday, I took a moment to take notice and to recognise how lucky we all are. Mrs. Unwin received a pack of letters from St. Paul's School who we correspond with in Kenya. The pupils have answered several questions about the importance of education in their lives. Their responses are particularly poignant and clearly demonstrate how much they value their education. Many of the pupils also explain what their lives would be like if they weren't able to attend school. It was evident that the pupils are aware of many dangers and difficulties facing their local community from a young age. In the accompanying letter from the Headteacher, he describes education as preventing his pupils from the 'biting poverty' in their area.

Thinking about the strategic direction of *our* school, we will have two Parent Governor vacancies, beginning next academic year. Please read the accompanying letter from Mr. Ede and me for information on this role and how to apply.

On the theme of letters, our Y2 pupils received letters and badges from their pen-pals in Canada today. They will be writing replies, which will include a small photo of them.

We have also taken a few minutes to take notice of the progress in the library. The new furniture has arrived and is mostly assembled – thank you to all those involved. We are hoping it will be fully operational soon!

A big thank you to Mrs. McCrone, who dedicated time each day last week to work alongside pupils with our active learning spaces trial. We look forward to planning how we can take some of the findings forward to benefit our pupils' learning and promote their health.

With best wishes,

Chris Grey

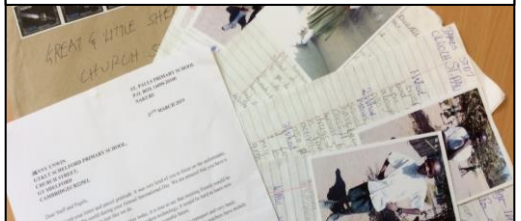
Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Parent Governors wanted!
- Pupils are encouraged to take a few minutes to take notice around them for their wellbeing.
- Letters received from Kenya and Canada
- Library furniture has arrived!
- Active Learning Spaces trial complete

Take notice...

Be curious. Notice the changing seasons. Be aware of the world around you. Savour the moment. Enjoy the here and now.

"I used to do things on auto-pilot. Walking to work, doing the shopping, sitting on the bus. It was like living in the dark. Now I have opened my senses to the many sights and sounds around me. I feel the breeze on my skin, and I feel much better for it."



*a book is like a parachute.
it only works if it's opened.*

Announcements

Homes for Chicks?

Ever fancied keeping chickens? Well now's your chance....

Reception class currently have some 'living eggs' that are beginning to hatch and the children are enjoying watching the chicks hatch and grow. The chicks will be in Reception class for the next ten days before they leave. This year we are able to offer them to families who are able to offer the chicks a good home. Obviously, taking on an animal is a big decision and any adoption would be subject to welfare checks. If you are interested in re-homing any of the chicks, please email Mrs Clarke (Reception class teacher) via the school office.



No Baking next week

Please note that there will be no baking next week due to SAT's.

Site Safety

Please remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

Choir Event for Year 5 and 6

Please look out for a letter regarding this, which will come home with your child if they are in Years 5 or 6 and attend choir.

The older members of the choir have been invited to sing at a primary school cluster event, at the University Concert Hall, West Road, Cambridge on Friday 14th June at 6.30pm until 8.15pm. The Cluster rehearsal is in the morning of May 17th.

Shelford School Bug Busting!

We have had reports of head lice in school so we would ask all parents to help us achieve a head lice free school by agreeing to wash, comb and thoroughly check your child's hair **tonight or as soon as possible, please**. A head lice comb and conditioner on your child's hair helps to identify any lice and is also a method of removing them. Please report all cases of head lice to us so that we can alert other parents that they need to be more vigilant at that time.

If you have any questions about removing head lice please speak to the office staff for advice.

Little Shelford Wildlife Club: pond dipping

All are welcome to join in a pond-dipping session on Sunday 26th May at 3pm at Bradmere Pond (access via the lane on the right just beyond the triangle on Whittlesford Road as you leave Little Shelford). Bring nets and a bucket if you have them - and wellington boots.

Upper Key Stage 2 Performance

This year, our Year 5s and 6s will be leading the summer performance on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June. Further details to follow!

Dress for the weather

Please ensure all pupils have named jumpers and coats available in school, especially as we are heading into unpredictable spring and summer weather. Please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before school and provide a hat if the weather is predicted to be hot. Please ensure that your child wears enclosed toe footwear and not open toe sandals.

Term dates for next year

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

Parking

As usual, please remember that the school car park is unfortunately too small to accommodate parents. As you will be aware, the roadside near to the school is particularly congested. Please ensure safe parking at all times and consider that we all play our part within the Shelford community. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members). Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class List

The PTA would like to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of 'Class List'. This is a great way to keep in touch with the other parents in your class and should help to ensure good communication between parents. Please get in touch with your class' PTA representatives for assistance.