

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. It has been wonderful to welcome parents back in as part of our 'Meet the Teacher' event this week. We have one drop-in session left for families to visit the classrooms and informally meet our wonderful teachers. This takes place tomorrow, **Thursday 16th September - 3:30pm -4:00pm.**

- Meet the Teacher
- International School Award
- Outdoor transformations
- Beads of Courage
- Harvest 2021
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

Recently, we were delighted to receive confirmation of our International School Award for 2021-2024. The reaccreditation was led by Mrs. Unwin and a great variety of international activities took place across all ages in the school:

This is a strong Impact Evaluation from Great and Little Shelford CofE (Aided) Primary School in this challenging year, and I am recommending it for Reaccreditation of the International School Award. Well done! You did very well to produce 14 activities for your application in this pandemic year, which are varied, motivating and detailed. It is interesting to read in 'Impact on Teachers' that: 'Despite Covid, we continued existing and fostered new collaborations with partner schools' and 'We adopted online tools, e.g. Padlet, to share, communicate and celebrate information around the world. We made more use of video technology, but traditional letter writing to pen pals remains a popular task in KS2'.

We are delighted to have received this reaccreditation and to continue the wonderful international partnerships that are both well-established and newly flourishing. Thank you to all the families that completed the parental feedback elements for our submission.



**International
School Award
2021-24**



Y6 to Grafham Water!

Next week, our Y6s will venture to Grafham for their residential visit and adventurous activities. We look forward to hearing about their adventures and will share tales from Grafham on the school website, along with direct alerts to Y6 families when these are added.

Outside Transformation!

We are very grateful to the wonderful volunteers who came in to support the renovation of our Early Years garden and School Church Garden over the summer holiday. A special thank you to Amanda Smith, Anja Evans, Charlotte Berryman, Eleanor and James McCrone for their incredible work! Before and after photos of the Early Years Garden can be seen below!



After



Beads of Courage - Letter from Mrs. Mulholland

You may have noticed a collecting tray with Gold pins and "Alien Bead" Bag Tags at School Reception. This is part of my "Go Gold Fundraising" as September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and I aim to raise awareness of childhood cancers and raise money for the Beads of Courage Programme at Addenbrookes in memory of my Daughter Eilish and for my youngest Aidan.

Eilish, aged 3.5 years was diagnosed with a Wilms' Tumour (Tumour on the Kidney) in Oct 2013, but sadly after 51 weeks of treatment she passed away aged 4.5 yrs. Throughout her treatment she collected the Beads of Courage, a glass bead for every treatment, medical intervention, over night stay and physiotherapy session plus lots more, she collected 1036 beads in just under a year.

Fast forward to June 2019 and Aidan now aged 5 years was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, with a tumour on his upper thoracic spine. He is now 1.5 years in remission and still collecting his Beads of Courage.

They are an amazing tool, giving the children and their families support through some tough times. The positive impact that the programme has on the mental health and wellbeing of the children who were taking part in the Beads of Courage programme plus their families and friends is huge. It shifted the focus from treatment to the beads. It gave the children a non-scary, tangible means to communicate with their peers about what it is they have been through and continue to go through, and it opened up lines of communication and broke down barriers of illness through lack of knowledge. They now not only support oncology children but have other programmes such as Chronic, Burns, and NICU Programmes. <https://beadsofcourageuk.org>

During September each year (amongst other fundraising initiatives) I aim to raise awareness and pennies for this amazing charity by having Gold Pins, and the "Alien Bead Bag Tags" for a min £1 donation, BOC Go Gold Keyrings min £2 donation (see picture attached and email me for these) and also I organise a Pottery and craft Auction through a facebook event which over the past 5 years has raised over £1000 per Auction, many hand painted and handmade items by myself and friends - all individual and unique. If you would like to get involved and bid on some amazing items please go to the events page and join. If you would rather place a silent bid don't hesitate to contact me. The event starts [here](#) on 12th September.

You can donate to the Beads of Courage Charity [here](#). Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Mulholland

Harvest 2021

On 5th October at 2:30pm, Y3 pupils will be leading our Harvest Service 2021. This will be held in St. Mary's for Y3 pupils and family members. Each year we support a charity through gifts of food and/or money. This year, we will be supporting the Cambridge Food Bank and a summary of the items they currently need can be found below.



Providing 3-days of nutritionally-balanced emergency food to those in crisis

Shopping List

- Bag for life (or similar strong carrier bag)
- Noodles
- Instant coffee and tea bags
- Olive oil 500ml
- Puddings—angel delight, jelly, sponge puddings
- Pasta sauce
- Jam
- Rice
- Ketchup
- Laundry powder

We currently have plenty of baked beans and pasta

PLEASE NOTE: that we CANNOT distribute ALCOHOL, BOTTLED WATER or INFANT FORMULA

ALL GOODS SHOULD BE UNDAMAGED & HAVE LONG BEST BEFORE DATES PLEASE

Thank you for your support!

Welcome back and hello to new Shelford families!

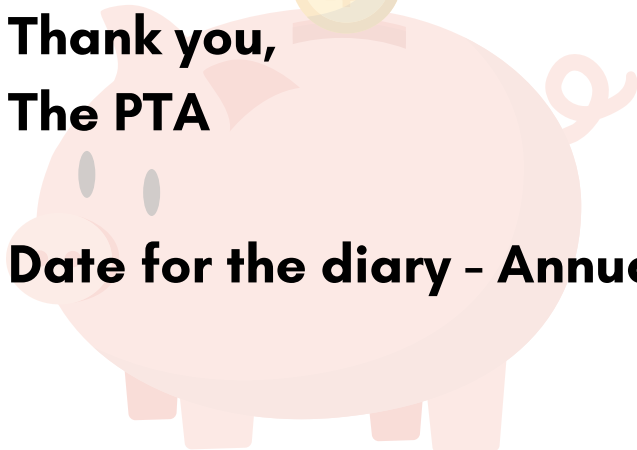
We are raising £4,000 to buy additional resources and equipment for next year. While the school has dedicated budgets for each subject area (Maths, English, etc.) these are very limited - often to a few hundred pounds each. That means there is very little leftover to fund additional equipment and resources to enrich the teaching of these subjects and make it as fun and interactive as possible for the children.

We have already raised £2,100 of our £4,000 target - thanks so much to everyone who has already donated! As we start a new school year, please do consider donating via our Just Giving page to help boost the subject area budgets. This will be used to buy things like cooking ingredients, extra maths equipment, experiences and visits, and materials for science experiments.

Every donation, no matter how small, will really help make our children's learning experience even better. Please do help if you can - it's much appreciated. Just follow this link to donate before 24 September.

**Thank you,
The PTA**

Date for the diary - Annual AGM - 5/10/21 at 8pm



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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Pupils gathered together in the hall for our weekly Celebration Worship.

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

Cyril: Miss Smith

Silver Bins:

- Year 2
- Year 4

Dinner Winner:

- Year 1

Wonderful Walkers:

- Year 2

Headteacher Awards:

- Rose L, Eloise L, Edward M, Bethan M, Kate L - each for a wonderful start to their time at Shelford School, showing great resilience.
- Maxson C - for a very positive and mature approach to starting Year 6, acting as a role model to others and helping our new Reception pupils.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus venerantium - the house of respect - the Swans.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

BEES IN THE CHURCHYARD

Be aware that miner bees live in the grassed bank alongside the church path. They have been active recently on sunny days. Please keep off the grass banks so they are not disturbed.

BRASS LESSONS

There are a few spaces available for brass lessons in school with our Cambridgeshire music teacher. A taster can be arranged for interested children in year 4 and above. Please contact the school office for more information.

FAMILY WORKER NEWSLETTER

A newsletter from the Cambridgeshire Family Worker Team can be found [here](#).

CAMBRIDGE CONSTABULARY

The September Cambridge Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter can be found [here](#).
