

Kindness

Resilience

# 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*

Responsibility

Creativity

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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

**NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS**

- Welcome Back
- Collective Worship
- Chicks
- Pupil Fundraiser
- Celebration Worship
- Term Date Reminder
- Announcements

Since the beginning of the Summer Term, we have been enjoying exploring our curriculum thread of 'Growth and Change'. It has been great to see this thread throughout the children's learning and it has supported some of our themes in Collective Worship.

For the remainder of this half term, we will be exploring the theme of reconciliation in our Monday sessions - in line with our vision. On Thursdays, different staff members will share a session on heroines and heroes that have led positive change.

In line with growth, staff and governors have been working together on our equalities objectives for the next four years. We have shared many ideas, which then led to our Year 6s making our vision accessible by video, which you can see [here](#).

*This half term's curriculum thread is growth and change.*

# Chicks in Reception

Linked to our thread of [growth and changes](#), our Reception Class received 10 living eggs after the Easter holiday. You can follow their journey [here](#) through our Chick Watch. All of our 10 chicks hatched successfully, to Reception Class' delight! We have 6 female chicks and 4 male chicks. Pupils have been enjoying learning about their life cycle and how to care for their needs.

Pupils have also been interested to see their rapid growth and how their wing feathers are beginning to form.

## Pupil Fundraiser

We were amazed to hear about Mason P's wonderful fundraising idea:

*Mason has lots of energy, cares about the environment including animals and wants to help preserve them and needs a project in this season of lockdown. Therefore, he completed a sponsored cycle on Sunday, where he cycled 20 miles to raise money for WWF, specifically to protect elephants from being poached for their tusks.*

You can read more and donate on Mason's JustGiving page [here](#).



# CELEBRATION WORSHIP

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 16TH APRIL 2021

As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared [time lapse imagery](#) of seeds growing, linked to our curriculum thread of growth and change and the parable of the sower from Monday's Collective Worship.

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision: **Leader:** We live and work in harmony **Response:** With love for one another

We announced the new School Council Representatives:

**Reception** - Arabella H and Freddie S

**Y1** - Rosie F and Theodore D

**Y2** - Charlotte C and Joshua S

**Y3** - Jessica H and Barnes H

**Y4** - Eva B and Augustus M

**Y5** - Evie B-E and Reuben D-C

**Y6** - Rosie W and Oliver S

## Silver Bins:

- Year 1
- Year 5 (second week running)

## Dinner Winner:

- Year 6

## Star Writers:

- Georgia F - for a wonderful character description of Charlie Bucket, including great, accurate punctuation.
- Lily - for a super lost toy story, inspired by 'Knuffle Bunny', that followed the pattern and included good punctuation.

## Headteacher Awards:

- Grace P - for fantastic effort in writing a Chick Diary, counting accurately the chicks that had hatched.
- Ethan D - for brilliant contributions to class discussions on caring for our chicks.
- Molly W - for a fantastic attitude to learning, demonstrating good listening, organisation and independence.
- Alexandra P - for outstanding kindness, strong work ethic and wonderful resilience at all times.
- Alex D - for helpfulness in preparing the class vegetable garden, devoting free time to supporting its preparation.
- Henry H - demonstrating great resilience, determination and perseverance in preparing the class vegetable garden, whilst also sharing facts relating to the creatures discovered.

**Housepoints:** this week's winning house is domus inspiratorum - the house of inspiration - the Eagles!



# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

## PARKING

Please be considerate with your parking. We know this is really difficult due to the limitations on parking. However, we need to maintain relations within the community and would ask you to be considerate to our neighbours in your parking.

## LIVING EGGS

Thanks to the PTA for their kind funding of the annual Living Eggs project in Reception. We have 6 female chicks! You can follow their progress with our Chick Watch [here](#). If you would like to adopt the chicks at the end of this week, please do get in touch. They make wonderful family pets and this breed also produce wonderful eggs! There is also a free chicken ark (below) available from one of our governors.



## TERM DATES

Just a little reminder that the term dates for this year and next year are available [here](#).

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please remember that these are not to be ridden at the front of the school. This is for the safety of all people on site and is particularly important at busy times, like drop off and collection.

## PACKED LUNCH TIPS

Veg Power UK have shared [these top tips](#) for healthy lunchboxes, which you may find useful.