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Wednesday 15th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We now seem to be back into the rhythm of our term! It has been wonderful to see how well the children have adapted back into their routines and see them explore their new topics in class. In collective worship, we have been focusing on 'love one another' in our vision and have linked this to some of the New Testament stories. We have also looked at Saul's conversion to Paul under the theme of 'turning a new leaf' with our New Year's resolution themes.

Newsletter in 30 seconds

- Themes in Collective Worship
- STEM Ambassador workshops and talks
- Welcome M. Gance!
- Hall door project



As you will remember, Science has been a key focus for us since last summer as we continue our journey towards the Primary Science Quality Mark. As part of this, we have been very fortunate to have the support of so many STEM Ambassadors, including many parents! This week, we welcomed Susanna and Maria from the Wellcome Trust to lead some exciting sessions with pupils that were (literally) hands-on! Children in Y3 and Y4 explored how to wash their hands correctly, revealing what they missed with an ultra-violet light! In addition, we also welcomed Dr. Whitworth, who gave her STEM talk around her work – thank you! Pupils across the school were fascinated to learn about how zebrafish could be used to investigate how tuberculosis could be most effectively treated with different antibiotics. On the left, you can see some of our Y6 pupils, who stayed afterwards. They learnt a little more about the protective equipment used, including the green lab coats worn when working with more hazardous experiments

This week, we have also been very pleased to welcome M. Cedric Gance - Headteacher of a school in Creil, France - to Shelford. This is his third visit to the school. We have been sharing practice, along with comparing and contrasting the British and French education systems. M. Gance has also been warmly welcomed by pupils into each class over the week.

As many of you will have seen from the plea on Class List, we are hoping to have some willing volunteers to help us paint some of our tall wall in the hall - Miss Smith has done an amazing job already! The design is still undergoing a few tweaks, but the overall impression will be similar to the design on the right. There are many details within the design that convey the school's vision and important parts of Shelford life! We are very much looking forward to see this grow and come to life over the next three weeks!



With best wishes,
Chris Grey,
Headteacher



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Dates Summary

	31/1/20	14:00	Reception Class Briefing	Hall
	3/2/20	14:30	Candlemas Service (led by Y2)	St. Mary's Church
	5/2/20 – 12/2/20		Scholastic Book Fair	
	6/2/20 – 7/2/20	All day	Art Days	School
	10/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	11/2/20	All day	Safer Internet Day	
	12/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	13/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	14/2/20	PM	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament	Netherhall
	14/2/20	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	14/2/20		End of first half of Spring Term	School
	w/c 17/2/20		February half term holiday	Somewhere relaxing
	24/2/20		Second half of the term commences	School

Announcements

Bug Busting!

Unfortunately, we have had reports of head lice in school, so please can we ask all parents to help us achieve a head lice free school by agreeing to wash, comb and thoroughly check your child's hair **tonight or as soon as possible, please**. A head lice comb and conditioner on your child's hair helps to identify any lice and is also a method of removing them. Please report all cases of head lice to us so that we can alert other parents in that class that they need to be more vigilant at that time. If you have any questions about removing head lice please speak to the office staff for advice.

Volunteer induction sessions

The next volunteer induction sessions are on the following dates:

Friday 24th January – 9.05am

Tuesday 24th March – 9.05am

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact the office.



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