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*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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## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like we are reaching the crescendo of our exceptionally busy Summer Term.

Last week, pupils from Year 6 attended the Energy Challenge Heats at Whittlesford Memorial Hall. While our team didn't go through to the finals, Miss McLoughlin explained that their presentation and responses to the judges were excellent and they did a very good job in representing the school – well done.

Our Y5 and Y6 choir members enjoyed taking part in the Phoenix Network concert at West Road Concert Hall. The concert was made up of pupils from 9 schools and the concert was made up of 5 shared pieces. Each school also performed their own song to theme of celebrations. Recordings of the concert can be found at: <http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/music/231290>

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Y6 Energy Challenge
- Y5 / Y6 Choir Concert
- Y5 / Y6 Production
- Sports Day
- Active Learning Spaces
- May Bank Holiday!
- Choir at GSFC – 1/7/19



Our Y5 and Y6 Production of Alice in Wonderland is coming together very well. Sounds of the pupils singing have been echoing down the corridor most days. The props, scenery and costumes are already looking the part! There will be two evening performances: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – both at 6:30pm. Tickets will be coming home with your children today. If you would like an extra ticket for either performance, please contact the office. Pupils will need to arrive at 6:00pm each evening at the usual red doors. They will also be dismissed from the red doors at the end of the performance.

Sports Day is fast approaching – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents are welcome to join from 1:15pm. Please sign in at the tables near to the office and make your way to the edges of the field (the centre will be set up for the activities). The house parade will take place around the Shelford Mile track at 1:30pm. The award ceremony will take place at the end of the afternoon, followed by a performance by Lane Academy Jazz Dance.

You may remember that last half term, our children took part in an Active Learning Spaces trial, as part of our research in school. We were very pleased to have the support of Mrs. McCrone in developing the different zones. A huge thank you to her for her time and support in developing this, along with our hugely dedicated teaching team, who so willingly trialled the approaches. There is plenty research to outline that a less-sedentary approach improves physical and mental health, along with cognition. An overview of the project can be found at: [http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/research\\_in\\_school/412260](http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/research_in_school/412260)

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey

## Announcements

### **Change to menu – Sports day (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June)**

Hot dogs & chips

or

Quorn Hot dogs & chips

or

Jacket potato

### **Choir and Orchestra concert**

PARENTS OF CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Save the Date!

We have at last managed to slip in a date for our annual concert at the Free Church, Great Shelford.

This will be at 6.30pm on MONDAY 1ST JULY in the Free Church.

The concert will last approximately 50 minutes.

### **May Bank Holiday 2020**

As you may have seen, the May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May due to the VE Day celebrations.

### **Site Safety**

Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also 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.

### **Moving up day**

This year moving up day will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> July. Full information regarding this is in the information pack.

### **Swimming**

Unfortunately, the pool is still unable to be used at the moment. An email was sent yesterday regarding this, but we will keep you up to date with any further developments. Once swimming resumes, 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.

### **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.