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### Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been action-packed! On reflection, that might be one reason as to why it has flown by! Tomorrow, our Ascension Service will take place at St. Mary's. We will take time to reflect on Jesus' time on earth, His ascension to heaven and the understanding of His future return. Following the service, children will take part in the annual Ascension picnic and we are still very happy to welcome volunteers to aid with walking to Little Shelford for this celebration.

Last week, two teams of Y4s took part in a tennis competition. We are thrilled to report that both teams received medals. One team took home bronze medals, while the other received gold! We are thrilled to be attending another county final this term. Some members of the choir also went off site last week. This was for a rehearsal for an upcoming concert that includes several local schools.

In other sporting efforts, thank you to all of you who were able to support the PTA Challenge this year. The three elements to the challenge were truly impressive; even the unplanned addition of tall nettles to the run section! We are truly grateful for the support and will be showcasing some of the projects that have been completed with PTA donations this year, as well as upcoming ones: look out for a stall at the Summer Fair for details!

This week, Mrs. Clarke and I attended the next session of our Primary Science Quality Mark. This is being supported by the Wellcome Trust at the Genome Campus. We are looking forward to establishing links for outreach, enabling access for science enrichment at the school.

On Monday, a working party formed of different stakeholder groups met to pull together all the feedback and work from staff, children, parents and governors on the school's new vision, which will be officially launched after half term. Thank you to those of you who participated.

Y5 and Y6 have also been particularly enthused with the launch of their summer production for this year – Alice in Wonderland. I believe auditions are taking place as I type!

Yesterday, the teachers and teaching assistants took part in some training on building resilience. This was led by the YMCA and was kindly funded through the Sawston Fun Run. The training was hugely helpful in celebrating the approaches and processes we already have in-place, along with understanding points we can further develop to continue to build resilience with our children.

Finally, the induction processes for our new reception cohort 2019 are soon to commence. We look forward to warmly welcoming our newest pupils and some new families to the Great and Little Shelford family.

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey

#### Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Ascension Service – 24/5/19 – walkers wanted!
- Y4 tennis success!
- Choir inter-school concert rehearsal
- PTA Challenge – thank you!
- Next steps of the Science Mark
- Vision finalised
- Y5/6 production revealed
- Building resilience in pupils training for staff
- Welcome to Reception 2019!



## Announcements

### **Change to menu this week**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

#### **Ascension Day service and picnic**

Reception, KS1, children eligible for free school meals – packed lunch provided by school

KS2 children – packed lunch from home

#### **Ascension Day service and picnic – WE NEED WALKERS PLEASE!!**

This year's Ascension Day service and picnic will be held on Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> May). The service will be held at St Mary's church, Great Shelford at 11.15am. The service should last for about half an hour and afterwards the children will walk to the Wale recreation ground in Little Shelford for their picnic.

Reception, Key stage 1 children and any children who are eligible for free school meals will receive a packed lunch provided by the school. All Key stage 2 children will need to bring in their own packed lunch.

We would also welcome volunteers to help with walking the children from St Mary's church to the recreation ground. It is not necessary that volunteers are DBS checked for this. If you are able to help, please contact the office. Thanks.

### **Swimming**

Swimming will begin after half term (hopefully 4<sup>th</sup> June). Please can we remind you to return the swimming form to the office as soon as possible? The form can be found on the website, but if you would like a hard copy of this, please speak to someone in the office.

Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit on the days that they are due to swim, as the school does not have spare kit. Their kit must include:

- A one piece swimming costume (girls)/swimming trunks or shorts (boys)
- Towel
- Swimming hat (this is essential and can be purchased from the office for 70p, if needed)
- Brush
- Kit bag

Please ensure all of these items are named.

### **Menu**

We will come back to school on Week 1 of the lunch menu and this menu is set to continue until mid-October. Please note that there will be no chicken pie on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June and this will be replaced with sausages.

### **Changes to your child's circumstances**

Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Parking**

Quite a few villagers have raised concerns regarding cars parking on the double yellow lines outside the school, particularly at the various drop off and pick up times. There have also been problems with cars parked just next to the Kings Mill Lane entrance blocking the view and making it unsafe to turn out. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

### **Site Safety**

Please remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

### **Shelford School Bug Busting!**

We have had reports of head lice in school so we would 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 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.

### **Little Shelford Wildlife Club: pond dipping**

All are welcome to join in a pond-dipping session on Sunday 26th May at 3pm at Bradmere Pond (access via the lane on the right just beyond the triangle on Whittlesford Road as you leave Little Shelford). Bring nets and a bucket if you have them - and wellington boots.

### **Upper Key Stage 2 Performance**

This year, our Year 5s and 6s will be leading the summer performance on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Further details to follow!

### **Dress for the weather**

Please ensure all pupils have named jumpers and coats available in school, especially as we are heading into unpredictable spring and summer weather. Please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before school and provide a hat if the weather is predicted to be hot. Please ensure that your child wears enclosed toe footwear and not open toe sandals.

### **Term dates for next year**

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

### **Illness in school**

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members). Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **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.