



# Great and Little Shelford C E (A) Primary School

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From Knowledge Wisdom Flour

*We live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners*

Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

I hope you are all well. I wanted to start this week's newsletter with expressing my sincere thanks to you all for your support in the return to school. Thank you to all the families for their work in responding to the changes and procedures. Thank you to the Governors for their continued support and leadership during this challenging time. Well done and thank you to the children for effortlessly slipping into a new routine, demonstrating great **resilience**. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the fantastic, dedicated and hardworking staff – thank you all for everything you have done. Looking at the positives during this very challenging time, it has been wonderful to see how the **community** continues to pull together.

Thinking about our wider **community**, we announced last week that we are celebrating our new partnership with Secteur Scolaire Annour – in the Atlas Mountains, Morocco. We have the pleasure of sharing their video with you, that can be seen [here](#). It is fantastic to commence this additional new partnership this year, as we work towards our reaccreditation for our International Schools Award.

Looking at other positives over this half term, we have been delighted to launch our New Curriculum. It has been wonderful to launch with the thread of 'Identity'. After half term, the focus shifts to 'Our Story so far'. Staff have been exploring the thread of identity in their weekly video Collective Worship sessions. You can see these [here](#). In addition to these sessions, we are also enjoying some class-based reflections and whole school live video Collective Worship sessions. Not only have the Collective Worship sessions been wonderful ways to explore the new curriculum, but it has been wonderful to see the curriculum come to life with engaging opportunities for everyone this



half term. From a variety of exciting entry points and activities to virtual visits and even carefully-planned visitor in! This Friday will culminate the end of our Y2 topic on the Great Fire of London and we are looking forward to the annual fire! Earlier in the week, I was rather alarmed to find a whole troop of 30 Roman soldiers parade past my office with their stunning shields.

On Friday, Y1-Y6 families will receive an interim report from the Cass Teacher(s), a long with the reflections pupil have completed and a covering letter. We hope you find these useful. There is a feedback and receipt form [here](#), which we will circulate again on Friday.

Y6 Families – please remember to apply for a secondary place by 31<sup>st</sup> October!

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey

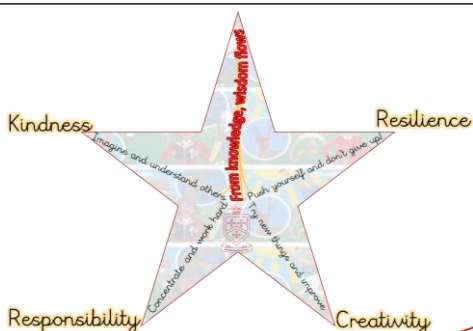


Each year in school, we mark Anti-Bullying Week with special assemblies and activities in class. This year, we would like to take part in the national Odd Socks Day which takes place on Monday 16th November. We will be asking all pupils and staff to come to school that day wearing odd socks- different colours, patterns, lengths- the more they clash, the better!

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is United Against Bullying. The idea behind wearing odd socks is that it helps us to celebrate our uniqueness whilst also showing that we are working together to prevent bullying. Just like our odd socks, we can be unique AND united all at once.

We look forward to seeing the socks you choose to wear on the 16th November!

**Mrs Ashton PSHE Co-ordinator**



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**Announcements**

**Celebration Worship - 16th October 2020**

As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared the poetry and singing from Y3's [Harvest Service](#).

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** (tidiest classes): Y1; Y6

**Star Writers:**

- **Henry M** and **George W** - for excellent non-fiction pages about Motte and Bailey castles;
- **Amanda B** - for a fantastic Roman soldier diary entry
- **Elliot R** - for super planning and writing inspired by 'The Clock Tower' animation.

**Heateacher's Awards:**

- **Lucas B** - for great concentration and perseverance in making a stick man at Forest School;
- **Austin C** - for excellent focus when completing independent tasks and excellent maths problem solving;
- **Harry C** - for excellent progress in writing and reading
- **Flossie P** - for an excellent overall start to Y2 - good listening, focus and approach to challenge;
- **Isla A** - for an excellent overall start to Y2 - excellent behaviour, focus, resilience and independence;
- **Joshua S** - for excellent DT in exploring wheels, axels and chassis. In addition, for kindness and patience in supporting your peers;
- **Lottie S** - for excellent partnership, planning and creating in the Roman shield DT project;
- **Mhinaku G** - for excellent partnership, planning and creating in the Roman shield DT project.

**Housepoints:** this week's winning house is the house of determination, domus pertendentium - the Red Squirrels.

**Shelford School Support Fund**

Designed to support children of the school, the Shelford School Support Fund (SSSF) is a charitable fund held and administered by the Governing Board. It is separate from school finances and from the PTA. Over the years, many pupils have been supported through this, both individuals and groups. Sometimes we have been able to pay for refurbishments to parts of the school that improve the learning environment, other times we have been able to finance individual pupils' access to key educational experiences like trips or visits which they otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend. We have also purchased gifts to thank volunteers who have made significant contributions to the life and learning of the pupils at Shelford School.

We are always very pleased to receive donations to enable us to continue enriching learning and supporting inclusion for all pupils. Contributions can be made by bank transfer or cheque. Please make cheques payable to 'Shelford School' and forward them to: The Treasurer, SSSF, c/o the school office. Direct payments should go to account 00811386, sort code 20-17-19. Then please contact the treasurer, Polly Stanton ([pstanton@shelfordschool.org.uk](mailto:pstanton@shelfordschool.org.uk)), so that she can ensure that your gift is recorded. If you are able to gift aid your donation, please complete the gift aid declaration at the bottom of the page here <http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/governors/424174>

**Communication**

Please remember that the communication guidelines below:

Communication Type	Communication Method
<b>Urgent or important</b> information, messages or requests.	e-mail to: <a href="mailto:office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk">office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk</a> telephone: 01223 843107
<b>Non-urgent</b> , general class enquiries	Email your class email address





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**Individual Photos**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, pupils will have individual photographs taken in school. For classes that usually have PE on Wednesday, **please note that all pupils should wear school uniform on this day.**

**PTA**

**\*\*\*DEADLINE FOR LAPTOP FUNDRAISER\*\*\***

Thanks to your incredibly generous donations (and those of the wider Shelford community) we have almost hit our £3,000 target for funding a set of 15 laptops for the school. This is essential equipment for the school so we are keen to get the laptops purchased and into school as soon as possible. The old laptops are no longer fit for purpose and urgently need replacing.

With that in mind the laptop fundraiser will close on **Friday 23 October**. So if you are intending to donate, or know anyone else who is, please don't delay - **visit the just giving page today and make that donation!** [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shelford-pta-laptops?utm\\_term=qP6Rm5dvZ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shelford-pta-laptops?utm_term=qP6Rm5dvZ) It really will make all the difference. We're 84% of the way there and only need another £410 to reach our target of fully funding the 15 laptops. THANK YOU!

PTA

**House T-shirts**

House T-shirts will be available to order soon. Watch this space for further details.

**Great Shelford Free Church Event** (right)

Great Shelford Free Church are inviting families to the Light Event on 31<sup>st</sup> October. (details on right)

**ALL HALLOWS EVE LIGHT EVENT**

IN THE GROUNDS OF CARA COFFEE

**Saturday 31st October**  
6pm - 8pm

Book your half hour family fun craft slot and claim a free goody bag!  
Places limited

For more information contact [diana@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:diana@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)  
Or book your place on our website [www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)

**Art Competition**  
**'Cambridge is...'**

What does Cambridge mean to you?  
What do you love about the city? - the people, buildings, the parks?

**Draw it!**  
Send us a drawing or painting of your favourite thing(s) about Cambridge for your chance to win £50 worth of art tools for yourself and £450 for your school.

**Deadline 4 December**  
Entrants must be 12 years or under  
Winners will be announced in January 2021.

Send your entries and contact details to:  
Bidwells, Marketing Department  
Bidwell House, Trumpington Road  
Cambridge, CB2 9LD

Entries must be on A4 size paper

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**Art Competition**

**ENTRY DETAILS:**  
**"Cambridge is..."**

Draw or paint a picture representing what you love about Cambridge the most. It could be the people, the buildings, the parks, the cows, the bikes, the shops, your school - anything that you love!

- Deadline is midnight on **4th December 2020**
- Entrants must be 12 years or younger and affiliated to a Cambridgeshire-based school or nursery
- Please submit your drawing or painting on A4 size paper
- Accompanying your picture, please submit your full name, age, contact details, and the name of your school
- Please post your entry, along with your contact information, to Bidwells, Marketing Department, Bidwell House, Trumpington Road, Cambridge, CB2 9LD

**For further details, head to:**

[www.bidwells.co.uk/artcomp](http://www.bidwells.co.uk/artcomp)

**Network Rail Consultation**

A consultation for a new South Cambridge Rail Station has commenced. . If you would like to view the proposals and give us your comments, you can do so at [cambridgesouthconsultation.com](http://cambridgesouthconsultation.com).