

# Shelford School News

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## School letter No. 22/17

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

## Welcome back

Welcome back – I hope that you had a restful half term. I can hardly believe that we have been only two days back in school, so much has happened already.

## Toilet refurbishment

Those visiting site could not have failed to notice that the toilet refurbishment work is in full swing and aiming to be finished by Monday of next week. The temporary toilets are being used by Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Year 2 children are using the Year 1 toilets. Without the use of the cloakrooms, children in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 have had to bring their coats, PE kits and wellies into the classrooms. This is an inconvenience but in general these arrangements are working well. We are all looking forward to the new toilets!

## The half term ahead

This half term we look forward to the following opportunities:

- To help children in their learning:
  - Extra curricula clubs
  - Trips and visits (Burwell Year 5)
  - Sports tournaments (Tag Rugby, Quicksticks (Hockey) and Netball tournaments, Yr1 and Yr2 Multi-skills festivals)
  - World Book Day
  - Maths day
- To help children to play a part in our school community
  - Instrumentalists' performance concerts
  - Class assemblies for Yrs 4, 3, 2, 1 and Reception
  - Easter Service
- To help children share their learning:
  - Mrs West (Local Authority Advisor) Mrs Lowry (Diocese Advisor) to observe learning in all areas (Tour, scrutiny of books, display, lessons, pupil interviews)
  - Subject leaders to observe learning in their subject across the school

Where relevant, further details about these activities can be found on the school calendar at the end of this newsletter.

### **Burwell Residential Trip**

We waved off Year 5 for their residential trip this morning. They arrived safely, had an introductory briefing and have happily started engaging with their exciting activities. Follow the school website link below for some photos.

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### **Class assembly, parent briefing, celebration assembly**

Year 4 parents are invited to attend Year 4's class assembly, parent briefing and celebration assemblies this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, from 1.30pm. The afternoon will start at 1.30pm with the children's presentation in the hall. The Year 4 parent briefing will follow on, the foci being on conflict resolution/peer mediation, sex education, and Q&A HT and Year 4 class teacher recruitment process. We look forward to welcoming you.

### **Volunteer Helpers' Induction**

Our next Volunteer Helpers' Induction session will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am – 10.15am. Please book a place with the school office so that we can copy an induction pack for you.

### **World Book Day celebrations**

Please see the attached letter (poster displayed in school) from the author Jack Trelawney who visits us on Monday afternoon to speak to Years 2-6. There will be an opportunity to purchase his books at the end of the school day. Please see the attached form for ordering these in advance.

On Thursday we will join in with the National World Book Day celebrations. ***Please send your child dressed as a character from a favourite story book.*** Please get them to also bring the book (with their name written on it) so that they can share it and write about it during the day's activities.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Flashback! Can you remember the fantastic work we did learning about Fairtrade last term? Did you know that 26th February to 11th March is Fairtrade Fortnight? Look out for things going on in the local area. Is there anything you can do to support Fairtrade? Perhaps you might remind yourself to look for the Fairtrade mark when you next go shopping. Maybe you could do some Fairtrade baking. You might even have some fundraising ideas. If you do choose to get involved in Fairtrade Fortnight, be sure to let Mrs Unwin know how and you might appear on the International display in school! In school, we are looking forward to doing some Fairtrade themed maths investigations.

Mrs Unwin

### **Art Day**

Our second whole school Art Day took place on Wednesday 7th February. The theme for the day was 'pattern' and classes enjoyed a varied carousel of activities. Children were able to explore pattern in the natural world, look at the work of artists Beatriz Milhazes and Wassily Kandinsky, create tessellated patterns with printing tiles, paisley patterns, patterns printing with matchboxes and to investigate the patterns in the Fibonacci sequence.



*Be Happy. Be Busy. Be Safe. Be Healthy. Be Organised. Reflect. Celebrate. Be an Enthusiastic Learner.*

We were also able to welcome an Artist in residence- Heidi Street Ward who helped years 2-5 create some beautiful felt banners which will be hung in the library. Thank you to all the parent helpers who very kindly gave up their time to help Heidi and the children with the carding, rubbing and rolling of the wool. Thank you also to the PTA who generously subsidized this event.

Mrs Ashton

This is some of the feedback we received from pupils:

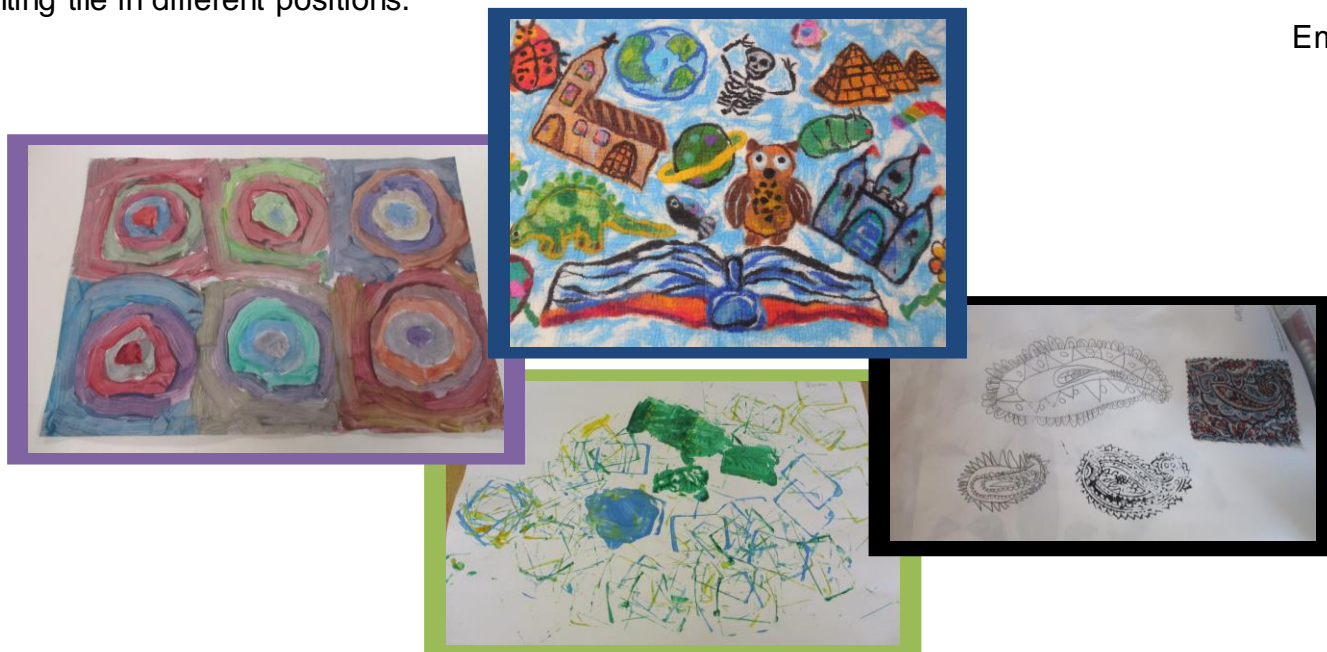
"I really enjoyed making felt mixing the colours together because you got to use the wool brushes"  
Iza

"I really enjoyed making the paisley patterns because it is very nice to try something you haven't learnt about before."

May

"I enjoyed the printing because the neoprene was nice to cut and it was really fun placing the printing tile in different positions."

Emi



### Netball

Please note that there will be tournaments on the following dates and further details will be issued nearer the time.

- Tuesday 13 March
- Tuesday 20 March
- Tuesday 1 May

### Guitar Lessons

There are still some spaces for guitar lessons, so if your child is interested, please speak to the office.

**There was no celebration assembly last week due to half term.**

### Limiting illness in school

For further information, please use the following link:

[http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance\\_on\\_absence\\_for\\_common\\_illnesses/216944](http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance_on_absence_for_common_illnesses/216944)

## Dinner Money

For information regarding school dinner money, please use the following link:

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## Medicines in school

For information regarding medicines in school, please use the following link:

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## School Uniform

For further information, please use the following link:

<http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/uniform/171288>

## Payment for book bags, recorders etc.

When paying for items available from the office, please **bring the correct money** as the office does not keep any petty cash for change. Prices are as follows:

<b>Book bags</b> £6.00	<b>Recorder books:</b> £4.00	<b>Recorders:</b> £9 or £16	<b>School hats:</b> £2.50
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## PTA news

Hello and welcome back from half term!



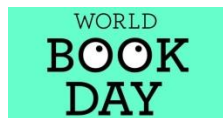
### **Cake at the Gate: This Friday**

Year 4 are treating us to cake this Friday at pickup – thank you!  
Don't forget your 50ps!



### **Bikes**

To sell a bike at the PTA bike sale on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March please email [pta@shelfordschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@shelfordschool.org.uk). 70% proceeds to seller, 30% to PTA.



### **Costume Sale thanks**

Thank you everyone for supporting our first World Book Day Costume Sale and pop up Tuck Shop so enthusiastically – we raised £132.10! Special thanks to Barbara Goettsch for the brilliant suggestion and for making it happen. We can't wait for the World Book Day costume parade after drop off on 1<sup>st</sup> March!

But before then, see you on Friday afternoon for cake!  
The PTA team.

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## School Calendar for 2017 – 2018

**Please ensure that all holidays are booked during the holiday periods only.** Authorised absence cannot be given for absences on Friday afternoons or Monday mornings unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please put all requests for absences in writing to Mrs Evans and/or make an appointment, via the school office, to speak to her about these. Thank you.

Spring term 2018			
	Time	Event	Notes
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		Year 5 trip residential trip to Burwell House	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1:30pm	Year 4 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:05-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	All day	World Book Day	Come to school dressed as your favourite Book Character!
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	1:30pm	Year 3 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	1:30pm	Year 2 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	1:30pm	Year 1 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting	Think Tank Room
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	1:30pm	Year R Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm	Beginners piano concert	School hall
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Instrumentalists concert	School hall
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15	Easter Service	All Saints Lt Shelford. Parents are welcome to join us.
Easter Holidays 30 <sup>th</sup> March to 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2018			

Summer term 2018			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:15-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Bank Holiday	School closed
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May		PTA Summer Fair	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	11:15am	Ascension Day service and picnic	St Mary's Church, Great Shelford. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Teaching Training day	School closed
Half term 28 <sup>th</sup> May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June			
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15-10:15am	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Class photos	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	French Breakfast event	School hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Shelford Feast	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	Leavers' service and event	
Summer Holidays 25 <sup>th</sup> July to 3 <sup>rd</sup> September			

<b>Autumn Term 2017</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 inclusive Half term Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017 to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 inclusive	<b>Spring Term 2018</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018 to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 inclusive Half term Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 inclusive	<b>Summer Term 2018</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 to Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 inclusive Half term: Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 inclusive
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</li> <li>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</li> <li>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018</li> <li>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018</li> <li>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018</li> </ol>		