

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY SCHOOL 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 at the end of the half term. It's been an action-packed half term with many events, enrichment opportunities and visits.

- End of half term
- DLD Day
- Y2 Great Fire of London Topic
- Staff Updates
- PTA Update
- Announcements
- Celebration Worship



Friday 20th October was Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Day. On Wednesday 18th October, Jack S in Year 6 planned and led an amazing Collective Worship session that raised awareness about DLD.

Jack had planned everything from the music to how he was going to involve other pupils in the session. Jack shared a personal summary about what it's like for him to have DLD and he chose a video to share with the school to raise awareness of DLD.

RA DLD RAISING AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER

Thank you to all the families who were able to support with the purple and yellow non-uniform!

Year 2 - Great Fire of London Topic

This week, Year 2 have been enjoying some enrichment activities linked to the end of their Great Fire of London topic. On Wednesday, they were fortunate to receive a visit from a fire engine (*page below*). Thanks to Mrs. Heath for kindly supporting the experience.

On Friday 20th October, Year 2 children enjoyed a Great Fire of London Day, which included a variety of hands on themed activities!



Year 2 - Fire Engine Visit



Staff Updates

We have a few staff updates to share with you this week.

Firstly, Mrs. Rose will be taking up a new Teaching Assistant role at Foxtan Primary School. Mrs. Rose will be leaving us early to mid November. Mrs. Rose has been at Shelford for 13 years and we are very grateful for her significant contribution to the work of the school over this time.

We also prepare to say farewell to two of our teachers, who each leave us at the end December – Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Ashton. Mrs. Ashton has been with us at Shelford since 2009 and has contributed so much over her years here. I will especially miss her calm and considered approach with her classes and valuable contributions to PSHE and Art over the years. Mrs. Unwin will be taking a break from teaching at the moment. I know we will really miss her hardworking and friendly approach around school – including her wonderful work on Internationalism, Art and MFL over the (nearly ten) years. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Unwin all the very best as they leave their roles at the end of December.

As you will be aware, we are preparing to send Mrs. Alderson with lots of luck and love for her upcoming maternity leave. Mrs. Alderson and Mr. Kerin have begun the handover process and will be working together in the coming weeks. I am delighted to let you know that Mrs. Sheppard will take the role of Interim Deputy Headteacher during Mrs. Alderson's maternity leave.

PTA Update

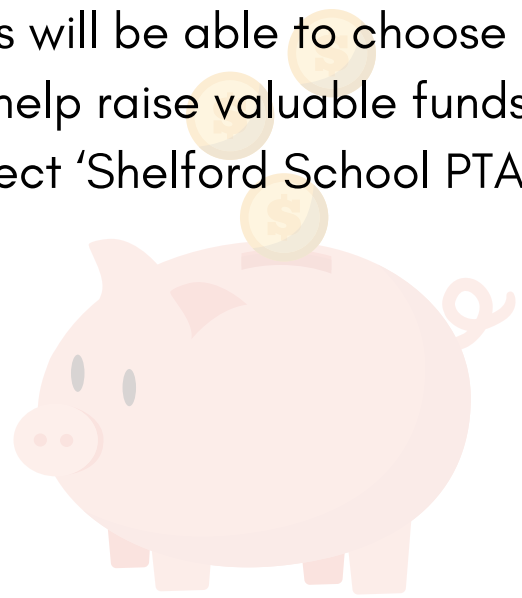
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We held our PTA AGM at school last week. The PTA celebrated its successes over the last academic year, bringing in well over £14,000 in funds for the school under the Co-Chairs; Anna S, Ellie R-G and Suzanne D; Treasurer Rebecca S; Secretary Matt B and several other general Committee Members. We are sadly saying goodbye to some members, and thanked them for their fabulous work, but we also welcomed some new faces! Going forward, Anna S and Amanda S will Co-Chair, Rebecca S will remain as Treasurer; Rachel B and Vanessa N will Co-Secretary and along with some old and some new members, there will be a team of 13 on the PTA Committee. Do look them up on Classlist if you have any suggestions/queries, or would like to get involved with the PTA. We look forward to putting together a variety of school and community events over the coming year so do try and support these where possible!

Co-Op shop

It is fantastic news that Shelford School PTA has been chosen to be part of the next round of the Co-Op Local Community Fund (Cause ID: 83144)

The funding will start on **Sunday 22nd October 2023** and will run for a year. During this time, Co-Op Members will be able to choose Shelford School PTA as their cause and help raise valuable funds! We encourage you and friends/family to select 'Shelford School PTA' when shopping at Co-Op.



PTA Update - Continued

Bike Sale - Sat 4th November - 8am-12noon

🚲 The PTA's bike sale is back, so if you've got bikes or scooters cluttering up your shed, get in touch to sell them:

shelford.bike.sale@gmail.com If you're looking for a new set of wheels, do come along on the 4th November to Great Shelford Memorial Hall. There'll also be a pop up cafe selling drinks and home made treats!

BIKE SALE



SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Great Shelford Memorial Hall 8am to 12pm

A great selection of women's, men's & kid's bikes, scooters etc
all given a full health check.

To sell a bike in the sale contact us on
shelford.bike.sale@gmail.com

Run by and raising funds for the Shelford School PTA
Charity Number 1110813

Shoebox Appeal

This week, we welcomed Jane, from **Operation Christmas Child** - to share the Christmas Shoebox Appeal with the school.



Families are welcome to either make their own Christmas shoebox of gifts or donate items to go towards boxes which the church community will pack. Individual items can be left in a box in the office area of the school. The deadline is Friday 3rd November.

Prayer Meeting

A group meet up once a term to pray for our school and local community. We will be meeting at 8.30pm on Thursday 23rd November at 1A Spinney Drive, Great Shelford, CB22 5LY. We would love to have others join us - do come along if you would like to.

Church Events

All Saints
KIDS

Tuesday 31st October
5pm - 6.30pm
In the North Building

FOOD | GAMES | BIBLE STORY
FOR SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YR 6
AND THEIR FAMILIES
'FUN' DRESSING UP IS OPTIONAL

RSVP to the church office by Monday 23rd October
office@allsaintslittleshelford.org / 01223 847815

LIGHT PARTY

Church Events Continued



Great Shelford
Free Church

ALL HALLOWS' EVE

Festival

31ST OCTOBER

5:30 PM TILL 7:30 PM

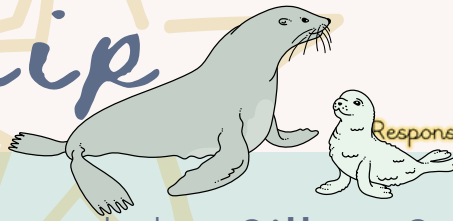
ACTIVITIES / CRAFTS / RODEO BULL

REFRESHMENTS AND BBQ

For more information and to book a place, please contact administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Alternatively, book directly on our website at www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Celebration Worship



Kindness

The Celia Award was awarded to **Gilbert G** for kindness appreciated by his peers in class. This was in how he demonstrated kindness for other members of his table. Meanwhile, **Mrs. Fowler** received the Cyril Award for pupils appreciating her kindness in running the Art Club at lunchtimes. **Charlotte N** and **Anna D** each received Headteacher's Awards for their acts of kindness.



Creativity

There was plenty of creativity on display this week throughout the school. We shared some examples enjoyed at the end of the worship session.

We gave thanks to **Jack S** for leading the DLD Collective Worship session. We also said farewell to **Anna D** and **Jake H**, who leave for new schools.

Resilience

We shared three Headteacher's Awards linked to resilience this week. **Jessica H** (Y2) demonstrated resilience in a phonics challenge. Joshua S applied extra effort throughout the week. Finally, James C applied great focus and presentation. Meanwhile, several children from Year 1 achieved their '**5 miles**' award for the Shelford Mile.



Responsibility

Two pupils received Responsibility Headteacher's Awards this week. **Georgia M** has been trying hard with learning activities and helping others to follow instruction. **Amelie A** was noticed for applying a responsible and resilient attitude - especially in the creation of her castle in DT.

We also heard that **Year 3** received the Eco Award this week.



Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

This week's winning house is *domus pertendentium*
the house of determination:
The Red Squirrels

