

# THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

*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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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. Last week, we marked our Positive Choices week. We did this through daily collective worship sessions and an associated activity in class each day.

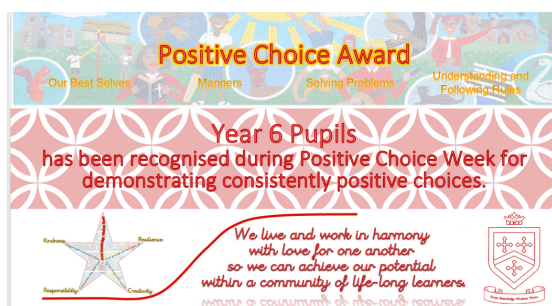
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We had a special theme each day and explored these through a variety of stories, videos and activities. We started off by looking at how to show our best selves, understanding that if we choose positive choices, it leads to positive consequences. We used the idea of a mirror, to reflect on the version of ourselves that we show others.

## THANKYOU

On Tuesday, we looked at our use of manners, which we linked to how others can feel positive about us through our choices. We then went on to further develop our understanding of how to solve problems with some top tips! We even evaluated some rules set out in Despicable Me to discover what makes good rules, along with exploring why rules are important.

We ended the week with 35 individual and 1 whole class award for positive choices!





# Book Week

We have been enjoying marking Book Week with a variety of events. Year 3 and Year 5 enjoyed a visit from local author, Alison Miles. She shared her story 'Snippy the Crab', which has some wonderful vocabulary and amazing rhyme. Year 6 enjoyed a virtual visit from author Lindsay Galvin, who wrote their class text from the autumn term - Darwin's Dragons. Lindsay spoke about how she structures her writing, including details and tips on the crucial editing stages.

Meanwhile, all classes are enjoying being able to access stories read by different staff members each lunch time (*below*).

We look forward to tomorrow's World Book Day - don't forget your costumes!

Thank You!

To Years 3 & 5  
At Great and  
Little Shelford  
Primary School!

From Snippy  
And from me!



# PAT Dogs - Launch Event

Today, we were delighted to welcome Pets as Therapy volunteers and their dogs - Brodie, Holly, Pablo, Ted and Tog. We were fascinated to learn about their dogs and learn how to behave around them safely.

All children (and staff!) that had consent were able to visit the dogs in small groups and get to know them a little better. I also met with three volunteers who are likely to be able to lead the regular, weekly visits to the school. The benefits and impact of pets as therapy in promoting wellbeing is well-documented and researched - along with the evidence in the beaming smiles of pupils below! We look forward to spending further time with Tog, Ted and Holly soon.



# Where's Molly!?



Many of you will remember Molly and her brother George, who were part of Shelford School for many years. They moved to France and we have managed to start a partnership with their school - in line with our international work. We sent New Years cards recently, which have arrived - you can see the children below with their cards made by Shelford pupils. The question is... Where's Molly? Can you spot her!?



Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared our [song relating to Positive Choices Week](#).

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision: **Leader:** We live and work in harmony;

**Response:** With love for one another

**Positive Choices Week** - we shared 36 Positive Choice Award

Certificates across the school. Congratulations to all children who focused on making positive choices this week. Thank you to all the families for supporting the messages we covered in school at home, linking to our themes: our best selves; manners; resolving problems; rules.

**Celia** - Pupil Acts of Kindness - Bethan M - for caring for and supporting others.

**Cyril** - Staff Acts of Kindness - Mrs. Starte - for her consideration of other staff members.

**Silver Bins:** Y1 & Y6

**Dinner Winner:** Y5

**Wonderful Walkers:** Y2

**Shelford Mile:** Silver

Y1 - Isabella L; Sylvie G

**Headteacher Awards:**

- **Bob S** - for being a 'Go for it Gorilla' in our fruit tasting session this week! At first, you were reluctant to taste some of the fruits on offer, but with gentle encouragement, you had a try. Well done!
- **Ella B** - for making great progress in writing this term, improving in confidence and sharing great ideas.
- **Alice M** - for coming to school every day with a happy and optimistic outlook. You always impress adults and peers with your range of knowledge - especially with sharing your knowledge about orcas and how light travels.

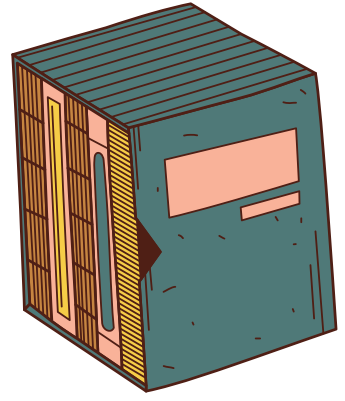
**Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus praestantium - the house of excellence - The Owls.**

# PTA Announcements

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## World Book Day Fundraiser!



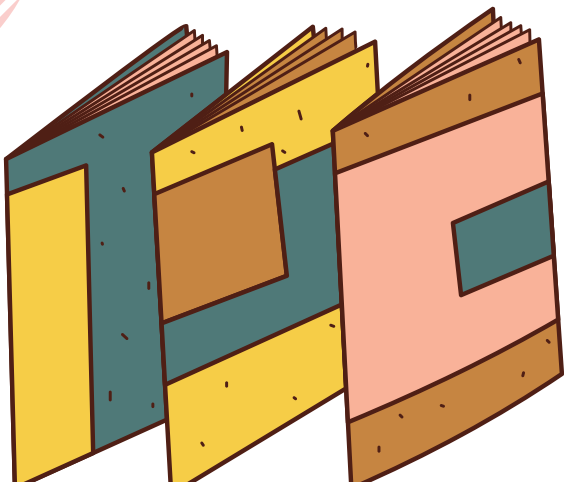
With World Book Day on Thursday this week, we are continuing our PTA Amazon Wish List. The teachers have been busily updating the PTA's [Amazon Wish List](#) with the books needed and wanted by the school for each class.

You will be able to see which class has requested each book in the comments section under each book. Some have been requested by more than one class in which case please add a comment when you check out to say which class you would like the book to go to.

Please check out the updated list to see if one your favourites is on there.

Thanks so much,

The PTA



# Announcements

## Great and Little Shelford C of E (A) Primary School Prayer Meeting

Thursday March 3rd, 2022 08:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82340937339?pwd=V2lJQkJSVUQvapkLbmVFcGtYL0d6QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 4093 7339

Passcode: vNFXK3

A small group of us meet termly to pray for our school, and although we hope to meet again in person soon, for this term we are staying on Zoom. Our meetings last about 40 minutes, and all items prayed for are treated confidentially. There is no need to pray aloud; anyone is welcome to listen and pray silently. There is also the option to just log on and leave a prayer request in the chat function if you would like to.

## Tree Felling - St. Mary's Church

The tree felling at St. Mary's Church, Great Shelford has been moved to 4th, 5th and 6th April - during the school holidays.

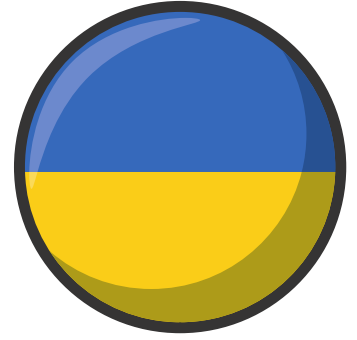
## Ukraine



Many of the children are aware of the tensions and conflict in Ukraine. You will also see the charity work below to support Ukrainian refugees. Some classes have accessed some support materials in school from Picture News to unpick this with children in an age-appropriate way. If you feel it would be useful, First News also have a special edition of their newspaper [here](#). It may be useful at home with Y2 pupils upwards.

# Ukraine Appeal

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## Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

Your help is needed, now!

As you know, there are an unprecedented number of Ukrainians fleeing their country due to this horrific war.

We are organising a (large) lorry to take urgently needed supplies over to the Polish/Ukrainian border, asap.

We are relying on the kindness and generosity of our community here in Shelford the the Cambridge area.

Please take a look at the long list below of most needed items:

- Large blankets & bedding / pillows/ mats
- Sleeping bags
- First aid and medical supplies: plasters/bandages, antiseptic wipes, painkillers
- Toiletries: toothbrushes/paste, soap, deodorant (roll-on not aerosol), sanitary pads
- Warm clothes, hats/scarves/gloves, coats, vests, spare socks/pants etc
- Nappies, wipes, baby food
- Childrens soft toys and colouring
- Dry food: pasta/rice, biscuits and protein bars
- Tinned food
- Pet food
- Torches and batteries

We would be so grateful for anything, as much as you feel you can provide. Please drop off any donations at **Shelford Memorial Hall this Sunday 6th March, open 8am-6pm**. Items need to be either new or in excellent condition.

I am also in need of some volunteers to help sort through the donations and move items to storage, so please message me if you are able to help on the Sunday. 07909217003 or georgiegodsals@gmail.com.

Please please forward this on to anyone you think might be able to help and get the word out there!

Thank you So much

Tom and Georgie Godsals





# Early Intervention Newsletter

## Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### City News

#### Virtual Free Workshops

There are still places on our Parenting Styles and Labelling Workshop. To book please contact:

**3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am – Parenting styles and labelling**

([Amanda.Gilbert@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Amanda.Gilbert@cambridgeshire.gov.uk))

### Parenting Top Tip

We all need a bit of self-care – what are you doing to look after you today?



<https://www.selfloverainbow.com/2018/05/daily-self-care-worksheet.html>

Spring is just around the corner so it's time to put on your wellies and start exploring the great outdoors.

### SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT



See if you can collect some nature objects while out for collages and crafts at home 😊

<https://teachingmama.org/spring-scavenger-hunt/>

### Another Resource

Download a lovely free calm pack full of activities, relaxation exercises and calm cards from Relaxkids:

<https://relaxkids.com/wp-content/uploads/calm-pack-free.pdf>

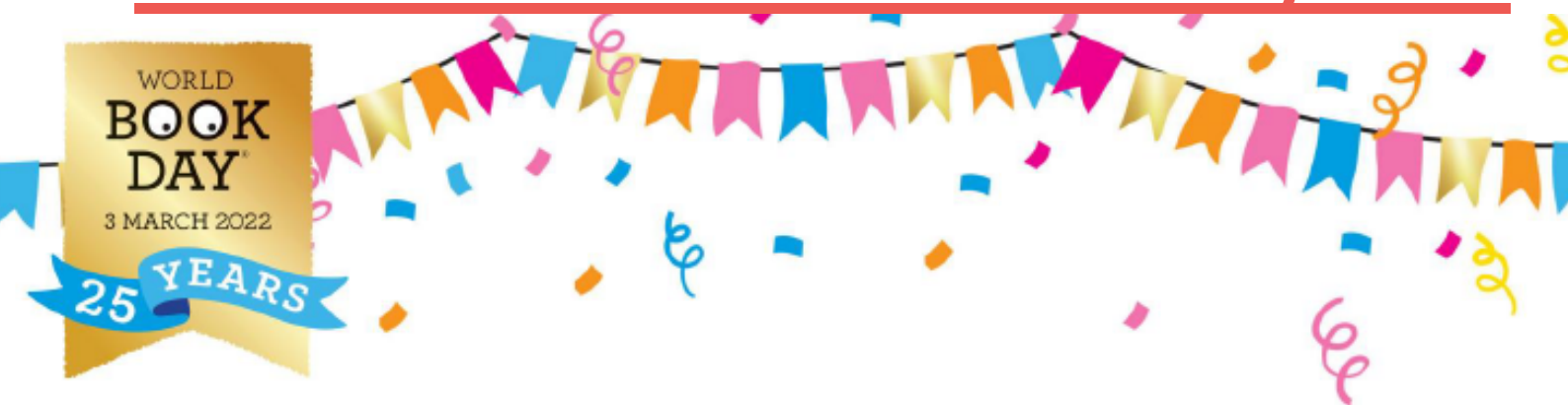
**Does** your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



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# Book Week and World Book Day



Dear Parents and caregivers,

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3rd March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

- Inviting children to bring in their favourite books
- Inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character. You can find lots of creative ideas at [worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas](http://worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas)
- Having a book swap – if you have books at home that you have enjoyed but no longer read please wrap them up like a present and bring them in as a donation to school
- World Book Day Party – we will open our newly donated books and celebrate
- World Book Day Scavenger Hunt
- Story time with different staff members throughout the week

You can also take part in a [World Book Day activity](#) at home and bring it into school or send a picture via email. There are World Book Day [digital events](#) and an [Author & Illustrator Academy](#) online where children can meet the creative minds behind this year's £1/€1.50 books.

Just ten minutes  
of sharing stories  
daily makes a huge  
difference to a child's  
future success.



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Getting a free £1/€1.50 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1/€1.50 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1/€1.50 book OR get £1/€1.50 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99/€3.99 or more. You can help your child choose their £1/€1.50 book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at [worldbookday.com/books](http://worldbookday.com/books)

Bookshops and supermarkets are a big part of what makes World Book Day special and thousands will be taking part in World Book Day 2022, with many putting on special events to celebrate World Book Day. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1/€1.50 books. You can find your nearest bookseller at [booksaremybag.com](http://booksaremybag.com).

There are also lots of fun reading ideas and resources for you to enjoy with your child at home on the [World Book Day Family Hub](#) as well as brilliant book recommendations for all ages.

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school and hope you will join in too with your child at home.

World Book Day could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you, you make it happen!

Best Wishes and Happy Reading,  
Mrs Alderson

