



## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderfully busy, exciting and varied week has been thoroughly enjoyed at Shelford! It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to the Meet the Teacher evening. I was pleased to be able to share the school's successes from last year's results, along with the priorities for the year ahead. I would like to thank those of you who were able to attend, especially the staff, Governors and PTA representatives. I hope you enjoyed hearing about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for your children's year at Shelford.

### **Educational Visits**

Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a wonderful day at the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their understanding and inspire their interest in their Roman topic. The museum focuses on everyday life in Roman Britain.

Our Year 3 pupils travelled to Hedingham Castle in Castle Hedingham yesterday (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September). They were blessed with beautiful weather. This trip enabled the pupils to engage fully in their history topic linked to castles. In particular, we were intrigued to hear about the costumed re-enactment leaders, who helped the children to time-travel into their period of study!

Letters relating to the residential visits to Burwell (Y5) and Grafham Water (Y6) will follow soon.

### **Pupil Responsibilities**

As you will be aware, our School Councillors were appointed earlier in September. This week, they received their School Council badges. Mrs. Bullock (Governor Representative on the School Council) and I are in the process of preparing the School Council folders. We have already set the dates of the meetings and the agenda for the first meeting.

This year, our Year 6 pupils wrote applications for the role of House Prefect. We want to ensure we prepare all our pupils for the modern work place, so the process was undertaken seriously and fairly to give pupils a real life experience.

Year 6 pupils were given a Job Description and Person Specification - evidencing how they would meet these. Mr. Cuff and I shortlisted the candidates, inviting the successful candidates to interview. We held the interviews on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September and were pleased to be able to appoint two House Prefects to each house, as follows:

<b>Otters</b>	Samuel C and Rafaela W
<b>Stags</b>	Rachel B and Zofia Z
<b>Owls</b>	Jack V and Harmony VT
<b>Red Squirrels</b>	Elliot C and Ava H
<b>Eagles</b>	Maisie R and Humairah U
<b>Swans</b>	Nathan E and Sofia P

## **Sing for your School**

Our Year 6 pupils are working with Miss Mcloughlin and Mrs. Barlow to create a song related to the theme of the outdoors and nature for this year's Cambridgeshire Music competition. The introductory session took place with the children on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We are looking forward to hearing the song take shape!

## **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The celebrations for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This begins with a church service at 9:30am, followed by the wonderful museum experience that our Key Stage 2 children and teams have been preparing. A big thank you to Rachel Nielson, who has dedicated her time to helping the children understand how to curate the exhibits. Thank you to Mrs. Scott for coordinating the museum project.

Here is a summary of the Friday and Saturday events:

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

9.30 - Church Service

10.30 – 10.45 Whole School Play time

10.30 – 11.45 – PTA/Governors to run a café in the Think Tank room

10.45 – 11.45 – School open to parents to view museums: Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6, Library, Think Tank

**Afternoon of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – In houses, children to rotate around the “museums” so that KSI get a chance to view.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September:**

1.30pm - Peal of Bells

2.00pm - Maypole dance

2.20pm - Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Ely

2.40pm - Cutting the 175th Anniversary cake

2.45pm - We're going on a Prayer Hunt!

Explore Museum and Fair

3.30pm Tree planting

4.00pm Peal of Bells

We hope to see you there!

Kind regards, Mr Grey

## **Announcements**

### **School entrance gate**

When using the small entrance gate, please ensure that it is pulled firmly shut behind you! Failure to do this means that the gate is not locked and people can gain access to the school without having to buzz through to the office first. Likewise, please can we remind parents and visitors not to allow access to others unless they have buzzed through to the office first. We thank you for your assistance with keeping our children safe.

### **Change to menu Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Sausage, chips, beans/peas

or

Vegetarian sausage, chips beans/peas

or

Jacket potato

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Ice cream

or

Apple pie

### **School Prayer meeting - Thursday 18th October.**

A small group meet together each half-term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. It's fine to bring little ones, we have plenty of toys! We will be meeting at The Lodge, Kings Mill Lane, Great Shelford on Thursday 18th October at 2.15pm, so please do come along if you're free at that time. If you want any more information please contact Emily Button on [e\\_martin84@hotmail.com](mailto:e_martin84@hotmail.com).

### **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.

### **PTA newsletter**

[http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/pta\\_newsletters/347838](http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/pta_newsletters/347838)

## **General Routines and Reminders**

### **Packed lunches**

A reminder, please that packed lunches should be healthy, balanced meals – they should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

### **Nut Awareness**

Please note, we are a 'Nut Free School'. Due to medical needs, pupils and staff should not bring any items in containing nuts. This includes any items in **pack lunches**.

With this in mind, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that the invitation to bring a KS2 break time snack is for **an actual piece of fruit not a cereal bar or fruit snack**.

Thank you for your understanding in this.

### **School Dinners**

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. Year 3 parents please be aware that free school meals are no longer available for your children unless eligible through Cambridge County Councils 'Count me in Scheme'. If you think you are eligible please ask at the office for more details. The school is not able to allow debts of more than £15. A letter will be sent if you are in debt for more than 1 week.

Please will you make every effort to pay this online using [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) . If you need any information about registering for this please contact the school office.

If you are unable to access the internet then make cheques payable to **Shelford Primary School** and write your child's name on the reverse stating that the cheque is for lunch money. Thank you.

The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on Leicestershire Traded Services website:- <http://www.leicestershiretradedservices.org.uk/Page/1555> Please let the school know of any special dietary requirements.

### **Medicines in school**

Please be reminded that **all** medicines must be given to the school office staff. Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours. The school staff can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and for which permission has been signed.

### School Uniform

Uniform is ordered online. Please log on via the link below <http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php?pdPage=login>. Items will be sent directly to you at home. There is free delivery to your home with orders over £50. Alternatively, any order amount can be delivered to school for free.

### Payment for book bags, recorders etc.

When paying for items available from the office, please **bring the correct money** as the office does not keep any petty cash for change. Prices are as follows:

Book bags £6.00	Recorder books: £3.50
Recorders: £8 or £15	School hats: £2.50

Be happy! Be busy! Be safe! Be healthy! Be organised! Reflect! Celebrate! Be an enthusiastic learner!

