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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 30th October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful half term holiday. The recent drop in temperature and change of the clocks have signalled quite a strong seasonal change. This reminds us that we are not that far from the start of Advent, where we will prepare in hopeful expectation for the arrival of Jesus. As in most years, there will be a plethora of events that will take place to mark Advent and Christmas at school, a summary of which is below.

We were pleased to welcome Lesley Cornell to Collective Worship this week. Lesley, from Great Shelford Free Church, very kindly replenishes and changes our communal Prayer Space on a monthly basis. This month's theme is linked to remembrance.



We are currently looking for Midday Supervisors for a minimum of one lunch hour per week to five. Further details are found on our school [website](#).

Our class briefings commence again this Friday (as per the previously-circulated dates). A summary of the structure can be found below. I look forward to seeing you at these.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey
Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Updated Prayer Space
- Midday Supervisor Vacancy
- Class Briefings
- Inspirational pupil-led Collective Worship

Science Spot



Today, Tommy H and Noah B led a fantastic collective worship around the amount of plastic that is found in our oceans. They discussed the impact this has on marine life and also the knock-on impact this could have on our own health.

Tommy and Noah are leading a campaign to ask pupils to write to Theresa Villiers, Environment Secretary. They would like to encourage the government to take the issues around single-use plastic more seriously, along with the issue of ocean contamination. We will be placing the school post box in the office lobby for pupils to post their letters. We will then send these off as one collection of letters.

I am so very proud of our pupils for showing such care for God's creation and for the courageous advocacy they show in standing up for something that is important to them.



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Dates Summary

Changes / additions are in blue

	31/10/19		Balanceability for Reception commences	School
	31/10/19	AM	Individual Photographs	School
	1/11/19	14:00	Y2 Class Briefing	Hall
	4/11/19	All day	Y4 trip	Verulamium
	4/11/19 – 6/11/19		Y5 Residential	Burwell House
	8/11/19	14:00	Y6 Class Briefing	Hall
	11/11/19	10:45	Remembrance Service	Hall
	11/11/19 – 14/11/19		Y5 Bikeability	School / Shelford
	15/11/19	14:00	Y1 Class Briefing	Hall
	19/11/19	14:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
	20/11/19	9:30 & 14:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
	20/11/19 -22/11/19		Y6 Residential	Grafham
	21/11/19	9:30	Admissions Tours for Reception 2020	School
	w/c 25/11/19		Kindness Week	School
	27/11/19		Kindness Workshops (Anti-bullying)	School
	22/11/19	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
	29/11/19	AM	Cross Country Tournament	Netherhall
	29/11/19	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	2/12/19	All day	Advent Service to open RE Day	School
	6/12/19	9:30	EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Hall
	9/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
	10/12/19	14:30	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Hall
	6/12/19	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall
	12/12/19	18:00	Carols by Candlelight (led by KS2)	St. Mary's Church
	18/12/19	All day	Shelford Christmas Day (non-uniform – smart party clothes / Christmas jumpers)	School
	18/12/19		End of Autumn Term	School
	19/12/19 – 5/1/20		Christmas holiday	Somewhere festive
	3/1/20		PD DAY	School
	6/1/20		Spring Term commences	School



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Announcements

School photos – TOMORROW!

Please can we remind you that individual and sibling school photographs will be taken tomorrow (Thursday 31st October). Please ensure that your child has their school jumper/cardigan in school. Photos with pre-school age siblings will be held before school in the Think Tank room from 8am on a first come first served basis.

Lunchtime supervisor vacancy – Closing date TOMORROW

If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the post of lunchtime supervisor, please see the information on the website under 'vacancies'. The closing date is 31st October.

Poppy sales

We will be selling poppies in school as from this Friday. Year 6 children will come to each class for children to buy a poppy if they wish for a donation.

All Saints' Eve Celebration

If you'd like an alternative to trick 'n' treating, come along to the All Saints' Eve (aka All Hallowse'en) Celebration behind Cara Coffee on Thursday evening (opposite the Coop). There will be lots of crafts, games, refreshments (including barbecue, so no need to cook) and a Rodeo Bull (like riding a bucking bull on a bouncy castle apparently!) Everyone's welcome, and there's no charge.

Class Briefings / Assemblies

All of the class briefings will start at 2:00pm in the Hall and will follow the timings below:

2:00pm	Presentation to Parents
2:15pm	Activity with parents based on the theme of the presentation in the hall
2:35pm	Set up the hall for Celebration Assembly
2:45pm	Celebration Assembly Commences, parents welcome to stay

The remaining Class Briefings will take place on the following dates:

Date	Class
Friday 1 st November	Year 2
Friday 8 th November	Year 6
Friday 15 th November	Year 1
Friday 22 nd November	Year 3
Friday 29 th November	Year 4
Friday 6 th December	Year 5



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Y5 / Y6 Craft Club

A new craft club will be set up this term for Y5 and Y6 pupils. Please see the separate invitation on the school [website](#).

Volunteer helper induction

If you would like to attend the induction session on Friday 22nd November (9.05am), please contact the school office.

School prayer meeting - Thursday 7th November

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. We will be meeting at 15 High Street, Little Shelford on Thursday 7th November at 8pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time.

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

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). 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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