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Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your families well. Currently, we are looking forward to welcoming all our wonderful pupils back next week. Families will have seen a [letter](#) yesterday that summarised the main points. In simple, we will be resuming the plans from the Autumn Term. We also understand that some of your uniform might not be suitable any more due to growth spurts! Whilst the expectation for uniform remains, we are understanding around difficulties in obtaining new clothing at present.

Newsletter in 30s:

- Re-opening
- World Book Day
- Parents' Consultations

We are also looking forward to tomorrow's celebrations for World Book Day. As you will have seen from Mr. Cuff's flyer, we are running three competitions. Children are welcome to enter any or all of the following:

- Virtual parade (prizes for the best costumes);
- Book in a jar (create a scene / clues for a book in a jar);
- Potato Character! (dress up your potato as a book character).

We hope the mix of the traditional and creative responses spark a love of reading. There will also be an incorporation of some specific reading foci in the home learning. All pupils (and of course adults) attending school are welcome to wear their costumes for the day! The office team are continuing with our annual theme and will be practising their French skills in preparation for the day! Also for tomorrow's celebration, Year 6 have crafted a special reading for their Reception buddies. This is absolutely delightful and it completely captures something special about the vision of the school. You can really sense the strong connection and relationships between older and younger children. We will be sharing this at the beginning of our Celebration Worship on Friday. We look forward to a time where we can resume more face-to-face interaction with our buddy systems.

As families will have seen in the letter about re-opening, we will be holding Parents' Consultations during the week commencing 22nd March. **Please note the different date.** Unfortunately, I made an error with the dates! The focus will be around experiences during home learning, the transition back to school and learning behaviours. Further booking details will follow shortly.

With best wishes,

Chris Grey,
Headteacher

Extra-Curricular – information

- Music lessons will start W//C 8th March
- Premier Sports – not starting till after Easter Holidays
- Tri Club will start W/C 8th March
- Jazz Dance will start W/C 8th March
- Netball -TBA
- Orchestra and Choir - TBA

Breakfast Club will start W/C 8th March

Celebration Worship

We didn't hold Celebration Worship on Friday 26th February as it was 'No-screen Day'! All awards will roll forward to this Friday. In our last Zoom home and school Celebration Worship we aim to announce the winners of the Arts Day Competition!





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Announcements

Virtual Sleepout and Writing Competition

The United for Cambridge Virtual Sleepout will be taking place on 26th March. You can find out more details [here](#). They are also running a writing competition, which is open to write a 500 word bedtime story. This is open to Y1-Y6 in the primary category. You can find more details [here](#).

Fundraising for School

We have joined up to My School Fund which is a scheme where parents can link purchases with participating retailers (currently Sainsbury's and Argos) and earn 2% cashback for themselves and 1% for the school. If you'd like to help please link to our school via: <https://www.myschoolfund.org> - registering is free. Many thanks for your support.

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Raise funds while you shop!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that has the same products, prices and service as Amazon.co.uk BUT when you shop on AmazonSmile Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to your chosen charity. There is **no extra cost to you** - the donation is made by Amazon. When you visit AmazonSmile you simply choose Great and Little Shelford School PTA as your chosen charity. And then start all your Amazon shops on smile.amazon.co.uk to support the PTA.

With **easyfundraising** you can raise free donations for the PTA whenever you buy anything online. There are over 4,000 shops and sites – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is sign up on the easyfundraising website and visit the site before you shop online.

You can find out everything you need to know about using both websites [here](#). Every penny raised through these websites will help raise valuable funds for the PTA to support the school's activities and equipment.

Home Learning Costs

Two very kind donors in Little Shelford have offered to support costs of home learning. Therefore if are finding the costs of paper, ink etc. a burden financially, please contact us via office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk . We can then pass on details sensitively and support where possible.

Shelford COVID Support Group

The Shelford COVID Support group has been created to help people access basic amenities (shopping, prescriptions, post etc.) should they become unable to do so as a result of COVID. We have a network of 78 volunteers who ensure every street in Great Shelford has at least one key, local contact who are willing to give their time to do this. In the first instance, touch base with Chris Smith - Christopher.i.smith3@gmail.com and you will receive details of your local volunteer.

