

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you and your families enjoyed a wonderful half term together.

We enjoyed a wonderful Ascension Service on Thursday 23rd May. Thank you to Y4 and the St. Mary's Team for their support in the service. Afterwards, the whole school enjoyed a visit to the Wale Recreation ground in Little Shelford for our Ascension Picnic.

This week, we look forward to our Pentecost Service on Friday. Pupils are asked to dress in **non-uniform, flame colours** for this celebration. Pupils from Y1-4 will take part during the day in Pentecost workshops in St. Mary's Church, led by a representative from Church Schools of Cambridge.

Before the half term, Y2 enjoyed a visit to Kings Mill Meadow (right). This was linked to their learning with respect to farming, allotments, gardens and animals.

Maths Day took place yesterday, where we welcomed Mr. Michael Ede to lead maths sessions with pupils. There was a great variety of problem solving activities and you can see from the photos (right) that the pupils had a fantastic time. Teachers also planned maths-based activities throughout the remainder of the day.

After work with all school stakeholder groups since January, we have finalised the school vision. A working party made up of different stakeholders refined ideas and took on-board feedback from different members of the school community. Thank you for your involvement in this. A summary of the new vision is found below. It is comprised of four key scripture passages, which have built our school vision and from that comes the Shelford Star!

With best wishes,
Chris Grey

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our call for nominations for the two parent Governor vacancies, we have received three nominations. Thus an election by ballot will be held. Statements from the individuals and details on how to vote will be circulated to all parents next week.

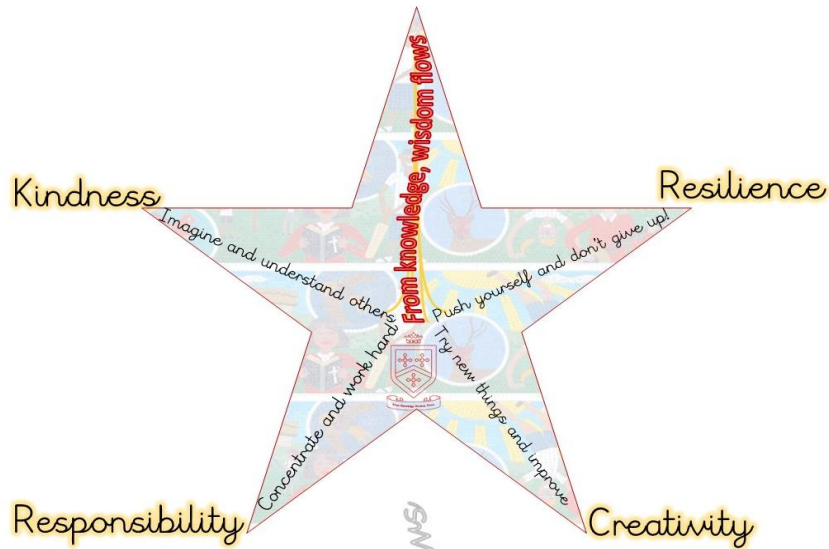
With best wishes,
Peter Ede, Chair of Governors Chris Grey, Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Ascension Service and Picnic
- Pentecost celebrations on Friday – non uniform – red, orange, yellow
- Y2 visit to Kings Mill Meadow
- Maths day enjoyed by all!
- New vision launched
- Parent Governor nominations
- Request for science feedback
- Swimming to start next week



Great and Little Shelford CE (A) Primary School



*We live and work in harmony
with love for one another
so we can achieve our potential
within a community of life-long learners.*

Many parts, one body

1 Corinthians 12:12-14.
Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Love one another, as I have loved you

John 13:34.
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you.

Be kind to one another, Forgiving one another

Ephesians 4:32
Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Live in harmony, Live peaceably with all

Romans 12:15-18
Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honourable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Announcements

Non-uniform Days

- This Friday (7th June), we invite children to come to school in non-uniform in 'flame' colours as part of our Pentecost celebrations.
- Next Friday (14th June), children may come to school in non-uniform. The 'fine' for this is a bottle for the bottle tombola for the Summer Fair, which will be held the following day.

Primary Science Quality Mark

As part of our 'Primary Science Quality Mark' (PSQM) year and in order to complement work which has been carried out in school over the last few weeks, we are interested in gathering views from parents about what you feel constitutes 'good science'. This will help us to create a set of principles and vision for further developing Science teaching and learning at Great Shelford over the next year.

If you are interested in sharing your view, please pop into the office and collect a card, then return it once completed to the office by Tuesday 11th June.

Each card should complete the sentence 'Science teaching and learning at our school is good when.....' We look forward to receiving your responses.

Thank you
Mrs Clarke

Choir Event

A reminder of the upcoming concert for those pupils involved:

Choir Event for Year 5 and 6 - University Concert Hall, West Road, Cambridge on Friday 14th June at 6.30pm until 8.15pm. Pupils will travel to the rehearsals during the school day and will remain at the concert hall prior to the concert.

Moving up day

This year moving up day will be on Wednesday 3rd July, where children will spend time in their new classes for September. If your child is going to Sawston Village College, please note that you will need to transport them to and from the college.

Sawston Village College will be holding their induction evening for new parents and pupils to attend on Thursday 4th July. Full information regarding this is in the information pack.

Swimming

As a reminder, please refer to the 'Illness in School' paragraph below.

Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit on the days that they are due to swim, as the school does not have spare kit. Their kit must include:

- A one piece swimming costume (girls)/swimming trunks or shorts (boys)
- Towel
- Swimming hat (this is essential and can be purchased from the office for 70p, if needed)
- Brush
- Kit bag

Please ensure all of these items are named.

Changes to your child's circumstances

Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

School prayer meeting - Thursday 27th June

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. It's fine to bring little ones, we have plenty of toys! We will be meeting at The Lodge, Kings Mill Lane, Great Shelford on Thursday 27th June at 2pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time.

Parking

Quite a few villagers have raised concerns regarding cars parking on the double yellow lines outside the school, particularly at the various drop off and pick up times. There have also been problems with cars parked just next to the Kings Mill Lane entrance blocking the view and making it unsafe to turn out. 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.

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.

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'.

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). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. 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.