

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. This week, it has been a pleasure to share the Y6 Production of ***Hoodwinked***, based on Robin Hood.

- Y6 Production
- Midsummer Concert
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Year 6s did a phenomenal job! They combined wonderful acting with songs that had parts and harmonies. There were instances of hilarious comic timing and even a cream pie for the sheriff!



Hoodwinked!



Midsummer Concert

On a beautiful, sunny, midsummer's evening, we were delighted to host a wonderful concert led by the Choir and Orchestra.

The concert commenced with the choir and orchestra performing together. It was a wonderful evening of music and even included audience participation.

Recordings of each piece can be found [here](#):

Orchestra:

1. [Welcome Song \(Orchestra and Choir\)](#)
2. [Toe Tapper](#)
3. [March](#)
4. [Tag Along](#)
5. [Pastime with Good Company](#)
6. [Orchestra Finale](#)

Choir:

1. [Bella Mama](#)
2. [Annie - Tomorrow and It's a Hard-Knock Life](#)
3. [All I Want is a Proper Cup of Coffee](#)
4. [Matilda - When I Grow up](#)
5. [Folk Song Medley](#)
6. [Scooby Doo](#)
7. [No Wards Will Stop Us Singing](#)
8. [Tzena](#)
9. [Star Trekking](#)

A huge thanks to Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bell and Mr. Barlow for their hard work in preparing and leading the concert. Well done to the pupils for their wonderful performances. We are always very grateful and thankful to be able to share such high-quality music!

Choir Members on BBC2

We were also delighted to share some wonderful choir members for the BBC's NHS 75 anniversary special on Tuesday evening.

Thanks to Hannah Mohamad for reaching out to share this amazing opportunity with families and pupils! Can you spot familiar faces below? Well done to Eliza, Charlotte, Flossy, Bethan, Gus and Theo! You can view the performance [here](#) (pupils perform at 58:10).



Staff Updates

We have several updates from our support staff about some new ventures for the coming academic year.

Mrs. Kennedy – Mrs. Kennedy has been working at the school for several years as teaching assistant and higher level teaching assistant and is approaching her retirement. Therefore, Mrs. Kennedy will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. However, we are pleased that she will be remaining as part of the team, being available to provide some cover. We have really appreciated her hard work, dedication and specialist French skills.

Mrs. Murray – Mrs. Murray has worked at the school for just over 5 years as a teaching assistant and higher level teaching assistant. Mrs. Murray leaves at the end of this academic year for a new venture and potential change of career. We have really appreciated her dedication, flexibility and hard work.

Mrs. Ward will be stepping back from her role as Office Manager and Finance Secretary to retire. Mrs. Ward works incredibly hard in this very varied role. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for her retirement, which she may take a gradual ease into, to enable a strong handover to whoever takes on the role.

Miss Wesley will be leaving at the end of this academic year to dedicate more time to her children's counselling role. Miss Wesley has worked at the school for 16 years and we have been fortunate to benefit from her specialism in maths and therapeutic approaches.

I am sure you will join me in warmly wishing these members of staff all the very best for their next steps, along with thanking them for their significant contributions to the work of the school.

In-light of these changes, we have one advert for a part time Teaching Assistant along with an upcoming advert for our Office Manager and Finance Secretary role.

School Improvement Afternoon

A reminder that **parents are welcome to drop into this from 3pm - 3:45pm on Thursday 6th July for our School Improvement Afternoon.**

It will be an informal event and information about our targets will be on display. You'll be able to read a little about them and share thoughts, along with ideas on sticky notes. There will also be refreshments on offer... so please do come along and help us to shape our school together!

Upcoming Dates

- **2nd July** - 3:20pm - Choir perform at the Feast
- **3rd July** - 4:00pm - PTA Disco at the Feast Marquee
- **5th July** - Y2 visit to Cadbury World
- **6th July** - School Improvement Afternoon
- **7th July** - Sports Day - Families welcome in the afternoon
- **14th July** - Reserve date for Sports Day
- **19th July** - Leavers' Day
- **19th July** - 9:30am - Leavers' Service - St. Mary's, followed by a reception and presentations for families at school.
- **19th July** - End of the academic year

School Prayer Meeting

A group meet up once a term to pray for the school and local community. We will be meeting at 8.30pm on Thursday 13th July at 2 Newton Road, Little Shelford, CB22 5HL.

We would love others to join us - please do come along if you would like to.



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 23rd June 2023

GATHERING

We entered the hall to a song relating to **our focus on Taking Notice: Begin Again by Fearless Soul**

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

We live and work in harmony with love for one another.

CELEBRATIONS ->

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: Everything by Shakira**

Celia Award - Year 2 - for making Miss Palmer feel so welcome in the school

Cyril Award - Mrs. Alderson - for being noticed by a Y3 pupil for their kindness, helpfulness and always having something positive to say. She also acted as a role model and held a door open for a whole group of people when she had other things to do.

Silver Bins - Year 1 and Year 5

Wonderful Walkers - Year 1

Dinner Winners - Year 6

Marvellous Manners - Year 6

Star Writers:

Ava P and Avanthika VK- each for their original fables about animals

Headteacher Awards:

Rosie B-E - for focus and hard work during science.

Austin C - for such a positive attitude to school life, acting as a fantastic role model.

Charlotte C -for a positive attitude and contribution to class - especially in PSHE.

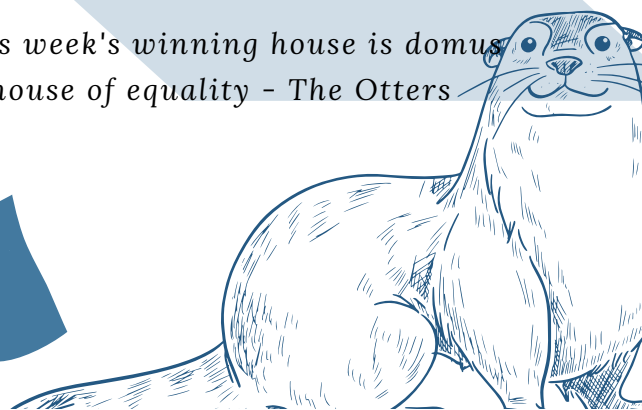
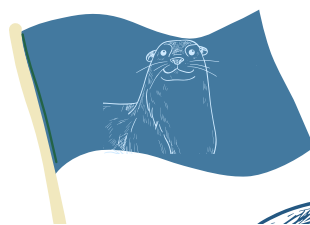
Year 5 - for showing the Shelford Star Values when visiting SVC.

Felix M - for settling to work quickly with focus.

Daniel A-C and Joe C - each for working hard at creating a game in PE, thinking carefully about different parts of the game.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus

aequorum - the house of equality - The Otters



PTA Disco

A summer term disco date for your diary
Hot on the heels of the Summer Fair comes a disco on Monday 3rd July 4-5:30pm

Jointly hosted with our friends at Stapleford School PTA, we bring you a primary aged disco held in the Shelford Feast Marquee Tent, Woollards Lane, Gt Shelford.

- DJ Jezo
 - £3 per child (includes unlimited water/squash)
 - Tuck shop available to purchase additional refreshments
 - Cash/card payments available
 - Any profits will be shared equally between Stapleford School PTA (Charity # 1151770) and Shelford School PTA (Charity # 1110813)
- See you on the dance floor!**

SHELFORD SCHOOL & STAPLEFORD SCHOOL PTAS
ARE PROUD TO PRESENT

MONDAY 3RD JULY
SHELFORD FEAST MARQUEE TENT
4 - 5.30PM



DISCO
WITH **DJ JEZO**



UNDER 12S ONLY
£ 3 PER CHILD

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES UNLIMITED WATER/SQUASH

★ CASH / CARD ON THE DOOR
★ PARENTS / CARERS TO REMAIN ON SITE TO SUPERVISE



Stars Children's Bereavement Service

Some of you may have seen the recent appeal in the Cambridge Independent newspaper, featuring the inspiring stories of two former Shelford pupils Jess and Ella.



Stars Children's Bereavement Service has supported several Shelford pupils over the years and Miss Wesley is currently working as a counsellor for Stars alongside her Shelford role.

Stars is currently looking to raise £10000 over the next few weeks, to enable this vital therapeutic support to continue to be provided for children in Cambridgeshire who have experienced a bereavement. If you would like to share or support the appeal, or know a business which would like to sponsor a Star, the details can be found [here](#), along with Jess and Ella's story.

There is also a [Justgiving page](#) for the campaign.

