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THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY SCHOOL 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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Creativity

15th September 2023

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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. This week, it has been wonderful to see the children delve into their topics, related to this half-term's thread of **identity**.

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception pupils at the beginning of the term. This week, they have enjoyed lunch with their Y6 buddies. Well done to our Y6s for showing great **responsibility** in this role. Meanwhile, Reception pupils have kicked off their Marvellous Me topic by creating wonderful paper plate faces and sharing family photos. Reception children have also been learning about which house they are in and in a few week's time will commence sessions with their Y3 reading buddies. It is wonderful to explore the range of opportunities in place at the beginning of this academic year for our Reception pupils to establish a strong sense of belonging in the school - which links perfectly with the thread of **identity**.

- Welcome to Reception Pupils
- Curriculum Thread
- Meet the Teacher Evening
- Announcements



Curriculum Thread Continued

Some classes are exploring the theme of **identity** through how our country's identity has changed through time.

Pupils in Year 2 have enjoyed exploring their Great Fire of London topic and are working towards some special, memorable events to mark the end of their topic! Meanwhile, in Year 3, pupils are exploring what happened in 1066. They made their own swords and shields - exploring the difference in Norman and Saxon shields. The entry point to their topic culminated in a reenactment of the Battle of Hastings.



Reminder - Y1 - Y6 Meet the Teacher

This year, our Meet the Teacher event returns to a face-to-face evening for Year 1 to Year 6 families. **Please note, the Year 6 class-based session will take place on a separate date and Year 6 families will receive separate information about this shortly.**

The evening will commence at **6:00pm** in the hall on **Thursday 21st September**. After this, parents and carers are welcome to visit their children's classes for a short, informative summary about the year group of their children. Families with more than one pupil at the school should start in the classroom of their youngest child. We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 21st September.

The whole school presentation and the class presentations will be available on the school website.

PE Uniform

Please remember that PE Uniform is required for PE Days. Class Teachers will be sharing the timetabled days with families.

Please remember that the PE Uniform is as follows:

- House T-Shirt
- Black or Navy blue shorts
- **Plain black or navy blue tracksuit trousers and jacket.**

In particular, please note that tracksuits must be plain blue or black. If you are not able to locate one, pupils may wear their school jumper or cardigan. Other items are not part of the PE Uniform.

Morocco

As you are likely to have heard, a significant earthquake struck parts of Morocco - with the epicentre amongst the Atlas Mountains. You may remember that we are in partnership with a school just at the foot of the mountains - S/S Annour. We have heard from our contact, Samir - who visited us back in March. However, he has reported some of the impact on members of the school community. Following the disaster, the British Red Cross have launched an appeal, which you can see [here](#).

PTA AGM

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notification.

Please be invited to the yearly meeting of the Parent Teacher Association: **TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER at 8pm** in the school hall.

We will tell you about the fundraising plans and welcome our new committee members. The meeting is open to all teachers, parents, careers and guardians of children at the school. Come and be involved!

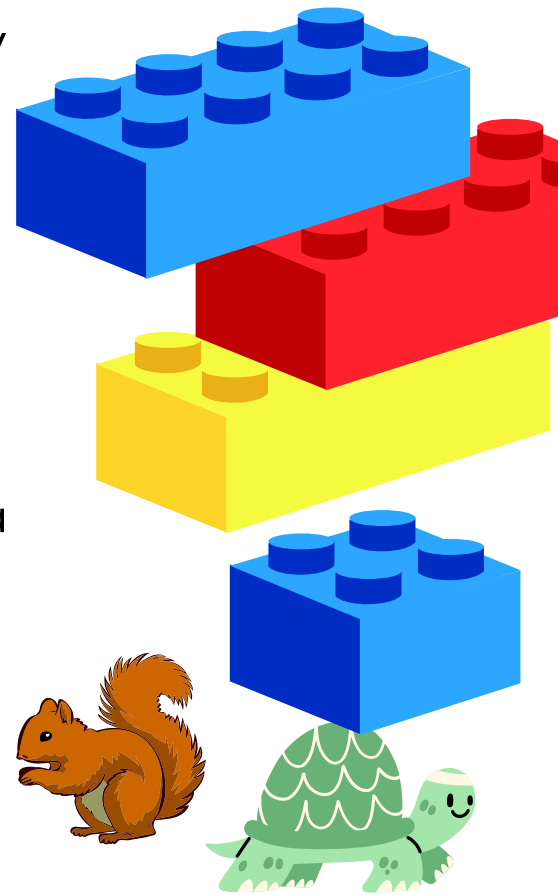
The PTA organise events to raise money for extra equipment, resources and activities for our school children. We fund things that wouldn't otherwise be funded. We recently purchased iPads, Beebot robots, living eggs, outdoor wooden play blocks and circus skill workshops. We plan activities such as the Easter Hamper raffle, the readathon, Quiz night, Christmas fair and the Camp Out sleepover.

If you would like to help, or be a committee member, come to the meeting and speak to the PTA team.

WANTED: Duplo and Animals!

At lunchtimes, we share Duplo and toy animals at the beginning of the year to help our Reception pupils settle. This year, we have noticed that many of the children have enjoyed these resource.

Therefore, we are aiming to build up a stock for lunchtimes and would welcome any donations of Duplo and toy animals for this purpose.



Parents' School Preference Adviser

We have heard from Tiff Christian, who wishes to introduce herself to families as the Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire, as part of the SENDIASS team.

The service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition on the 11th September 2023 or for in-year applications. She is able to advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools. Also, she can support in the appeals process and issues concerning transport.

If you require any support or advice regarding admissions,



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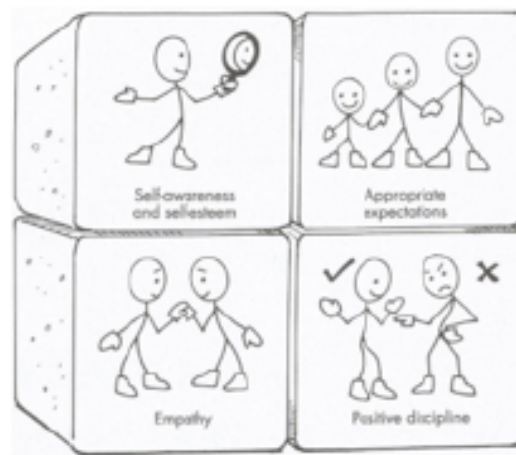
'Parenting Puzzle'

The nurturing programme's 10-week course is FREE!

Tuesday mornings (9.30-11.30am)

Chesterton Methodist Church, Green End Road, Chesterton, CB4 1RW

Tuesday 19th September



Feeling weary and stuck in a parenting rut? Want family life to be more enjoyable?

We'd love you to join us for our 10th Parenting Puzzle course in Chesterton!

With a strong emphasis on praise for you and your children, you'll have the chance to be encouraged, learn, be real, challenge yourself and meet others in the same boat.

Register your interest or sign up by contacting

Parenting Puzzle Course Leaders – Ros and Sarah,

07726 585653 or email northcambridgeparentingpuzzle@gmail.com

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Start Date: Thursday 21/09/2023

End Date: Thursday 19/10/2023

Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Venue: The Galfrid School, Cambridge, CB5 8ND

To find out more information and to book your place please contact the school office OR contact Cambridgeshire Skills on:

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