

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

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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 a wonderful half term. It's hard to believe that we are now half way through our academic year. Looking at other milestones, we entered the church season of Lent this Wednesday.

Part of our worship sessions have focussed on key dates and events this week. We explored and recapped the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, looking at the themes of temptation, self-control and promises.

When looking at the temptations of Jesus in the desert, we recognised the self-control He demonstrated. We then recapped our analogy of the feelings bottle that we have inside and how we manage appropriate responses to different feelings. We watched how Excitable Edgar struggled and recognised both how we can show self-control and how we can help others to regulate their emotions.

In addition, we dressed our altar in purple for Lent, recalling on its symbolism. When retelling the temptations of Jesus on the desert, we created a physical arrangement that reminds us of the three temptations (above).



Years 1 to 6 Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations

It was wonderful to welcome so many families to the pupil, parent, teacher consultations. These sessions are really helpful and are a key way to share information about what your child is learning and their progress in school. Thank you to all the teachers involved with their generosity of their time.

Term	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Main aims and foci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of settling into the class and year expectations; social, emotional wellbeing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of academic attainment, progress and targets; social, emotional wellbeing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the year; End of year assessments; Social, emotional wellbeing; Targets.
Format	Interim Report with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a short summary of how your child has settled into the class; brief summary of current academic attainment. Your child's completed pupil reflection. 	Face to face consultation. Pupils and adults talk through a completed self-reflection	End of year report; Pupils complete their self-report.
Ongoing			
Continued open dialogue between parents and staff around attainment and progress (email, phone, meeting if required).			

World Book Day - 7th March

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. On this day children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Throughout the day there will be a range of whole school and class based activities for the children to take part in. Families are welcome to stay for our World Book Day parade at 9.05am.

Key Dates Summary

	w/c 19/02/24		February Half Term	Somewhere restful
	26/02/24		Start of Spring 2	School
	11/03/24 – 13/03/24		Y6 Grafham Water Residential	Grafham Water
	w/c 25/03/24		Shelford Holy Week	St. Mary's / All Saints' / GSFC / School
	25/03/24 & 26/03/24		Kapla Bricks Workshop	School Hall
	28/03/24	1:30pm	Easter Service	All Saints'
	28/03/24		Maundy Thursday – end of term	
	29/03/24 – 12/03/24		Easter Holidays	Somewhere peaceful
	TBC 10/05/24	11:00am	Ascension Service	St. Mary's
	TBC 10/05/24	12:00pm	Ascension Picnic	School Field

PTA Announcements

Tea Towels

Back by popular demand are our very own Shelford tea towels - featuring a self portrait of every child at school! Get your tea towels for just £6 each. Let your Class Reps know (by WhatsApp poll) how many you'd like by Monday 26 Feb! Rainbows/Sunbeams will have a separate 'hand print' one. Watch this space!

Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date... Sunday 24th March (am) for the Easter Egg hunt on the Rec. Poster attached. Do let the PTA know in advance if your child requires a 'special dietary requirement' egg.

Books and Book Corners

Lots of new books have been sourced for Key Stage 2 classrooms plus more in the library using PTA funds. New book cases have been bought where needed and class book reading corners have been refreshed where needed. Special thanks to the PTA members Anna, Clare, Hannah, Rachel, Vanessa, Rob and Frances who have taken the time to lead on this.

Welly Racks

Thank you to dads Paul, Nick and Daniel for constructing the new welly rack shelters. They have done a sterling job in the pouring rain! The PTA covered the cost of the materials and they and school are very grateful for their skills and time.



Rainbow Pre-school

www.rainbowshelford.co.uk



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a morning of family fun!

The Pavilion, Great Shelford Recreation Ground

Sunday 24th March

From 09:30am | last entries 12:00pm

£5 per child | £3.50 per sibling


Complete the hunt to receive a chocolate egg

Special appearance: The Easter Bunny

Pop-up café:
cakes &
drinks



All proceeds go to Great and Little Shelford Primary School
PTA - registered charity 1110813




Pre-book a max of 8 per team - Let
Ellie Rugg-Gunn know via Classlist
(£10 per person - team captain to
transfer money to PTA)



Quiz Night

Saturday 9th March
8pm until late
at Shelford School

What's happening



QUIZ MASTER ANDREW
CORNEY AND TEAM HAVE
PREPARED A **FABULOUS**
EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT!
AN EVENING NOT TO BE
MISSED!

Bring cash/card - Bar with drinks and snacks available.
All profits to Shelford School PTA Charity No. 1110813