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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this week's letter finds you and your families well at this festive time of year – especially with seasonal illnesses becoming prevalent! We are delighted to be in the midst of our Advent and Christmas celebrations. In particular, it has been wonderful to experience the Nativity, led by EYFS and KS1. The pupils put on a fantastic retelling of the Nativity and I am still humming along to some of the songs as I write to you today! A huge thank you to everyone involved in leading and supporting the event. In particular, thank you to the staff for putting together such a fantastic performance. Some of you will recall that at Monday's performance, I thanked all the staff and explained there were almost too many to thank. To echo that, a huge thank you to: Miss Bachewich, Miss Beck, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Cusano, Mrs. Haigh, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Hallebro, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Kingman, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Remm, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Warne, Miss Wesley and Mrs. Unwin. In addition, we are very grateful to the volunteers that supported with changing, props and costumes.

Newsletter in 30 seconds

- Nativity
- Carols by Candlelight
- GenR8
- Shelford Christmas Day
- Code Club

We are also looking forward to KS2s Carols by Candlelight tomorrow at 6pm in St. Mary's Church (pupils should arrive at school at 5:40pm).

Last week, we were very pleased to welcome GenR8 to school to share a special Christmas message with us through drama and song. It was a privilege to watch the engagement and reactions of pupils in this session as we reflected on why we are celebrating at Christmas.

Shelford Christmas Day will be taking place on Wednesday 18th December. This is our final day before the Christmas holidays commence. During Shelford Christmas Day, pupils are **invited to come into school wearing smart party clothes or Christmas jumpers**. We take donations for Save the Children during this day. The children commence the day with our Christmas Service, including a focus on our Advent Wreath. We then distribute a gift to each class and pupils go on to spend time in their houses. There are also a few surprises in store for the day! We have the pleasure of sharing our Christmas dinner together, while instrumentalists serenade us and others share jokes! We are really looking forward to sharing this special Shelford event with everyone on Wednesday.



In the Spring Term, we will be running a Code Club, as per previous newsletters. We are now able to open this up to Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils. A letter explaining the club [can be found here](#).



With best wishes,
Chris Grey,
Headteacher



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Dates Summary

Changes / additions are in blue

	12/12/19	18:00	Carols by Candlelight (led by KS2)	St. Mary's Church
	18/12/19	All day	Shelford Christmas Day (non-uniform – smart party clothes / Christmas jumpers)	School
	18/12/19		End of Autumn Term	School
	19/12/19 – 5/1/20		Christmas holiday	Somewhere festive
	3/1/20		PD DAY	School
	6/1/20		Spring Term commences	School
	6/1/20		Epiphany	
	31/1/20	14:00	Reception Class Briefing	Hall
	3/2/20	14:30	Candlemas Service (led by Y2)	St. Mary's Church
	5/2/20 – 12/2/20		Scholastic Book Fair	
	6/2/20 – 7/2/20	All day	Art Days	School
	10/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	11/2/20	All day	Safer Internet Day	
	12/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	13/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	14/2/20	PM	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament	Netherhall
	14/2/20	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	14/2/20		End of first half of Spring Term	School
	w/c 17/2/20		February half term holiday	Somewhere relaxing
	24/2/20		Second half of the term commences	School



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Announcements

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

Roast Turkey, trimmings & gravy

Quorn sausages & trimmings

Jacket potatoes

Festive fudge tart or

Christmas shortbread



Carols by Candlelight – Thursday 12 December

Our annual KS2 carol service will be held at St Mary’s church, Great Shelford this Thursday evening. The service will start at 6.00pm. Children will need to meet at school at 5.40pm and go to their classrooms to meet their teacher. Children are invited to wear smart Christmas coloured clothes. Christmas jumpers will be fine, but no logos or hats please.

Volunteer induction sessions

The next volunteer induction sessions are on the following dates:

Friday 24th January – 9.05am

Tuesday 24th March – 9.05am

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact the office.

Governor information

Governors are often in and around school informally but as part of our work we make regular, more formal visits to monitor the impact of the strategic decisions the Board takes and learn about how the curriculum is implemented.

Further information about the work and membership of the Board can be found on the [school website](#) and we can be contacted about school matters by email: clerk@shelfordschool.org.uk

General health

Unfortunately, it is that time of year again where we are all suffering with coughs and colds etc. Please can we ask that if your child has a temperature or is complaining of feeling sick or having tummy ache (which you believe to be genuine), please keep them at home until they have recovered. Thank you.

Christmas post box

The Christmas post box located by the junior entrance for children to bring Christmas cards in for their friends or staff if they wish. Please remind them to put the name (including Surname or first letter of Surname) and year group on the envelope.

School Christmas Disco

This year’s Christmas Disco will take place in the school hall on Monday 16th December (KS1 4.00-5:15pm, KS2 5:30-6:45pm).



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