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Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

Newsletter in 60 seconds!

[The video version of our Newsletter in 60s can be found here.](#)

It seems very strange to end this academic year in such an unusual position. This year will truly go down in history! I have been hugely proud of the school's entire community at this exceptionally challenging time. Everybody reading this has been part of an historic year in education and your contributions as a community have been stunning! Thank you to our amazing families of children and parents for rising to the challenge of home learning – a real **community of life-long learners!** In addition, thank you so much to the families who have supported and led the work of the PTA. Thank you to our fantastic Governors for their endless support in leading the school to **achieve our potential** at a very demanding time. Finally, our phenomenal staff have selflessly given absolutely everything to continue in the face adversity – proving their dedication to **live and work in harmony with love for one another.** I would also like to thank you for all the very **kind** and generous cards and gifts for the staff in recognition of their commitment to providing excellent education in an academic sense and beyond!

This week, we have been looking to appoint two candidates to a new **responsibility** – Head Girl and Head Boy for 2020-2021! Mr. Cuff and I were very well supported in the interview panel by our current Head Boy and Head Girl. It was a real experience conducting it through Teams (*right*) and fortunately the technology held. A huge thank you and well done to Henry and Scarlett for all their incredible work this year! I am incredibly proud of how you have taken all challenges in your stride. From our SIAMS inspection tour, to interviewing the candidates this week, you have shown every one of the **Shelford Star Values** in abundance. We will be publicly announcing our appointments in Friday's Celebration Worship, following our appointed candidates (hopefully) accepting their job offers by letter tomorrow!



Looking ahead to September, families will receive a separate letter that will outline all the arrangements for how the school will be able to open for all pupils. We have a full risk assessment in place for September, along with a Recovery Plan that is being finalised. Look out for further details to follow! In more exciting news with respect to September, we are delighted to welcome three new members of staff to the Great and Little Shelford team: Mrs. Jenny Alcock, Mrs. Jennifer Smith and Ms. Gayle Sullivan. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming new staff to the team in September.

Pupils were delighted to take part in a recent competition to design a logo for the Little Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project (SCOWP). Three pupils have won the competition for the different age groups – apparently it was a close call! Well done to Ember, Evie and Ellie for your beautiful logos. You have each been awarded a beautiful book by the SCOWP.



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On Friday, we will say farewell to our amazing Year 6 children. We will be sending them on their way with lots of luck and love and in true Shelford Style – although with some alterations. Year 6 children will have their own Leavers' Service, reception outside, baby photos, end of year production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and a few other top-secret surprises! Sadly, we aren't able to welcome parents to be part of these as we normally would.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs. Remm and Mrs. Millard, who have given so much support and dedication to the school over their years of service. We will send them on their way with lots of luck and love for a fantastic retirement.

Don't forget to send in your nominations for Celia (pupils) and Cyril (adults) to year2@shelford.cambs.sch.uk – we love to hear about acts of **kindness** at home, school and in the community.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey, Headteacher

Announcements

LAPTOP FUNDRAISER

Thanks to you all for your support this year. As we haven't been able to fund-raise in the normal way we are having one final push.

The school is in urgent need of new **laptops**. The laptops they have are so old they are no longer supported by Microsoft and aren't really fit for purpose. The PTA is therefore looking to raise enough money (£3,000) to allow the school to buy a complete set of 30 laptops for a class to use at a time.

No effort, no costume-making, no baking, you don't even need to choose a book. **But if you can, please do donate to our laptop fundraiser via the Just Giving page.** And please do share the link with anyone who might be interested in donating - Shelford PTA is a registered charity.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shelford-pta-laptops?utm_term=wX4kg5Kj6

Thank you and wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

PTA

FANCY BEING A CLASS REP?

Your class reps play a vital role in keeping parents informed about what's happening in school, and in your child's class in particular. They're a really useful liaison point between parents and class teachers and for the PTA, and they also get involved with a bit of PTA fundraising. They also do a lot of other really helpful jobs like organising end of term presents (which takes the burden off the rest of us!). If you think you might fancy being the class rep for your class next year (or would just like to find out a bit more about it before committing) please get in touch with your own class rep to discuss further.

Little Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project (SCOWP)

As per the competition above, the aim of the SCOWP is:

To create a green place for community recreation containing a small woodland with apple trees and a walking and resting area in Blennie's Patch on Garden Fields, Little Shelford. This will be for local people to enjoy nature, whilst being actively involved in enhancing the site's biodiversity and recreational value. Please follow us on Twitter (@SCOWP2) to find out more and hear about our progress.

Just Sing

A project launched by Cambridgeshire Music can support fantastic singing (currently restricted and not advised at school). This would be a wonderful project to explore with your children across the holidays and beyond. Further details can be found [here](#).



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Sawston Fun Run

SAWSTON FUN RUN & WALK CHALLENGE EVENT

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020

In aid of Sawston Village College Minibus Appeal, Cambridge Aid, Sawston Sports Centre hoist and other local charities and organisations

INFORMATION: www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk Follow us on facebook

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SPECIAL 100 VOLUNTEER RUNNERS ON THE DAY TO RAISE £10,000 OR DONATE VIA THE WEBSITE

Safer Schools Network

This week's newsletter from the Safer Schools Network can be found here: [Key Stage 1](#); [Key Stage 2](#).

Summer Reading Challenge

Please see the details [here](#) for this year's challenge! For all further information please find additional details [here](#).

School Wishlist – Run by the PTA

The PTA has an [Amazon Wishlist](#) full of book ideas suggested by the teachers. It's a low effort, great way to support the school. If you buy from the list book will be sent straight to the school. All books very gratefully received! No obligation to buy from Amazon - If you'd rather buy a book from the list elsewhere and have it posted/delivered to the school it would be equally welcome.



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