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Wednesday 25th September

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. As usual, the week has been packed with a variety of exciting and creative learning opportunities. In Year 4, pupils investigated the mystery of their 'peapod' seating disappearing. They interviewed eye-witnesses before discovering that Mr. Cuff seemed to have become partial to the item and stowed it away! Year 3 have kicked-off their castles topic with a great range of cross-curricular activities. They re-enacted the Norman Conquest with swords and shields that they had made. Some photos are on their [class page](#). Recently, they have constructed castles with lowering and rising drawbridges. This learning will be reinforced with their visit to Hedingham Castle next week. Year 5 have been exploring learning through immersive curriculum days and are now busy reviewing their active learning spaces. Over in Year 6, they have continued with their buddy responsibility with Reception pupils. Meanwhile, Year 2 are enjoying their topic around chocolate and Year 1 are gearing up for their village walk next week.



A belated congratulations to all the pupils, parents, staff and members of the wider community who took part in the Shelford Fun Run! We are counting the pupil's laps within their Shelford Mile awards.

Our excellent PTA are holding their AGM in the Hall on 1st October at 8:00pm. Please do come along – all are welcome. In particular, the PTA are looking for a new Chair and Secretary. We are very privileged to have such a wonderful, active and supportive PTA. Much of our work, including enrichment activities with the pupils, is only possible thanks to the excellent work of the PTA. If you wish to find out any more about these roles, please touch base with Alison Melton (current Chair) and Matt Bell (current Secretary).

With best wishes,
Chris Grey
Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Summary of recent learning and class events
- Shelford Fun Run
- PTA AGM
- **WANTED:** PTA Chair and Secretary!

Science Spot!

Lifelab

'Lifelab' is made up of a range of events and is taking place across Cambridge and Peterborough this weekend. There is 'an exciting programme of events and activities that will give you a new view on the amazing world around you' (see attached).

STEM Ambassadors

Our first STEM Ambassador talk with the whole school will take place on 8th October. **We are still welcoming volunteers (see below)**. Her biography is below. You might want to think of some questions with your child to ask about her fascinating work!

Optometrist

I'm an Optometrist and researcher. In my job I test people's eyes to see if they need glasses or contact lenses. I also train university students how to become opticians. My work is done in a clinic with lots of different equipment including lenses, microscopes and special cameras. I do research in treatments that may stop children's eyes becoming 'short sighted'.



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Reminder of upcoming dates:

Date	Time	Event	Location
1/10/19	All day	Y3 trip	Hedingham Castle
1/10/19	20:00	PTA AGM	Hall
7/10/19	14:30	Harvest Service (led by Y3)	St. Mary's Church
10/10/19	All day	Y2 trip	Chocolate Museum
10/10/19	AM	Football Tournament	Netherhall
14 th , 16 th & 17 th October	15:45 – 19:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
18/10/19		End of first half of Autumn Term	School
w/c 21/10/19		October half term holiday	Somewhere relaxing
28/10/19	8:45	Second half of the term commences	School

Please note, we have had to alter the Sports Day date in June to Friday 19th June 2020!

Announcements

Meet a scientist at Gt. & Lt. Shelford School

Shelford School is planning to bring more science topics to the new school year. One of the ideas is to have scientists to come to the school assembly to give a talk about their work as a scientist.

We have a strong scientist parent body at the Shelford School and therefore would like to reach out to you to find volunteers. We have enough speakers for the first term, but would need more volunteers to cover the rest of the school year on a once a month basis.

Please contact Year 1 parent Susanna Repo (susanna@kotim.me or via class list) if you're interested in this great opportunity to bring more STEM topics to the school. Each talk will be 15 minutes long with a pre-determined structure (Introduction, demonstration and Q&A) so all you need to do is to come along with enthusiasm about your STEM topic. Note, you will not need to be an "official" STEM ambassador and DBS check is not required for you to come give the talk.

In addition, we will be marking British Science week during the week commencing 9th March. We will be holding a variety of Science related events during this week. If you feel you may be able to contribute or offer your services, please touch base with Mrs. Clarke (Science Leader). More details will follow nearer the time!

Data sheets

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your child's data sheets. Please can we ask that if you haven't yet returned it you do so ASAP. Thank you.



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House T-shirts - deadline for orders is Friday 27th September

A quick reminder now from the PTA — if you wish to order new or replacement House T-shirts, the deadline for adding your shirts to the school's one-and-only order this year is this Friday, September 27th, 3.30pm (ie. when school closes). Download the order form from last week's announcement on Classlist or pick up a paper form to fill in from the school office, and return it there with payment by school pick-up time on the 27th if you'd like new shirts. Many thanks!

Aldi promotion

We are taking part in an Aldi (other supermarkets are available!) promotion to be in with a chance of winning 1 of 20 prizes of £20,000 to help build a health legacy for our School e.g. buying or renovating sports equipment, supporting sports teams, healthy eating initiatives etc. The promotion is live (started on Friday 6 September) and runs until Sunday 3 November.

Please collect your Team GB stickers when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store and bring them into School. We need 300 stickers to enter and you get 1 sticker for every £30 you spend.

More details here: <https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools> and video clip here: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1169935975604207617>

Many thanks
The PTA team

Sawston Village College Open Evening (Year 6)

Sawston Village College's Open Evening for September 2020 intake will be held on Thursday 3 October, from 6.30 - 9.00 pm. As in previous years, Year 6 pupils and their parents are invited to attend a presentation by Mr Russell, Principal, and to enjoy a tour of the College.

Art club

If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to attend Art club, please pick up a form from the office.

Bug busting

We currently have head lice in school again, so please can we ask you to check your child's hair and treat as necessary as soon as possible? If you should need any help or advice, please contact the office.

Safeguarding issues

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

- ❖ **Medicine in school**
- ❖ If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.



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❖ **School access – gates**

❖ For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

❖ **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.

❖ **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.

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.



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