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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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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope that this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. As we journey through this week, we are leading Holy Week reflections each day. Our Year 5 children have shared readings and tableaux to retell important events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Each daily session is shared [here](#).

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Staff Updates

Looking ahead to next academic year, we have some exciting developments and changes.

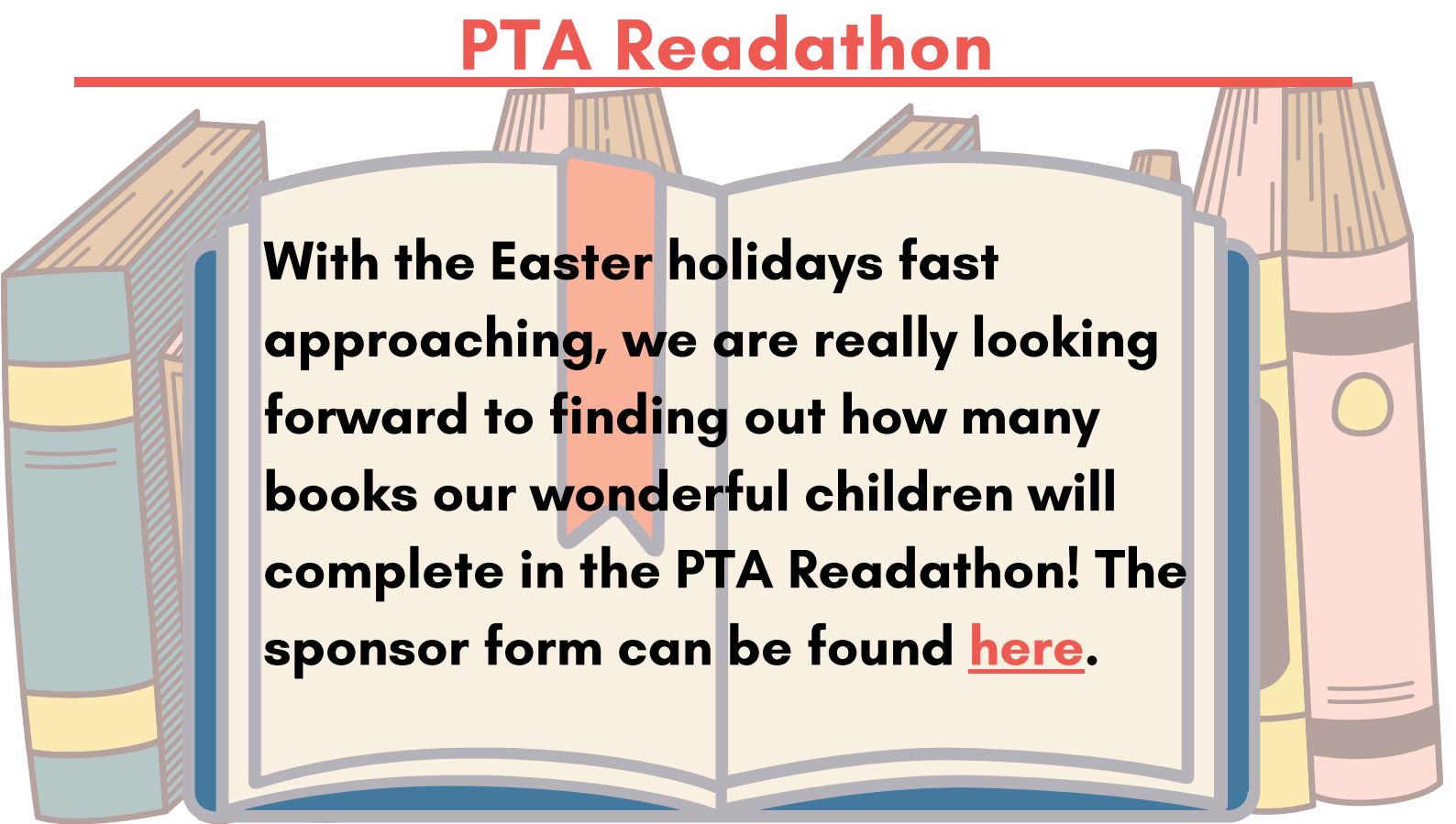
Firstly, Mr. Cuff – our Deputy Headteacher – will be spending the 2021-2022 academic year in Canada, due to his wife's professional opportunities there. We will welcome Mr. Cuff back in September 2022. We will obviously miss Mr. Cuff, but we are very pleased that he will be returning to Shelford after his year away.

This means that we have shared an internal advert with our current, amazing teachers for an Internal Deputy Headteacher role. Once we have concluded the appointment process, we will share the outcome with you.

Secondly, Miss Nairac will be commencing a new role in September 2021. Miss Nairac will be pursuing her specialism in Maths, taking on a Maths Teacher role at a private school in Essex. Whilst we will be very sorry to see Miss Nairac leave us, we are excited to learn of her news as it provides a great professional development opportunity for her.


This means that we will be circulating adverts for teaching vacancies at the school from September 2021. Again, we will inform you of developments following the appointment process.

PTA Readathon



With the Easter holidays fast approaching, we are really looking forward to finding out how many books our wonderful children will complete in the PTA Readathon! The sponsor form can be found [here](#).

Forest School



As you will know, Forest School is a big part of our school life at Shelford. We are proud to prioritise Forest School within our curriculum.



We are committed Forest School as we see the positive impact on communication, wellbeing, confidence and safe management of risks. The variety of opportunities is vast. You can see some newts that Year 2 have recently discovered in our pond (*left*)!

If you have a child in Reception, Y1, Y4 or Y6 you are invited to take part in a Forest School research project. Please contact the office for details.

Masked Reader

Following our wonderful World Book Day, we are launching a competition for pupils. If you would like a little giggle - you may be interested in this one. The amazing Shelford Staff have disguised themselves reading some book blurbs. Can you correctly guess the masked readers? You can find the video and details on how to enter [here](#). There is a summary poster [here](#).



Silver Linings

It has been wonderful to read the positive elements of lockdown from the perspective of the different members of our community. You can still add your thoughts [here](#).



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH 2021

As pupils joined the Zoom call, we shared our [Padlet](#) focusing on the silver linings of lockdown (the positives)!

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision:

Leader: We live and work in harmony

Response: With love for one another

Silver Bins:

- Year 2
- Year 3

Dinner Winner:

- Year 3 - for great improvement



Headteacher Awards:

- **Ethan D** - for super writing about what you caught in your giant jam sandwich!
- **Otis C** - for your incredibly kind, caring and helpful nature, along with your great sense of humour.
- **Georgia M** - for excellent hard work and improvement in your writing, phonics and spelling.
- **Eleanor P** - for an excellent collage of yourself (*above*), with careful selection of colours and shapes.
- **Samantha Q** - for excellent hard work in improving your writing, including handwriting.
- **Tom S** - for a wonderful glove puppet (*above*) which you achieved through great focus and determination.
- **Cora C** and **Georgia F** - each for their excellent contributions to RE this week in exploring the Easter Story and in sharing how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus the Saviour.
- **Jack S** - for the fantastic, positive attitude applied during lockdown and now.
- **Eddie C** - for demonstrating a considerate and thoughtful nature in putting others before yourself. You sacrificed your desired resource, putting your peer ahead of yourself.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus inspiratorium - the house of inspiration - the Eagles! (Second week running!)

Shelford PTA

Grand PTA Quiz

The PTA normally holds a grand quiz in the Easter term to raise funds for the school. So while we won't be able to do that this year we are able to announce the **GRAND PTA VIRTUAL QUIZ**, which will take place on **Saturday 10 April at 8.30pm via Zoom** and be entirely COVID-safe.

Through the wonders of Zoom and Zoom breakout rooms we are able to run a quiz for twelve teams of eight (so you don't even need to be in the same house as your team-mates). The all singing and dancing quiz will be hosted by new PTA Quizmaster Andrew Corney and PTA rep Daniel Ayres. Answers will be submitted via an online form.

There will be all the normal PTA Quiz fun - prizes, games and other treats and titbits to help raise money throughout the evening. This includes the option to buy 5 hints for £5 to increase your chances of winning... And to help your evening sparkle your ticket price will include a drink (beer, G&T or soft drink) and snack for each team member.

So... now's the time to get your team of eight together. Tickets cost £10 per team member, including refreshments.

If you would like to join us please send Hannah Mohamad a message on Classlist with the details below and transfer money to Account name: **Shelford School PTA, Sort code: 30-91-74 and Account number: 01248038** with 'Quiz' as the reference.

Details needed

- team name
- team members
- one address for refreshments delivery (you will need to arrange onward delivery)
- whether you'd like a £5 hint pack in advance

Thank you, **Hannah, PTA Chair**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

CHOICES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Please follow all the government guidelines around contact / meeting with others. Staff have become concerned to learn about some of the choices of families out-of-school. Please help us to work together to keep the community safe.

LIVING EGGS

Thanks to the PTA for their kind funding of the annual Living Eggs project in Reception. Following the hatching of the eggs and the care the Reception children offer the chicks, young chicks may be available to families.

Requests from Reception families will be prioritised first. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience rearing chickens from a very young age. One of our governors also has a chicken ark (below) that is free to a good home in supporting your adventure into keeping poultry!

NB - avian flu restrictions will be lifted from 1st April



END OF DAY COLLECTION - BEHAVIOUR

Please leave the site promptly, refraining from talking to others during the current restrictions. Please also be very mindful of the fragile graves and walls in the churchyard, which staff have witnessed pupils climbing.

RETIREMENT OF FORMER HEADTEACHER

Retirement of Alison West (formerly Quinlan)

Alison was the headteacher of Shelford School from 1988 until January 2005 when, following a year's secondment as a Primary School Advisor with the Local Authority, she was appointed to the role permanently.

We invite you, therefore, to add a message of thanks to Alison on this [electronic card](#). The governors also intend to send Alison a gift. Should you wish to contribute towards it you may do so via this [link](#).

For more information or help with this please contact

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