

# 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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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

Yesterday, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Hedingham Castle. The day was made up of a variety of events and activities relating to life in medieval times. This supports their current topic, 'What happened in 1066?', which unpicks how the identity of the country changed at this point.

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# Harvest

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Year 3 are working hard in preparation to lead our Harvest Service on Monday 10th October. This will take place at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Church, Great Shelford. Families are welcome to attend. The service normally lasts around 30 minutes.

This year, we will be collecting for Cambridge Food Bank. Their current wishlist of items can be found below. We are now welcoming donations into classes.

## **OUR CURRENT MOST NEEDED LIST:**

**TINNED FISH**

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**TINNED MEAT**

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**TINNED VEGETABLES**

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**PASTA/COOK-IN SAUCE**

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**BREAKFAST TEA-BAGS**

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**RICE**

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**BARS OF CHOCOLATE**

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**SNACK BARS**

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**TINNED SOUP**

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**TINNED FRUIT (IN FRUIT JUICE)**

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**SPONGE PUDDINGS AND JELLIES**

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**SAVOURY SNACKS**

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**NOODLES**

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**RICE PUDDING**

# European Day of Languages

On Monday 26th September, the whole school enjoyed celebrating the wealth of languages spoken across the school ... extending beyond European languages! Pupils thought about the power of learning foreign languages and being able to access other cultures:

'You can make new friends and order food!'

'You can read books from other countries.'

'You can talk to people without using a dictionary to translate.'

**Some highlights from each class are featured below:**

**Reception Class enjoyed a fun afternoon with Madame Kennedy, which included singing songs, naming some animals and counting 1-10 in French!**

**Year 1** - Madame Kennedy also worked with Year 1. Some children counted to 10 in different languages. After that they worked on their French speaking skills, including sing 'Une souris verte' and learning the names of animals.

**Year 2** created a tally of the languages spoken in the class and transferred onto a bar chart followed by a team quiz on languages and use iPads to create fact files about a chosen country.

**Year 3** enjoyed several challenges including matching flags to countries and listening to 'Hello' spoken in a variety of languages they had to identify. They discovered fascinating facts such as Europe has over 200 different languages!

**Year 6** took the opportunity to open letters from our partner school in Morocco. The children here learn French as a second language so wrote to us in French which presented a challenging but enjoyable translation task!

**Finally, for any enthusiastic linguist, don't forget that we hold a French Club after school on Tues/Weds. Please enquire with the office to express your interest**

# Uniform Reminder

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As we shared previously, please remember that PE Days are days for pupils to come dressed in PE **uniform**. These are not non-uniform days. Pupils should come to school with their house t-shirts (or a plain t-shirt) with a **plain dark blue or black tracksuit**.



## House T-Shirts - PTA

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If you would like to order a new house t-shirt for your child, please click the link to the online order form [here](#).

The t-shirts are £12 each.



We would prefer online orders and payments for these please - full instructions are on the order form.

The order deadline is **Monday 17th October 2022**.

We expect to receive the final product approx. three weeks from that date, when they will be distributed via your class reps.

Please contact either **Clare Smyth** or **Amanda Smith** via **Classlist** if you have any queries.

**Many thanks!**



# School Prayer Meeting

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A small group meet up once a term to pray for our school and local community. We will be meeting at **8.30pm on Thursday 24th November** at 2 Newton Road, Little Shelford, CB22 5HL.

We would love to have others join us - do come along if you would like to.

## PTA AGM

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**Thursday 13th October, 8pm in the School Hall**

All parents are welcome to attend the **PTA AGM** in a few weeks time. Over a glass of wine/soft drink, we'll review the 2021/22 year, and vote in any parents who would like to join the committee. Myself, Ellie Rugg Gunn and Suzanne Dootson will be staying on as Co-Chairs, and we already have a parent volunteer to take on the Secretary role, as Rachel Bousfeld will be stepping down this year.

As well as 'regular' committee members, **we are seeking a new treasurer**, as Ilse Patterson will be stepping down from this role. If this is something you'd be interested in taking on, Ilse can have a chat with you about what it entails and a full handover would be provided. We are very supportive of this being shared between two people, if preferred.

**Many thanks to Ilse and Rachel for taking on these roles for last few years, it is really appreciated.**

The funds raised by the PTA make a huge difference to the resources available in school, and our children's educational experience. In this new academic year, we have already been asked by the teaching team to fund PHSE workshops and new phonics and book-band book sets worth £2500. It's fantastic that thanks to previous PTA events being run and supported by parents, we can 'yes' to these requests quickly. Being on the committee is rewarding, and now that meetings in the pub can resume, sociable too! So if you are interested in joining the committee, please do get in touch with me or come along on the 13th October.

Anna Sidders, PTA Co-Chair



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

# October holiday

## Netball camps

Fun and fitness for children  
during the school holidays



Wednesday  
26 October  
10am to 3.30pm



Impington Village  
College Sports  
Centre, CB24 9LX



For children in  
Year 3 to Year 9  
of all abilities



£25 per child per day

£22 per child per day  
each for families, or children  
attending multiple days  
(netball and athletics)



All coaches are  
suitably checked  
and qualified.



Appropriate footwear  
and clothing for  
outdoors is essential.



Snacks and lunch and  
plenty to drink should  
be brought.



In a safe setting,  
children can develop  
skills and put them  
into practice

**Book now for a place on our October netball camps!**

### For more information:

✉ [holiday.camps@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:holiday.camps@scambs.gov.uk)

☎ 01954 713070

### To book:

➡ [www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps)





**East West Rail will  
cut through South  
Cambridgeshire,  
close to homes &  
communities.  
Have your say!**



EWR will be at Haslingfield Methodist Church on  
Wednesday 12th October 2-8pm.  
This is the **ONLY** chance for residents of all affected  
South Cambridgeshire communities  
to see the proposals, talk to EWR representatives  
and share their thoughts. It is the first face-to-face  
opportunity to meet with EWR.  
Please don't miss this chance!