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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 9th December 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

As we have journeyed into our second week of Advent, we have been focusing in school on using our Advent preparations to help others – showing *love for one another*. One way in which this has been incredible is in the generous community support of our Elf Day for Alzheimer’s Society. Of course – the timing of the snow (whilst rather unexpected) was lovely for Elf Day! We are delighted to share that we have raised £444 with just 66 donations! Thank you to everyone who donated and if you would like to – there is still time to do so!

Newsletter in 30s:

- Elf Day
- Collective Worship
- Guide Dogs
- Orchard Projects
- Shelford Christmas Day!



Through Advent, we have been delighted to welcome back some familiar faces from our church *community* to our Collective Worship sessions – albeit via pre-recorded videos! Last week, we shared a session by Liz Jenkin from Great Shelford Free Church. Meanwhile, this week, Josh Cairns has led this week’s Advent-themed Collective Worship. You can view these [here](#).



Looking at other visitors in Collective Worship, we were delighted to welcome Ann Ruddick to our session on Monday. Ann shared what life was like for her being blind since birth and her experience of the different guide dogs she has had to support her over the years. We were all fascinated to hear how her dogs have helped her over the years and to see her read a recipe book with braille (we liked the sound of the pumpkin and parmesan gnocchi that she found!). This opportunity came about because of Alice W and Erica S’s amazing fundraising earlier this year!

In other *community* links, we have been delighted to support an orchard project in Great Shelford recently. Last Thursday, Y4 pupils were involved in the tree planting at the new Community Orchard in Great Shelford Orchard. Additionally, this Thursday Y4 are off to an event at the Little Shelford Community Orchard in Little Shelford. Y4 pupils enjoyed being involved in these projects and linking with others within our *community of life-long learners*. As another link within our *community of life-long learners*, staff in Y5 and Y2 undertaking lesson studies this week into researching classroom practice in writing and reading (respectively).



Shelford Christmas Day is fast approaching on Friday 18th December. Don’t forget, pupils are to wear smart festive attire for the day! Every year, we use this opportunity to raise funds for Save the Children. To avoid handling coins and cash, we have set up a page for donations [here](#).

With best wishes, Chris Grey





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Celebration Worship - 5th December 2020

As pupils joined the Teams call, we reflected on the upcoming change of the liturgical season with [this video on Advent](#).

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*

Celia - Alice W - for creating celebratory Elf-Day Posters for each class and area of the school.

Cyril - Mr. Cuff - for helping others to clear the snow and make the entrance to school safe.

Sporting Achievements: Shelford Mile - Bronze (10 miles): Y1 - Eliza, Ashley, Zaire

Silver Bins (tidiest classes): Y1; Y4

Dinner Winners: Reception

Star Writers: Jayden P and Deacon J - each for crafting creative letters to and from Father Christmas.

Pen Licences - Joseph R, Eddie C, Wilf W, Flynn D, Oscar C, Mason P, Calleb C, Daksh P, Ava C, Teddy P, Alan G, Eli C, Reuben D-C.

Headteacher's Awards:

- Caleb W - for excellent listening and being such a great concentrating crocodile!
- Florrie B - for being particularly kind and helpful to others this week.
- Sebastian C - for excellent effort in cursive letter formation.
- Rosie F - For excellent writing linked to 'My Christmas Star'.
- Joey K - for a fantastic attitude to learning, approaching school life with enthusiasm.
- Lily M-J - for excellent progress in reading.
- Ava P - for superb writing linked to 'My Christmas Star'.
- Tom - for excellent contributions to class discussions during RE lessons.
- Ralph S - for an excellent attitude - including superb resilience and perseverance.
- Georgia F - for resilience in changing roles at the last minute in the nativity.
- Evelyn C - for excellent progress due to your positive attitude and resilience.
- Elliot M - for excellent contributions to classroom discussions and a real interest for topics.
- Luca P - for fantastic work in science about how sound travels from a source to the human ear.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is the house of respect - domus venerantium- the Swans

Announcements

PTA

*****CHRISTMAS RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE – BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW*****

Even though we won't be having a fundraising event this Christmas, the PTA will still be running the annual Christmas Rainbow Hamper Raffle. Tickets are now on sale at **£1 each** (buy as many as you like!). You'll be in with a chance to win one of seven beautiful colour-themed Christmas hampers – filled with gorgeous goodies.

Class reps are kindly organising the hampers so please do donate a coloured item to your year group's hamper collection.

Tickets will be on sale until **Thursday 10 December** and the winners will be chosen at random on **Monday 14 December**. Mr Grey will be drawing the raffle and hampers will be available for delivery/collection during the last week of term. To buy a ticket or tickets please **send Hannah Mohamad a message on Classlist** with the number of tickets you'd like. You will need to transfer the money for your tickets to the PTA bank account (**Sort: 30-91-74 and Account No: 01248038**) using the reference **Xmas Raffle**.

Once the money has been received you will be sent an image of your tickets and your ticket numbers. If you're a lucky winner we will let you know on 14 December and you will then be able to arrange collection of your hamper with the relevant class rep. Thank you and GOOD LUCK! PTA





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Raise funds while you shop!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that has the same products, prices and service as Amazon.co.uk BUT when you shop on AmazonSmile Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to your chosen charity. There is **no extra cost to you** - the donation is made by Amazon. When you visit AmazonSmile you simply choose Great and Little Shelford School PTA as your chosen charity. And then start all your Amazon shops on smile.amazon.co.uk to support the PTA.

With **easyfundraising** you can raise free donations for the PTA whenever you buy anything online. There are over 4,000 shops and sites – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is sign up on the easyfundraising website and visit the site before you shop online.

You can find out everything you need to know about using both websites [here](#). Every penny raised through these websites will help raise valuable funds for the PTA to support the school's activities and equipment.

Adverse Weather

In adverse weather, please take care on your journey to and from school. If we were required to delay or extend registration or close the school, we would inform you by direct email and placing an announcement on the school website. It would also be registered with the Local Authority and so it would be distributed on lists relating to school closure. In addition, we would work with our wonderful Class Reps to spread the message too!

Admissions Consultation

Due to some changes in guidance, we have revised our admissions criteria for the 2022 intake. In accordance with the Admission Code 2014, we must put the proposed criteria out to consultation with local families for at least 6 weeks. This consultation runs until January 10th 2021. The proposed criteria for the 2022 intake can be found on our school website near the bottom of the Admissions page or at [this](#) link. Comments may be directed to the Chair of Governors, Anna Caroe, chair@shelfordschool.org.uk or the school's postal address.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough fostering services over Christmas

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough fostering services are asking people to make space around their tree this year and consider becoming a foster carer and offer children and young people the love and support of a family. Many of our children and young people will spend Christmas Day away from their families but with your help we can give them the support they deserve. Our young people said the qualities they look for in foster carers include someone who is empathetic, caring, resilient and open minded – does this sound like you?

Fostering can fit in with your lifestyle so contact us now to find out more. We offer generous allowances, continuous training and 24-hour support, so you will never feel alone. You need to be over 21, have a spare bedroom and be available to care for children and teenagers. So what are you waiting for? Give the gift of family and make this Christmas a special one! Register online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering or text FOSTERING to 60777.

Advent Windows

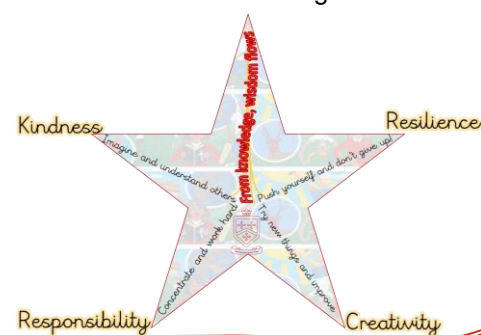
Great Shelford Free Church invite you to create an Advent Window! Create a Christmas themed window, take a photo of it, and send it to us at administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk by the 10th of December. On each day of Advent we will reveal a different window on our website!

You can be as imaginative and creative as you want! You can use paints, papers, models and other accessories to decorate your window. Ideally your window will be stuck to the window inside your home and visible from the street. Will your window be one of those to be revealed on our website? Photos should be accompanied by names and contact details (addresses) of the creators. Have fun creating!

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Shelford COVID Support Group

The Shelford COVID Support group has been created to help people access basic amenities (shopping, prescriptions, post etc.) should they become unable to do so as a result of COVID. We have a network of 78 volunteers who ensure every street in Great Shelford has at least one key, local contact who are willing to give their time to do this. In the first instance, touch base with Chris Smith - Christopher.i.smith3@gmail.com and you will receive details of your local volunteer.



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