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Wednesday 9th October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Harvest Service on Monday. A huge thank you to Year 3 and the teaching team in Year 3 for a fantastic array of responses to the theme of harvest. Pupils gave thanks for the food we share, signs of autumn along with reflections and prayers for those less fortunate than ourselves. It was lovely to experience the hymns, artwork, poetry, prayers and readings that Year 3 had prepared. Thank you for your kind donations of food and donations to the collection at the service. Year 3 voted to send all donations to Jimmy's Night Shelter this year. A staggering £152.92 and numerous dried and canned goods will be donated. Thank you!

Some of our governors have formed a working party to investigate views on the school's communication. Look out soon, for a survey to share your views as we are committed to always improving our practice. Please also see the message from our governors below.

Pupils in Year 2 have been busy crafting their own chocolate bars this week, with an exciting trip to the Chocolate Museum tomorrow. I look forward to hearing about their visit... the odd taste of their experience would be greatly appreciated too Miss Bachewich!

We have been delighted to welcome three new pupils to the school: Simone, Siobhan and Freddie. We welcome you to the Shelford family and I am pleased to see how well you have settled into the school community already.

On Friday, we welcomed two visiting teachers from Sawston Village College, who were exploring elements of the primary curriculum. It was a great opportunity to share the work the school is undertaking in developing the curriculum.

This week, we have welcomed four visiting teachers from the University of Cambridge. Ms Best and Miss Delaney are with Mrs. Alderson in Year 6, while Miss Mellish and Miss Skelly are with Miss Bachewich in Year 2. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the school.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey
Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

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Website updates... Have you seen...?

[Year 1 – current learning in RE, Science and Maths](#)
[Vision Displays in the Hall](#)
[New governor biographies](#)

Science Spot!

STEM Ambassadors

Our first STEM Ambassador talk with the whole school took place on Tuesday 8th October. A huge thank you to Mrs. Barr for a very engaging assembly around her role as an optometrist.

Pupils loved learning more about their eyes, eye care and conditions... along with seeing how large a giant squids eye really is!



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Message from the governors

The first Governing Board meeting of the school year took place last week, with Maria Lazarus and Frances Dye welcomed to their first meeting as the new parent governors. The first agenda item was elections to specific governor positions, results being as follows:

Chair: Peter Ede
Vice-chair: Anna Caroe
Treasurer: Polly Stanton

Governors discussed various matters including the School Development Plan and the Church School inspection that is due this academic year. We received training in Safeguarding and Child Protection which is critical for all members of the school community. We were also delighted to be able to tour the classrooms (particularly Years 1 and 4) and see the fruits of the work undertaken by many parents over the summer holiday. We are so grateful to everyone involved for your hard work and commitment to improving the school. The children are clearly benefitting from this, and those in other classes no doubt hoping their classroom will be next!

If you are interested to learn more about who the governors are, and our specific roles, do please look on the school website:

<http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/governors/424174>

Peter Ede

Announcements

Volunteer helper inductions

If you would like to attend one of the following induction sessions, please contact the school office.

Tuesday 15th October – 2.50pm
Friday 22nd November – 9.05am

Sawston Village College Parent Drop-in

Mr. Woodcock will be available for parents to drop in from 3:30pm onwards in the Library on Wednesday 16th October. This drop in is open to any Year 5 or Year 6 parents who would like to find out more about Sawston Village College, the application process and transition into Year 7.

Parent/Pupil/Teacher consultations

Appointment slips will be coming home with your child this week.

Netball club

There will be no netball club next Monday (14th Oct).

Flu vaccinations

Parents are still able to consent for their children to have the vaccination if they haven't already done so. If you should need any further information please call the School Immunisations Team directly on 0300 555 5055



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Aldi promotion

We are taking part in an Aldi (other supermarkets are available!) promotion to be in with a chance of winning 1 of 20 prizes of £20,000 to help build a health legacy for our School e.g. buying or renovating sports equipment, supporting sports teams, healthy eating initiatives etc. The promotion is live (started on Friday 6 September) and runs until Sunday 3 November.

Please collect your Team GB stickers when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store and bring them into School. We need 300 stickers to enter and you get 1 sticker for every £30 you spend.

More details here: <https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools> and video clip here:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1169935975604207617>

Many thanks

The PTA team

Art club

If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to attend Art club, please pick up a form from the office.

Safeguarding issues

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

❖ **Medicine in school**

❖ If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.

❖ **School access – gates**

❖ For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

❖ **Site Safety**

❖ Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.



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❖ **Changes to your child's circumstances**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class List

The PTA would like to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of 'Class List'. This is a great way to keep in touch with the other parents in your class and should help to ensure good communication between parents. Please get in touch with your class' PTA representatives for assistance.



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