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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 1st July 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

It is hard to believe it is Wednesday again! The remainder of this academic year is passing very quickly. We are obviously disappointed not to be able to welcome all the children back prior to the summer holidays – however we do have plans to keep in touch over the next couple of weeks!

With September in mind - the government has postponed its release of advice and guidance for schools in September to this Friday. We are anticipating all pupils will be back in school in class-based bubbles. This means it is likely there will continue to be staggered times around the site and will restrict who our staff can work with in school. Once we have received the final advice, we will keep you informed.

As we have mentioned previously, we are planning events for our pupils to experience time with their teachers for next year. We are in the final stages of planning this and will be in contact with families once the details are ready to share. Both transition events and farewell events will take the form of Zoom Calls for the whole class together.

Yesterday, I was absolutely delighted to receive the news that we have achieved our Primary Science Quality Mark. This is a year-long process that has been led by Mrs. Clarke with the support from the whole school community. The assessors were hugely complementary about our submission, stating it **has been a joy to read**. I thought I would share one section from the report – which echoes what we often reference as a unique strength of our school:

Newsletter in 60 seconds!

[The video version of our Newsletter in 60s can be found here.](#)

July Menu for those attending school:

- 6th – Pizza
- 7th – Quorn dippers & wedges
- 8th – Gammon & roast potatoes
- 9th – Pasta in tomato sauce
- 10th – Fish & chips
- Alternative each day – Jacket Potato**



Shelford Science Principles: CEP

There is a commitment to developing all children's science capital

I have to say that this is a real strength at Shelford. I have been impressed on many occasions reading about the effort that has gone into ensuring the whole school community understands how relevant science is to our everyday lives. I love the "Science Spot" in the newsletter and how that has increased science discussion in the wider community and how many of your pupils and staff now view themselves as scientists too! Your commitment to increasing science capital has not only raised curiosity and excitement around science but the feedback you have received from pupils, teachers and parents has been hugely positive. You should be immensely proud of all you have achieved here! Well done!

We are thrilled with this glowing report and would like to thank the Wellcome Trust for their commitment in supporting the school achieve this. Of course, we need to say a great big thank you to everyone who has been involved and will continue to be – including the amazing parents who supported us in their STEM Ambassador roles. Finally, well done Mrs. Clarke! What an achievement! (I now need to spend some time reorganising our letter template to squeeze another accreditation in!)





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Last week's focus from the Shelford Star was on **resilience**. With a great collage made from a selection of the amazing Sports Day photos! As we were delighted to receive our **PSQM Award** this week, we also look to our commitment made in our **International School Award** (for outstanding development of the international dimension of the curriculum): The Y6 French Breakfast (social distancing style)!



Don't forget to send in your nominations for Celia (pupils) and Cyril (adults) to year2@shelford.cambs.sch.uk – we love to hear about acts of **kindness** at home, school and in the community.

With best wishes,
 Chris Grey, Headteacher

Announcements



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Annual PTA Camp Out – 11th July

Despite lockdown limitations we are still planning a PTA camp out. This year the camp out will take place from the comfort of your own home (or garden) on Saturday 11 July. Set up camp in your own garden, share a virtual story time led by a few familiar faces and raise vital funds for the PTA.

Everything you need to make the camp out a success will be provided courtesy of the PTA's keepsake camping packs (contents TBC):

- **Children's packs £7:** keepsake bag, hot chocolate, marshmallows, brioche breakfast roll, link to storytime, mini torch
- **Adults' packs £12:** keepsake bag, alcoholic drink, nibbles, breakfast pastry, ear plugs
- **Keepsake mugs** will also be on sale nearer the time for **£5**.

The camp out will be a vital fundraiser for the PTA in the absence of any physical events this term. It will also be a great opportunity for the children to connect.

If you would like to take part please let Hannah Mohamad know how many packs you would like and whether you would like a G&T, beer or non-alcoholic drink in your adult packs. You can contact Hannah on Classlist or pta@shelfordschool.org.uk

Prayer Meeting

Our termly prayer meeting cannot take place in anyone's home this time, but anyone who would like to pray for our school in these especially challenging times is invited to join us online. Details below.

Prayer Meeting - Time: Jul 9, 2020 08:00 PM London

[Join Zoom Meeting - Link](#)

Meeting ID: 858 1573 4505

Password: 588580

Summer Reading Challenge

Please see the details [here](#) for this year's challenge! For all further information please find additional details [here](#).

Video Meetings

It has been lovely to start these with pupils over the past couple of weeks. Please let us know if you have any trouble booking one for your child or with respect to how to join the meeting via Teams.

Starz+

After the successful implementation of Purple Mash, we will no longer be continuing with Starz+. Accounts will remain active until 31st August.

Constabulary Children and Young People's Team

This week's Safer Schools Newsletter for KS1 & KS2 can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding

Safeguarding of children is everyone's responsibility. Please see the poster [here](#) from the NSPCC and the poster [here](#) from the Local Authority about how to report concerns about the challenges families may be facing.

School Wishlist – Run by the PTA

The PTA has an [Amazon Wishlist](#) full of book ideas suggested by the teachers. It's a low effort, great way to support the school. If you buy from the list the book will be sent straight to the school. All books very gratefully received! No obligation to buy from Amazon - If you'd rather buy a book from the list elsewhere and have it posted/delivered to the school it would be equally welcome.

