

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. On Friday 2nd December, we were pleased to hold our annual Advent Service in the hall. Pupils from each class brought one element of the Advent wreath to the altar and through the service, we built the wreath together - looking at the meanings of the different candles.

Looking forwards, we are in the throes of the final preparations for the EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances on Monday and Tuesday (each at 2:15pm). Meanwhile, KS2 classes are busy preparing for Carols by Candlelight for 19th December at 6pm.

I am delighted to share more news with you regarding Mr. Cuff's baby daughter, who was born on Friday 25th November. Mr. and Mrs. Cuff welcomed Emilia into the world and have been enjoying time with her since! I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on this wonderful news!



2ND

DECEMBER

- **Advent Service**
- **Nativity and Carols by Candlelight**
- **Staff Update**
- **Reminders**
- **PTA Announcements**
- **Celebration Worship**

12TH & 13TH
DECEMBER



Ticketed
event for
Reception
and KS1
families -
2:15pm

21ST
DECEMBER

19TH
DECEMBER

Carols by
Candlelight



Shelford
Christmas
Day



Community
event -
6:00pm at St.
Mary's
Church, Great
Shelford

Event for
pupils in
school; smart
party clothes!

Staff Update

As you will know, we will be sadly saying farewell to Mrs. Stewart as one of our Year 4 teachers at the end of this term. Recently, we held the recruitment for the role and I am pleased to share that Mrs. Karena Hunt will be joining the Shelford team. Mrs. Hunt will teach Thursdays and Fridays in Year 4 from January. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming her to the community.

We have also heard from Miss Newman that she will be leaving at the end of this term. We will be very sorry to see her leave and I am sure you will join me in warmly wishing her the best for the future.

This means that we currently have a [vacancy for a Teaching Assistant role](#).

Reminders and Requests

- **Lost Property** - there is a large quantity of unclaimed lost property - including coats, uniform and other items. Please check in the red chest in the school office!
- **PE Kit** is navy blue / black plain tracksuit with the house t-shirt for PE days.
- **Punctuality** - the school day starts at 8:45am with improvement time in class. The gates close at 8:55am. Arrival after this is via the office please to sign in late with a member of staff, ordering lunch.
- **Absence reporting** - this should be done by email to office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk . Please do not use class email addresses for absence.
- **Collection arrangements** - in as much notice as possible. Late notifications in the afternoon may not be seen in time or may be challenging for staff to communicate in time for collection.
- **Appeal for spare clothing**- we need any spare boys socks, trousers. Girls tights, skirts.

PTA Announcements

You are warmly invited to...

*A good ol' knees-up
with 'Catch the Pigeon' Ceilidh band (with caller)*

Saturday 4th February 2023

8pm - 11pm

Great Shelford Memorial Hall, Woollard's Lane



£15 - Includes a Welcome Drink

(Bar and snacks available to purchase on the night by card or cash).

*Limited availability! Reserve your place now by expressing
your interest using the link*

<https://forms.gle/ECGXVhhZZmWFZCiU9>

... pay later!

*All profits to Shelford School PTA
(Registered Charity number 1110813)*





CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 4th November 2022

GATHERING

We entered the hall to a song relating to **our focus on Resilience: Never Give up by Fearless Soul**

We gathered with our vision statement - also signed in sign language:

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LEBRATIONS ->

SENDING

We were sent with our vision statement - also signed in sign language:

we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners.

We left the hall to a song relating to **resilience: Try Everything by Shakira**

Celia - Joseph S - for supporting a disagreement between two younger pupils who both wanted the same equipment. At the end of his involvement, both parties were happy with the compromise they reached.

Cyril - Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Weston - for their amazing flexibility, hard work and willingness in supporting different classes through their Higher Level Teaching Assistant roles.

Wonderful Walkers - Year 1

Dinner Winners - Year 3

Shelford Mile:

5 miles - Alice MT

Bronze - Charles A, Jessica H, Sihali S, Alex S, Theo B-C, Freddie B, Ffion M, Rupert R, Bob S,

Star Writers:

Lily M-J and Henry R - each for their fantastic letters to Father Christmas.

Headteacher Awards:

Rose C - for working incredibly hard in all areas - a real concentrating crocodile!

Barnaby N - for super effort in making a bear book with facts and careful pictures.

Safira W - for a super paper plate bear face, with carefully included details!

Joshua S - for incredible focus, enthusiasm and creative ideas in Forest School and shield designs in art.

➤ HOUSEPOINTS

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus fortium - the house of courage - the Stags

