



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school, governors have been working together to further develop the school's vision, based on the work that has taken place with staff and pupils. It is really pleasing to see that the strong sense of community is a common thread in all of the work to-date. Our next steps are to seek parental views on the work so far and then form a working party made up of representatives from all stakeholder groups.

Another great community link this week has been our Live Library. The school decided to hold this event as part of our response to Bishop Stephen's Lenten Challenge. The Live Library operates with the visitors taking on the 'role' of a book and our Y5 and Y6 pupils posing questions to research. We had some fascinating themes relating to life over the past (approximately) 90 years! Thank you to all those who were able to attend and those who kindly organised the event.

Last week, Miss McLoughlin and I were very pleased to attend the Parish Council Committee to look at ways we can deepen the relationship between the Parish of St. Mary's and the school. We have some great ideas to investigate and look forward to continuing to develop our parish links even further! Watch this space!

Yesterday, we enjoyed a fantastic Pianists' Concert. Our pianists from Y2, Y3 and Y4 performed a wide repertoire. For some of our pupils, this was their first experience of performing in front of an audience. We were very impressed with the commitment and dedication our pianists have shown in practising for the concert – keep it up! A big thank you to Mr. Bond for his support in preparing our pupils for this.

Today, our Year 3 pupils have been to Wandlebury Country Park to deepen their knowledge of their current history topic linked to the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. I know there are many hands-on and practical ways the children will have been exploring daily life and look forward to hearing their accounts of the day.

Tonight sees the turn of our older pianists and other instrumentalists leading a concert! We are very much looking forward to listening to their performances. We look forward to welcoming many of you, our instrumental teachers and Mrs. Barlow to the concert.

It is hard to believe that we are almost two thirds of the way through the current academic year. I am not sure where the time has gone! It is always beneficial to take a moment to pause and reflect on all of the work that has taken place since September by all members of the school community. Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

Wacky Vacancy

Please recommend anyone you think may be interested in the role of Play Worker at Wacky Club. Further details can be found at: <https://www.indeed.co.uk/cmp/Wacky-After--School-Club/jobs/After-School-Holiday-Club-Playworker-5d45c01433fa0984?q=wacky&vjs=3>

Lost Property

Please note the procedure for returning lost property is maintained by School Council. If items are named, these are returned to class by School Council representatives fortnightly. If unnamed, the items remain in the school lobby area. Please take the time to label all items of uniform, to avoid items becoming unidentifiable!

Easter Service

The school's Easter Service, led by Year 5, will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at 2:00pm at All Saints Church, Little Shelford.

Class Briefings

The Year 4 Class Briefing will take place this Friday 29th March at 2:00pm. Further dates for class briefings can be found below:

Date	Class
Friday 29 th March at 2:00pm	Year 4
Friday 5 th April at 2:00pm	Year 5

Choir and Orchestra

Please can we remind parents that choir and orchestra begin at 8.00am. Children should be in the hall and ready to begin at this time. However, please can we ask that you do not drop your child off before 8.00am, as children are arriving increasing early and are having to wait unsupervised. Thank you very much for your assistance with this.

Instrumentalist concerts for children learning instruments in school

Our annual Instrumentalists' concerts will take place this evening 6.30pm – 7.45pm (Y5 and Y6 pianists, **all** instrumentalists and **all** orchestra members will perform). Children will need to arrive at 6.10pm with their instrument and music and wear school uniform.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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.

Volunteers needed for Forest School sessions

In order to maintain a safe ratio of adults to children we are looking for some more volunteers to help us carry out regular 'forest school' sessions every Wednesday afternoon in Reception after half term. If you think you might enjoy spending a couple of hours helping to make dens, crawl under low branches, create a mud pie or find a bug or two out on the meadow or in the wildlife area, please let the office know or speak to a member of the Reception Team. You do not need to commit to helping every week, but if you are able to sign up for just one session, your help will be much appreciated. For more information, please see the letter attached.

Thank you, Mrs Clarke

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.