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Wednesday 25th November 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

With the recent sunnier and drier weather, it has been wonderful to enjoy the seasonal change into what now feels like winter! It makes many of us feel grateful for the lovely environment around us, as well as the great sense of community between the school, churches and villages. This is something I was also reminded of when virtually meeting with Headteachers from our cluster schools and diocese this last week. Hearing of some of the difficulties facing schools, reminds me of how supportive and tightly-knit our community is.

- Newsletter in 30s:**
- Churchyard reminder
 - Elf Day – 4/12/20
 - Christmas cards
 - Competition winner
 - PTA Hamper Raffle

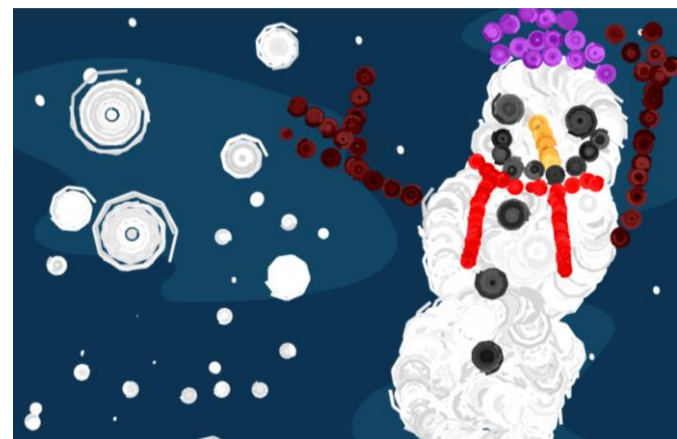
On that note, please can we encourage all families to be particularly respectful of the churchyard at St. Mary's. We have heard of some of the younger pupils clambering amongst the graves and even climbing on them. This is very saddening to hear and sends a very unfortunate message to any member of our community that witnesses this. We are extremely fortunate for the very strong and positive links between the churches, villages and the school.

On Friday 4th December, we will be taking part in Elf Day 2020! This is in support of Alzheimer's Society. With lockdown having a limiting effect on all of our lives, it has been also felt profoundly by those living with dementia. Alzheimer's is sadly something that affects many of our school community families and this year we would like to take part in their annual Elf Day. On Friday 4th December, pupils are invited to wear an elf or Christmas-based accessory with their usual uniform for a donation to the Alzheimer's Society. We have set up a Just Giving page to allow for contact free donations [here](#). These donations go directly to Alzheimer's Society. We have set our target at £211 – which is equivalent to each pupil paying just £1!



In other festive news, it is delightful to hear the sound of pupils singing in the school – albeit quietly, distanced and risk-assessed! The sound of singing really has lit up the school again! We are also pleased to share that pupils will be able to share Christmas cards with each other this year if they wish. If they are sending cards within their bubble, then these should go straight to their classrooms. If they need to send cards to pupils in other classes, they can use the school post box from 1st December. This will be emptied daily, with the cards quarantined for at least 72 hours before distribution to classes. This is consistent with advice from the Local Authority.

Meanwhile, in other Christmas card news, we are delighted to announce that Molly W in Y1 has won the Purple Mash Christmas Card competition in her category! You can see why – you can't help but smile at her design (*right*). Congratulations Molly! If you are interested in other art-based competitions, you may wish to enter the 'Cambridge is...' competition (*below*) run by Bidwells, which closes on 4th December.



Finally, there are many times when I am bowled over by the *kindness* displayed in our community. We often celebrate this through our weekly Celia and Cyril awards (below) at Celebration Worship. However, I wanted to flag up one instance of kindness that is particularly heart-warming. Sara B (Y6) has been knitting bows in an array of colours and selling them for donations to Arthur Rank Hospice. Thank you Sara for being such a Shelford star!

With best wishes,
Chris Grey





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Celebration Worship - 20th November 2020

As pupils joined the Teams call, we reflected on our anti-bullying week, watching 'Tick Tock Tale'.

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*

Celia – Lily-Rose O-R – for kindness in noticing the needs of others.

Cyril – Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Clarke – for going above and beyond in supporting Reception and Y1 with consistency.

Sporting Achievements:

- **Shelford Mile - Bronze** (10 miles): Y1 - Lily, Elliot, Lilianna, Jemima, Aaron, Tom, Lelaini, Austin, Georgia, Hannah, Theodore, James.

Silver Bins (tidiest classes): Y1; Y3 **Dinner Winners:** Y3

Star Writers:

- Zaire S - for a fantastic independent story that included capital letters, finger spaces and good application of phonics.

Heateacher's Awards:

- **Henry R** - for excellent reading with great expression and enthusiasm.
- **Samuel S** - for great progress with handwriting throughout all learning.
- **Alice M-T** - for consistently excellent work ethic and attitude towards learning.
- **Lumi A** - for hard work and determination, showing a passion for learning.
- **Matthew N** - for excellent contributions to PSHE discussions.
- **Ember B** - for a great attitude and progress in computing.
- **Travis C** - for a superb focus and sensible learning attitude - especially in literacy.
- **Caleb C** - for excellent effort and application of challenge across the curriculum, including showing kindness to others.

House prefects were awarded their House Prefect badges by Mrs. Alderson.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is the house of equality - domus aequorum - the Otters

Announcements

Site Safety

Please remember – only one adult per family should bring or collect pupils from the school site. All adults bringing or collecting pupils are recommended to wear face coverings. **Please do observe this guidance as it is for the safety of all the pupils and enables the school to remain open.**

PTA

*****CHRISTMAS RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE – BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW*****

Even though we won't be having a fundraising event this Christmas, the PTA will still be running the annual Christmas Rainbow Hamper Raffle. Tickets are now on sale at **£1 each** (buy as many as you like!). You'll be in with a chance to win one of seven beautiful colour-themed Christmas hampers – filled with gorgeous goodies.

Class reps are kindly organising the hampers so please do donate a coloured item to your year group's hamper collection.

Tickets will be on sale until **Thursday 10 December** and the winners will be chosen at random on **Monday 14 December**. Mr Grey will be drawing the raffle and hampers will be available for delivery/collection during the last week of term. To buy a ticket or tickets please **send Hannah Mohamad a message on Classlist** with the number of tickets you'd like. You will need to transfer the money for your tickets to the PTA bank account (**Sort: 30-91-74 and Account No: 01248038**) using the reference **Xmas Raffle**.

Once the money has been received you will be sent an image of your tickets and your ticket numbers. If you're a lucky winner we will let you know on 14 December and you will then be able to arrange collection of your hamper with the relevant class rep.

Thank you and GOOD LUCK! PTA



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Raise funds while you shop!

With Black Friday on its way, why not raise a bit of extra money for the PTA when you shop online?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that has the same products, prices and service as Amazon.co.uk BUT when you shop on AmazonSmile Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to your chosen charity. There is **no extra cost to you** - the donation is made by Amazon. When you visit AmazonSmile you simply choose Great and Little Shelford School PTA as your chosen charity. And then start all your Amazon shops on smile.amazon.co.uk to support the PTA.

With **easyfundraising** you can raise free donations for the PTA whenever you buy anything online. There are over 4,000 shops and sites – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is sign up on the easyfundraising website and visit the site before you shop online.

You can find out everything you need to know about using both websites [here](#). Every penny raised through these websites will help raise valuable funds for the PTA to support the school's activities and equipment.

RAREFest 2020

This Saturday – 28th November, RAREFest will take place. There will be lots of talks, demos and exhibitions relating to rare disease, but it's aimed at everyone with an interest in genetics and STEM. There's something for experts, patients and curious kids - a particularly exciting cookie decorating demo and strawberry DNA extraction! **Also Elliot (Y2) and his sister (who has an very rare disease) will make an appearance in a performance of CRDN's community group (Unique Feet) at the end of the event!** More info and free tickets here: www.camraredisease.org/rarefest20



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FESTIVAL THAT IS AS UNIQUE AS
THE PATIENTS IT CHAMPIONS



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Onno Faber
Possibility thinker, problem solver, entrepreneur and rare disease patient



Dr Giles Yeo
BBC broadcaster & leading geneticist studying rare genetic conditions that affect appetite



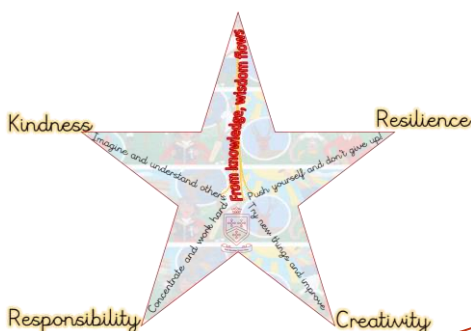
Same but Different & Illumina
'A Journey of Hope: a glimpse into the lives of families receiving genetic diagnosis'



Cookies4Cures
Funding research into rare childhood diseases, one cookie at a time!



Dr Melita Irving
Clinical Geneticist at Guys and St Thomas & author of the Haynes Human DNA Manual





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Advent Windows

Great Shelford Free Church invite you to create an Advent Window! Create a Christmas themed window, take a photo of it, and send it to us at administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk by the 10th of December. On each day of Advent we will reveal a different window on our website!

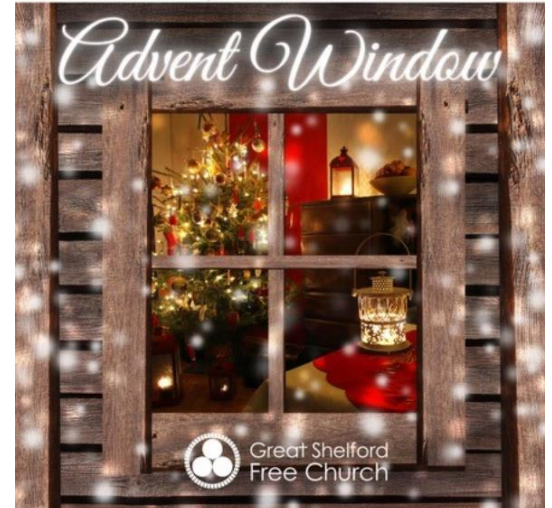
You can be as imaginative and creative as you want! You can use paints, papers, models and other accessories to decorate your window. Ideally your window will be stuck to the window inside your home and visible from the street. Will your window be one of those to be revealed on our website? Photos should be accompanied by names and contact details (addresses) of the creators.

Have fun creating!!

Shelford COVID Support Group

The Shelford COVID Support group has been created to help people access basic amenities (shopping, prescriptions, post etc.) should they become unable to do so as a result of COVID. We have a network of 78 volunteers who ensure every street in Great Shelford has at least one key, local contact who are willing to give their time to do this. In the first instance, touch base with Chris Smith - Christopher.i.smith3@gmail.com and you will receive details of your local volunteer.

**Great Shelford Free Church
invites you to create an....**



Create a Christmas-themed window.
Take a photo and send it to us by Dec 10th
Each day of advent we will reveal a different window on our website.

For more info visit 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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bidwells.co.uk/artcomp

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

