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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 20th November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

As I write to you, Y1 are serenading me with their nativity practice and the bells of St. Mary's have just rung as the Y6 coach departed to Grafham. It is hard to believe that we are beginning to prepare to commence Advent and prepare for our annual ways to mark and celebrate Christmas.

On the theme of preparation, we launched a new Pupil Leadership role yesterday. Dr. Goettsch, who works in conservation ecology, visited and shared themes around how we can work together to reduce our impact on the environment. Each class will have two representatives on our new Eco Committee. Pupils have been asked to consider if this is a role they are interested in. Hustings and voting will take place over the next two weeks. Dr. Goettsch, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Scott will be working together to lead the Eco Committee through the seven steps in earning an Eco Schools green flag!

This week, I have been welcoming families to the school with a view to places for Reception 2020. It has been wonderful to share the current work of the school and to talk about the strength of the school community. I have taken great pleasure in explaining the support of the parents and governors in the recent renovation projects and other fundraising. The PTA are kindly funding some of the school's new computing hardware – 23 more iPads! You will be aware that our governors also hold the 'Shelford Support Fund'. This fund is designed to support the school's additional work and families who require additional funding in certain areas. If you are interested in finding out more, or making a donation, [click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Speaking about the immense support we have is heartening at a time when our local authority are likely to be struggling with a £16 million deficit next financial year. This will, again, impact significantly on the budgets of Cambridgeshire's schools, making the work you do to support our PTA and Shelford Support Fund even more important.

On further computing and funding-related news, we are looking to update our 30 pupil laptops for a number of reasons. However, **we need your help!** If you think your workplace might be interested in sponsoring equipment or events at the school, we would love to hear from you - get in touch to learn more about how we hope to develop our resources to give our pupils the best possible start, and how you or your company could play a part.

Finally, as you are likely to be aware, we are expecting our SIAMs Inspection this academic year. If you would like to contribute any evidence to the impact of our church school status, please let us know! Does your child talk, draw or write about respect, diversity, Collective Worship, prayer / prayer spaces or standing up for something they believe in? If so, please drop us a line!

With best wishes,
Chris Grey,
Headteacher

- Eco Committee launched
- Admissions tours
- Funding issues
- Have we made a difference?

Science Spot
Our biography for our next STEM Ambassador – 3/12/19

Plant Biologist
I am a plant biologist. I study how plants grow. Two years ago I started to study flowers with special petals covered by super-small bumps. When the light shines on the bumps it creates a funny colour. We study how the petals grow the little bumps. I look at the flowers with special microscopes that make the small bumps look very big and I work with a team of engineers and mathematicians to figure out how plants can build these structures. It is a bit like trying to understand what makes a bridge stand strong just by watching the bridge.



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Dates Summary

Changes / additions are in blue

	20/11/19 -22/11/19		Y6 Residential	Grafham
	21/11/19	9:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
	22/11/19	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
	w/c 25/11/19		Kindness Week	School
	27/11/19		Kindness Workshops (Anti-bullying)	School
	29/11/19		PTA Non-uniform Day for the bottle tombola	School
	29/11/19	AM	Cross Country Tournament	Netherhall
	29/11/19	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	1/12/19	15:30-19:00	PTA & Village Christmas Light Switch On	Great Shelford Memorial Hall
	2/12/19	All day	Advent Service to open RE Day	School
	6/12/19	9:30	EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Hall
	9/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
	10/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
	6/12/19	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall
	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

Announcements

Grafham Trip (Year 6)

The Y6 Residential to Grafham Water blog can be found at:
http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/trips_visits/171267

Art Day – Wanted Items please

Please can you donate all of your old/unwanted small plastics (e.g. Kinder eggs & toys, old pieces of Lego, tiny toys, lids etc.) to be used during Art Day. Please put any donations into the box in the foyer by the office. Thank you.



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Exciting Opportunities

Please look out for details on our upcoming **Code Club** for Y5 and Y6, to commence in Spring 1 and some exciting developments around **environmental issues**. We also have a weekly 'Shine Club' every Tuesday lunchtime for Y5 and Y6 pupils to explore big questions with our Youth Workers from All Saints' and GSFC.

Netball Club

Please note that netball club will finish for the winter at the end of November and start again in February. The last session will be Monday 25 November and will resume on Monday 3 February. In the meantime, please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

Non Uniform day – Bring a bottle please!

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 29th November, in exchange for bottles for the Christmas fair tombola, please? Bottles will be collected at the gate at drop off.

School Christmas Disco (Save the date)

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).

Great Shelford Christmas Light Switch On

The PTA would like to remind you that the Great Shelford Christmas Light Switch On takes place on Sunday 1 December. In addition to the light switch on itself, at the Memorial Hall there will be a Christmas market, BBQ, mulled wine, baked goods, a bar, festive games and crafts, raffles, live music, carols, carousel, festive photo booth, and Father Christmas in his grotto. If you can help, please: sign up to your class activity's rota, let us know if you can set up or clear down, offer to cook on the BBQ, or just dig out some unwanted fairy lights or good quality toys for the pocket money stall. Many thanks Hannah

Class Briefings / Assemblies

All of the class briefings will start at 2:00pm in the Hall and will follow the timings below:

2:00pm	Presentation to Parents
2:15pm	Activity with parents based on the theme of the presentation in the hall
2:35pm	Set up the hall for Celebration Assembly
2:45pm	Celebration Assembly Commences, parents welcome to stay

The remaining Class Briefings will take place on the following dates:

Date	Class
Friday 22 nd November	Year 3
Friday 29 th November	Year 4
Friday 6 th December	Year 5

Volunteer helper induction

If you would like to attend the induction session on Friday 22nd November (9.05am), please contact the school office.



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