

# 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. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the PTA Christmas Fair on Sunday. Sincere thanks to all the members of the PTA and the school community who worked so hard to put it together. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event - from bottle donations on Friday 25th November, to running class-based events and decorating the school! Well done to the choir for their closing performances and thank you to Mrs. Alderson for her preparation of this!

29TH  
NOVEMBER



Yesterday, we welcomed GenR8 to the school to share an interactive worship session with us around Advent and the Christmas story. It was a privilege to be at the front of the hall to look back at all the smiles on pupils faces! This interactive session also highlighted how well the children knew the Christmas story!

Many families have been asking after Mr. Cuff's baby and we can share that all is well and we will share an update soon!



- Christmas Fair
- Calendar of Christmas events
- PTA Announcements
- Our Streets Day
- Important Reminders
- Celebration Worship

2ND  
DECEMBER

Ticketed  
event for  
Reception  
and KS1  
families -  
2:15pm



In-school  
event for  
pupils

12TH & 13TH  
DECEMBER



21ST  
DECEMBER



19TH  
DECEMBER



Community  
event -  
6:00pm at St.  
Mary's  
Church, Great  
Shelford

Event for  
pupils in  
school; smart  
party clothes!

# PTA Announcements

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## **Cake at the Gate**

Friday 2 December (this week!) will be Cake at the Gate. A selection of (nut free) cakes, cookies and other bakes will be on sale at the school gate from 3.15pm on Friday. You can pay by card or cash and all proceeds go to the PTA.



## **Christmas Fair**

**Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for, volunteered at and came along to, the Christmas Fair on Sunday. It was a lovely afternoon and will have raised a good amount - the final figure will hopefully be known next week, once all the banking has been completed.**

**We are grateful to Waitrose, Tesco and the Coop, who made generous donations of mince pies, mulled wine and hamper raffle prizes. A special mention must also go to Santa and his Chief Elf, Georgina, who made the grotto a truly magical experience. And the wonderful Young Voices choir, led by Mrs Alderson, for entertaining the crowd.**

# Our Streets Day



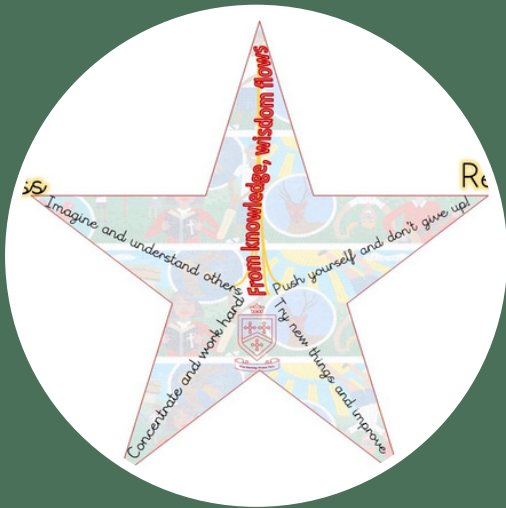
On Friday 25th November, we held the 'Our Streets Day'.

We enjoyed welcoming Eleanor McCrone, Gwendolyn Casazza and parish councilors to the school for hands on workshops about what makes a safe street.

It was fascinating to see the children engage with the activities and in response to the fantastic responses, one Parish Councillor remarked that he wished they had started by capturing the children's views.

## Reminders and Requests

- **Plea for Help** - tomorrow 1/12/22, we are hoping to put our stage up in the hall after school. If you are able to help at all, that would be greatly appreciated!
- **PE Kit** is navy blue / black plain tracksuit with the house t-shirt for PE days.
- **Punctuality** - the school day starts at 8:45am with improvement time in class. The gates close at 8:55am. Arrival after this is via the office please to sign in late with a member of staff, ordering lunch.
- **Absence reporting** - this should be done by email to [office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) . Please do not use class email addresses for absence.
- **Collection arrangements** - in as much notice as possible. Late notifications in the afternoon may not be seen in time or may be challenging for staff to communicate in time for collection.
- **Appeal for spare clothing**- we urgently need any spare boys socks, trousers. Girls tights, skirts.



# CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 4th November 2022

## GATHERING

We entered the hall to a song relating to **our focus on Resilience:**

Never Give up by Fearless Soul

We gathered with our vision statement - also signed in sign language:

*We live and work in harmony with love for one another*

## LEBRATIONS ->

## SENDING

We were sent with our vision statement - also signed in sign language:

*we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners.*

We left the hall to a song relating to **resilience:** Try Everything by Shakira

## ➤ CELIA AND CYRIL THE SEAL AWARDS - KINDNESS NOMINATION

**CELIA - FARANAZ, OLIVIA PR AND MILLIE**  
- for looking after another pupil, who was upset, comforting them.

## ➤ CLASS AWARDS

Silver Bins - R and Y3 (3rd week running)  
Dinner Winner - R (2nd week running)  
Wonderful Walkers - Y3

## ➤ HEADTEACHER AWARDS

**Olivia Pa** - showing excellent creativity in a vector drawing in computing.

**Sam P** - for excellent effort in lessons this week, especially literacy.

**Luke W** - for consistently excellent effort in learning since September.

**Jake K** - for being a super role model in caring for others and listening carefully.

**Henry H and Olivia K** - each for a super effort in writing a shopping list for a party - great segmenting and use of phonics.

**Juno C** - for a lovely clay sculpture of the Loch Ness Monster, with intricate details.

**Lily-Rose O-R** - for approaching school with a smile and enthusiasm, along with great manners and willingness to get involved.

## ➤ HOUSEPOINTS

**Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus pertendentium - the house of determination - the Red Squirrels**

