

Shelford School News

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Staffing

I am pleased to let you know that, following success at interview yesterday, we have appointed two excellent teachers for KS2. Ms McLoughlin, an experienced KS2 teacher who is a very good fit for the school, will start in Year 4 from April and move to Year 6 in September. Ms Nairac, who comes to us with excellent recommendations from Homerton College, will teach Year 4 from September. As well as being excellent teachers, and impressive at interview, both are experienced music leaders and Ms McLoughlin an experienced RE leader. The curriculum is in safe hands.

We also made two very good TA appointments last week. Mrs Cusano and Mrs Harrison will form a job-share role and join our Reception classroom shortly.

We look forward to welcoming all of these new members to the staff team. The children will have opportunity to meet them formally before they start.

Year 6 Grafham Residential Trip

Year 6 have had a great time at Grafham this week, despite the cold weather. All of the activities proceeded as planned. On Monday afternoon, everyone went sailing. Mr Paduano said;

"There was a good amount of wind so that it was a very successful activity for all. Fortunately no-one capsized and got wet. The wind chill is -2, but out of the wind it is very pleasant!"

Apparently Mrs Kingman wore 7 layers!

The children have completed the Grafham Challenge, indoor archery, cycling, raft building and high ropes. We look forward to hearing of their adventures – they are due back at the end of this afternoon.



Candlemas

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Candlemas Service on Friday. Year 2 performed a good role-play and the Year 5 readers presented the account well. Thank you for your generosity in the offering taken. £172.59 was raised for Stars Children's Bereavement Support Services.

Consultations

These will continue this evening and tomorrow evening. We look forward to seeing you.

Art Days

Our Art Days got off to a very enthusiastic start today. The children are working productively with our resident artist Heidi Street-Ward to create two felt friezes for the library. Mrs Ashton will report on this in our next newsletter.



INSET and Half-Term

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Friday. Among other things, the staff will receive training on children's Mental Health and Well-Being.

I hope that you have a very happy and restful half-term when it arrives. We will see you next on Monday 19th February.

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

Netball

Please note change of start date for Netball Club. Netball will start on **Monday 19 February 2018**. 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 the Candlemas service.

Change to the lunch menu this week

Thursday 8th February

Fish fingers and chips

or

Veggie burger in a bap

or

Farmer's choice chipolatas under wraps

Chocolate brownie or yoghurt or fresh fruit slices or cheese & crackers

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

Dinner Money

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

https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/online_payments_for_school_dinners_trips_etc/201808/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxMzo1MDowNQ==

Medicines in school

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

https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxNDowMjozMg==

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:

Book bags £6.00	Recorder books: £4.00	Recorders: £9 or £16	School hats: £2.50
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Help and information for parents/carers
(This information is also found on our parents' notice board outside the main entrance)

Rising Stars – South Cambridgeshire

- Do you live within the South Cambridgeshire area?
- Do you have a child with special educational needs or a disability (diagnosed or undiagnosed)?
- Did you know that we hold a closed Facebook support group for parents?
- It's called: Rising Stars - South Cambridgeshire.
- This is a closed group where parents/carers can discuss anything they wish in regards to their children's needs and their families.
- We also run a monthly session on a Saturday morning for families with children aged 0 - 11 years, the session is advertised within our Facebook Group.
- Weekly input and questions answered (where possible) by a Family Worker.
- This group is intended to improve and enhance parental wellbeing.
- This group is for supporting parents living within South Cambridgeshire.

Link to the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RisingStarsSouthCams/>

Please note we have a duty of care to all children, therefore if something is posted that is deemed a safeguarding concern, we will need to follow our safeguarding procedures.

Pinpoint Conference for parents/carers of children with additional SEN

Pinpoint's annual conference is being held on Thursday 1st February 2018, 9.45-2.15 at Burgess Hall, St Ives, Cambridgeshire.

The conference is free for parents to attend and we have various workshops running during the day as well as stalls offering advice and products.

PTA news

Costume Sale – Thursday 8th February

Recycle your old costumes and find a new one for World Book Day!

Thank you for all the costumes and accessories already donated. Please leave any donations in the big carrier bags in each classroom.

Join us for the costume sale this THURSDAY 8th FEB at the gate from 3.15pm.

Bikes!

To sell a bike at the PTA bike sale on Saturday 17th March please email

pta@shelfordschool.org.uk.

70% proceeds to seller, 30% to PTA.

The PTA team.

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

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
Mon 5 th Feb- Wed 7 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Year 6 residential trip to Grafham Water	Mr Paduano, Mrs Kingman and Mrs Dasher
Monday 5 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-5	School Hall Mrs Paterson (SENDco) able to attend
Wednesday 7 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School hall
Thursday 8 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School hall
Friday 9 th Feb	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half term 12 th February to 16 th February 2018			
Wed 21 st Feb to Friday 23 rd Feb		Year 5 trip residential trip to Burwell House	
Friday 23 rd Feb	1:30pm	Year 4 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Wed 28 th Feb	9:05-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Thursday 1 st March	All day	World Book Day	Come to school dressed as your favourite Book Character!
Friday 2 nd March	1:30pm	Year 3 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Friday 9 th March	1:30pm	Year 2 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Friday 16 th March	1:30pm	Year 1 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Thursday 22 nd March	7:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting	Think Tank Room
Friday 23 rd March	1:30pm	Year R Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Tuesday 27 th March	2.00pm	Beginners piano concert	School hall
Wed 28 th March	7.00pm	Instrumentalists concert	School hall
Thursday 29 th March	2:15	Easter Service	All Saints Lt Shelford. Parents are welcome to join us.
Easter Holidays 30 th March to 15 th April 2018			

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

Autumn Term 2017 Monday 4 th September 2017 to Tuesday 19 th December 2017 inclusive Half term Monday 23 rd October 2017 to Friday 27 th October 2017 inclusive	Spring Term 2018 Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 to Thursday 29 th March 2018 inclusive Half term Monday 12 th February 2018 to Friday 16 th February 2018 inclusive	Summer Term 2018 Monday 16 th April 2018 to Tuesday 24 th July 2018 inclusive Half term: Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018 inclusive
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday 4th September 2017 2. Friday 20th October 2017 3. Wednesday 3rd January 2018 4. Friday 9th February 2018 5. Friday 25th May 2018 		