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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

## Cocoon

Caterpillar-like  
Contained in a chrysalis  
Metamorphosing

Transforming ourselves  
Soon to be spreading our wings  
Like a butterfly

*Cocoon* – by  
Cheryl Moskowitz

I hope you are all well. It has been wonderful to spend time taking notice of the seasonal changes at the moment. At the moment, a change feels a positive step – hopefully something positive given the current situation. Whilst taking part in some Diocesan training on Zoom, a lovely poem was shared. It seems to capture the feeling of moving gradually out of lockdown.

Of course, this seasonal transition also reminds us that we are preparing to show thanks through our harvest celebrations. Y3 continue to prepare for their Harvest Service next week. We announced in the newsletter last week that this will be filmed for pupils, families and members of the community to enjoy via our school website. As you will

understand, it is not possible for parents to attend the service in church this year. Naturally, we are not able to accept donations of food this year. Therefore, we have set up a [Just Giving page](#) for Jimmy's Cambridge as our Harvest fundraiser. You can also add Gift Aid to help the charity receive even more. You may also or alternatively wish to make donations of food directly to a food bank.

Y3 have also been particularly busy with their Norman Castle day, led by a visitor from History off the page. Pupils engaged in a variety of activities, including creating clay grotesques to ward off evil spirits, making their own ink and a role play of a Norman banquet. Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the cost of this fantastic opportunity!



Last Thursday, Y6 traveled to Grafham Water to undertake a variety of adventurous activities, such as sailing and climbing. This developed their team building and socio-communication skills, along with their *resilience* – great traits to support their learning this year. Y6 arrived back safely, having enjoyed a superb day of team building!

Responding and adapting to a new way of working, we continue to explore a variety of themes and formats for Collective Worship and our Thursday sessions linked to our curriculum strand identity can be found [here](#). Year 4 have also had an exciting opportunity to adapt to Miss Nairac being beamed in via Teams this morning and yesterday morning!

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the community for the incredibly generous continued support of the PTA. Whether through book donations on the [wish list](#), donations of funds to the [laptop appeal](#) or in undertaking a role within the PTA, we are all hugely grateful. Thank you to the members of the community who were able to attend the annual PTA AGM. I know the PTA will continue to apply great *creativity* this year with fundraising and the committee members old and new will lead this well.

With best wishes, Chris Grey





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**Announcements**

**Parking**

Please park **responsibly!** It can damage the school's reputation amongst the village community if you are seen to be parking carelessly or illegally.

**Secondary Applications**

Y6 families – do not forget that you need to apply for a secondary place for your children by 31<sup>st</sup> October!

**PTA**

**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!

We are focussing 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!

