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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

My main aim for today's newsletter was to give positive and different news from what we are all being bombarded with. However, I do have a few messages I need to convey. So, we will start with those and move onto the elements to celebrate!

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to everyone in the community that has supported the school. The staff and I have been very touched by your messages of thanks at this very challenging time. I am very proud of how our staff have continued to work to ensure we can continue as long as possible to keep the school open and to continue to provide the best we can during a challenging situation. As you will have seen, we shared our Critical Incident Plan with you earlier in the week. We will be updating this weekly during this period of uncertainty. As you will appreciate, most additional events are currently cancelled. We will continue to liaise with partners and other organisations to consider what can and cannot go ahead. For the time being, Class Briefings are suspended. Trips in general are under review. We have two trips to Wandlebury that may be able to proceed as this takes place in an open space outdoors.

Staff are meeting this afternoon to finalise some support in the event of closure. We have also worked together on suggestions for activities that you should be able to complete with a range of ages, as we understand that you will sometimes want to complete activities as a family. In addition, we are aiming to make these as engaging and exciting as possible with competitions linked to each subject.

Sadly, a member of my household has developed symptoms today. In-line with the current guidance, this means that I won't be present in school for some time. However, I am still available through the office. Please do enquire if you need to reach me – it will be a significant challenge to isolate!

Casting our minds back to happier times, last week was Science Week! We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our visitors, who so generously gave their time. I was blown away by the variety of activities, workshops and talks. The PTA were very supportive in funding our Science Centre Day, in which all pupils took part in an assembly and workshop. The sheer joy on pupils' faces at the end of the day when their land yachts were racing around was a sight to behold!

Last Thursday, during slightly adverse weather, our Y5/6 team took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament. We were absolutely delighted with their behaviour, manners and sportspersonship. That was obviously enough to celebrate. However, they also won the tournament! We were thrilled to present them with medals in Celebration Worship and the shield is sitting proudly at school, awaiting our name to be engraved on it!

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey  
Headteacher

**Newsletter in 30 seconds!**

- Continued precautions and cancelled events;
- Home Learning;
- Science Week;
- Tag Rugby.



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### Celebration Worship - 13th March 2020

- **We watched one of our Lenten reflections '40'**, to gather together, while Y3 pupils played a variety of recorder melodies.
- **Y3 Presentation** - Y3 opened the celebrations with an amazing array of presentations. After their recorder playing, they performed some playground songs and chants. Finally, they performed the poem 'Dog in the School!' They used actions to accompany this, along with a puppet dog led by Christopher G-L.
- **DT Competition** - We were able to present our winners with their prizes: wooden spoons with their names etched on! A reminder of the competition and some photos of the winners' entries can be viewed [here](#). The winning entries were: KS1 - Lola S and Luca P; LKS2 - Isabelle L; UKS2 - Hizkia D
- **Tag Rugby Tournament** - Well done to our Y5/6 Tag Rugby Team who won the tournament! We are very proud of your excellent behaviour and sportsmanship, along with your excellent achievement. Pupils were awarded their medals and Shelford Blue badges (if they hadn't yet received them). In addition, Miss Beck showed the shield that will be engraved with our school name for 2019-2020.
- **Celia** (pupils nominated for social and emotional acts of kindness) - None this week
- **Cyril** (staff nominated for social and emotional acts of kindness) - Mrs. Clarke
- **Shelford Mile: Bronze:** None this week; **Silver:** None this week
- **Pen Licences** - Ollie C, Charlotte W, Rosie W
- **Dinner Winner** (best manners and behaviour at lunchtimes) - Year 5
- **Silver Bins** (tidiest classes) - Y1 and Y6
- **Star Writer** - None this week
- **Maths Investigator Award** - None this week
- **Headteacher's Award** - Eleanor P, Lottie S, Molly C, Tommy A
- **Housepoints** - the winning house this week was: **Pietas - domus venerantium** - the house of respect - The Swans! We played the Swans' anthem to celebrate their victory. (Our Shelford bike needs a visit to Mr. P's workshop!)

### Announcements

#### **Authorised lateness/meal orders**

If you know that your child will be late to school and will miss registration, for example due to a medical appointment, please can you let the office know your child's lunch choice when you inform us of the appointment? We can then ensure that your child's preferred option is booked with the kitchen.

#### **Volunteer induction sessions**

The next volunteer induction session is unfortunately cancelled due to current health advice.

#### **Pianists' concert & Instrumentalist concert**

Unfortunately, these have been cancelled due to current health advice.



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### Vacancy – Shelford Free Church

We're looking for a PART-TIME administrator at Great Shelford Free Church ([shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](http://shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)) to support our Pastor, ministerial assistant, youth worker and the Christian mission and worship of the church. This will involve supporting work within the Church family and local community. He or she will have great organisational and communication skills, both interpersonal and via social media and other IT applications. 21 hours per week, preferably spread over five days although this is negotiable. Salary range £10,000-£12,000p.a. If you are interested in applying please send a CV and covering letter to [Secretary@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk) by the 20th March.

### Earth Optimism 2020 – celebrating conservation success

Cambridge Conservation Initiative's incredibly popular Earth Optimism event is back for 2020, with a great host of speakers and businesses ready to inspire with messages of positivity. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, CCI will open its doors and invite you to celebrate success stories straight from the field. For further information regarding this [please see the posters on the website.](#)

### Dates Summary

**Please note cancelled events below**

	21/3/20 (Sat) Fri - 20/3/20		World Poetry Day	School
	<del>20/3/20</del>	<del>14:00</del>	<del>Y5 Class Briefing</del>	<del>Hall</del>
	<del>25/3/20</del>	<del>AM</del>	<del>High 5 Netball Tournament</del>	<del>Netherhall</del>
	<del>26/3/20</del>		<del>Travelling Tuba Music Enrichment</del>	<del>School</del>
	<del>27/3/20</del>	<del>14:00</del>	<del>Y6 Class Briefing</del>	<del>Hall</del>
	<del>31/3/20</del>	<del>14:00</del>	<del>Younger Pianists' Concert (Y2, Y3, Y4)</del>	<del>Hall</del>
	<del>1/4/20</del>	<del>18:30</del>	<del>Instrumentalists' Concert (older pianists and all other instrumentalists)</del>	<del>Hall</del>
	<del>3/4/20</del>	<del>14:00</del>	<del>Easter Service (led by Y5)</del>	<del>All Saints' Church</del>
	3/4/20		End of Spring Term	
	4/4/20 – 19/4/20		Easter Holidays	
	20/4/20		Summer Term commences	
	May		Y2 Assessment Window	School
	8/5/20		Bank Holiday Friday (75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day)	School Closed
	w/c 11/5/20		Y6 Assessment Week	School
	20/5/20		Music Day	School
	22/5/20	9:30	Ascension Service followed by Picnic	St. Mary's
			End of first half of Summer Term	
	w/c 25/5/20		May Half Term	
			Second half of the term commences	
	1/6/20	All day	Pentecost Celebrations (non uniform – flame colours)	School



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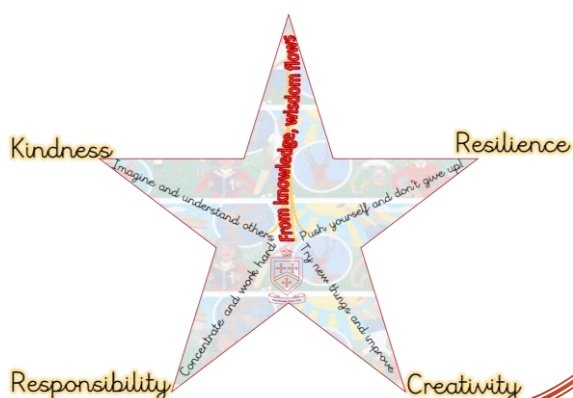
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	TBC		Maths Day	School
	4/6/20	AM	Quadkids Athletics Tournament	Wilberforce Road
	8/6/20		Y4 Multiplication Check window opens	School
	w/c 8/6/20		Y1 Phonics Screening Check	School
	10/6/20	18:30	New Reception Parents' Induction	Hall then Reception
	16/6/20		Great Science Share	
	18/6/20	AM	Sport for All Event (Y4)	Abbey Complex
	19/6/20	All day	Sports Day (PE kit – Parents from 13:15)	Field
	24/6/20	18:30	Choir and Orchestra Concert	Great Shelford Free Church
	TBC		Y4 to West Road for Opera Concert	West Road
	29/6/20	13:30	UKS2 Dress Rehearsal	Stapleford Granary
	29/6/20	18:30	UKS2 Production	Stapleford Granary
	2/7/20	All day	International Day	School
	13/7/20	PM	Swimming Gala	Parkside
	17/7/20	9:30	Y6 Leavers' Service and Leavers' Day	St. Mary's then School
	17/7/20	15:30	End of Summer Term	School
	18/7/20		Summer Holiday	Somewhere sunny



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