

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

10th November 2021

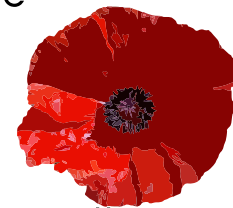
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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. This week, we have been focusing on preparing for marking Remembrance tomorrow. Our Y6 pupils have been preparing a video Remembrance Service and visited the Great Shelford War Memorial today. As well as this, they have taken the theme wider into their curriculum work linking in the text War Horse by Michael Morpurgo.

Poppies are available to buy from the school office and Y6 pupils are selling these at the end of each day in classrooms.



On Monday 15th November, we will be marking Anti-Bullying week. We will be holding our annual 'Odd Socks Day'.

After the success of last year, we will once again be marking the start of the national Anti-Bullying Week on 15th November by encouraging everyone to come into school wearing odd socks to celebrate the uniqueness of each person. This year we are aiming to raise some money for the Anti-Bullying Alliance and are collecting donations [here](#).

The theme of anti-bullying week this year is 'One Kind Word' and classes will be exploring what this means with a range of activities during the week.

- Welcome Back!
- Remembrance
- Odd Socks Day
- Navigating Covid Cases
- Healthy Eating Workshop
- Reading Books
- Operation Christmas Child
- PTA Update
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

Navigating Covid Cases

Thank you so much for the continued support from parents, staff and governors over the past weeks in dealing with the positive cases in the community. **Please remember that children with any of the following symptoms must not attend school and seek a PCR test: a new, continuous cough; high temperature (above 37.8'); or loss/change in sense of taste and/or smell.**

Some of our families have experienced symptoms different to those listed officially. Please do remain vigilant and seek a PCR test if in any doubt. We are also happy to work with and support families that have a confirmed case if they choose to isolate all members of the household.

Healthy Eating Workshops

Year 1 and Year 3 enjoyed an interactive healthy eating workshop with South Cambridgeshire's Healthy You Coordinator, Leah Collis. Children enjoyed exploring sorting the food groups and enjoyed exploring how the proportion of the different groups makes up our recommended balanced diet.



Reading Books



Please have a look at home for any reading books that may be lying around. Over the past two years, we have tallied up a lot of missing books. Please do help us to keep the variety of books on offer for all children by having a look at home.

Operation Christmas Child

Many of you will know that we have supported Operation Christmas Child in previous years. There are several ways you can take part in either filling or supporting to fill Christmas Shoeboxes for families in need:

1. Fill a shoebox as usual with items suggested on the [website](#). Boxes can be dropped off at the Free church or Tucker Gardner.
2. Collect items and come along on **Saturday 13th November** to the **Free Church** and be part of a **Shoebox Filling Party** by getting a box and filling it. Great fun. Remember a WOW present and balls are always loved!
3. On the same day, **Saturday 13th November**, there will also be a Cake Sale to raise funds for transport and training. Come along and buy. (donations of cakes/ biscuits etc will also be welcome)
4. Fill an '[Online Shoebox](#)' You can choose your items and someone will pack it for you for £20

You can see this year's Operation Christmas Child video [here](#).


PTA Update

SAVE THE DATE:

Christmas At The Playscape - Official Opening

Saturday 27th November 4pm - 6pm

Playscape & Pavilion, Great Shelford Rec



Come and celebrate the official opening of Great Shelford's Playscape with a special after dark event hosted by Shelford School.

Beautifully lit up for a magical play time, Christmas music and side shows will get you in the festive spirit. Mulled wine and hot chocolate will be available, plus the school's legendary Rainbow hamper raffle (all proceeds go to the School), so come and witness the Playscape officially opened by none-other than Father Christmas and his Elves and there may just be a few more surprises in store!



PTA Bike Sale



Our bike sale was back with a bang on Saturday raising over £1,500 for the PTA!

Thank you to everyone who came along and bought or donated bikes, ate cakes and drank coffee!



We'd also like to extend a massive thank you to all of the volunteers who worked behind the scenes, collecting and servicing bikes, baking cakes and helping out on the day - your help is very much appreciated.

Pupils gathered together on Zoom with some families logging in from home for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we watched [this](#) reflection linked to remembrance.

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

House Prefects - We congratulated and welcomed our new house prefects to their roles:

- **Owls** - Alice W, Eleanor H-W
- **Otters** - Teddy P, Ava C, Flynn D
- **Eagles** - Max C, Evie B-E, Bea P
- **Swans** - Oscar C
- **Red Squirrels** - Eli C, Matthew R, Ellie S
- **Stags** - Joseph R, Sebastian S, Mason P

Cyril: Mrs. Fox - for planning, organising and leading a wonderful visit for Y4, including taking time at her weekend to visit the museum.

Celia: Humphrey W - for applying good leadership skills, acting as a role model in encouraging others to make the right choices.

Silver Bins: Reception & Year 5

Dinner Winner: Year 5

Wonderful Walkers: Year 3

Shelford Mile:

- Bronze - Y1 - Amelie, Evelyn, Ethan, Alexa, Arabella, Isabelle, Isabella L, Grace

Headteacher Awards:

- **Amelia P-** for always being helpful and independent in the classroom! You are a super smiley and happy member of our class. Thank you!
- **Elena Di L** - for some beautiful work in our carousel this week. When thinking of the ingredients you would add to your pumpkin soup, you drew some super pictures and had a go at identifying the initial sounds in words. A great effort!
- **Eliza H-** for your outstanding resilience and perseverance. During Forest School, while making sparks and carving your roasting stick, it was really inspiring to see your determination when faced with a challenge. Although both tasks weren't easy, it was lovely to see your positivity and willpower help you successfully complete both tasks. You should be very proud of yourself!
- **Lily M-J** - for exemplifying the star values of kindness, resilience and responsibility. You have been working very hard during works tasks and it has been lovely to see you challenging yourself with harder challenges. You take on each challenge with a positive attitude and determination. When interacting with your peers you demonstrate kindness, respect and compassion. You are a real role model for others in the class and you should be very proud!

This week's winning house is - domus veneratium - the house of respect - The Swans!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

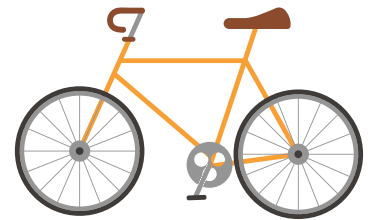
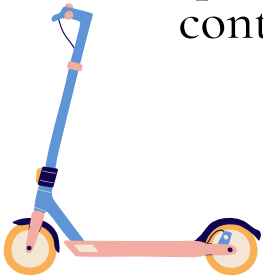
OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

REMEMBRANCE

Y6 will be leading a pre-recorded video service for Remembrance. Poppies are on sale from 4th November until 3rd December. Y6 pupils will be selling these at the end of each day to the pupils in their classes. Pupils can bring in donations from 4th November to purchase poppies.

SITE AND ROAD SAFETY

Please remember to keep safe on site! Bikes and scooters should be used off school premises please, to ensure safety for pedestrian access. Please continue to exercise caution on Church Street too.



FAMILY WORKER NEWSLETTER

This week's Family Worker Newsletter can be found [here](#), with a summary of county workshops available [here](#).

