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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an action-packed week since we commenced the Autumn Term last Wednesday!

We have been very pleased to welcome our new reception pupils this week. I have been delighted to be able to spend time with them in their new class with Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Unwin and the Reception team. We are privileged to commence their learning journey at primary school with them and warmly welcome them and new families to the school community.

**Newsletter in 30 seconds...**

- Welcome to new Reception pupils!
- Meet the teacher tomorrow – 6:30pm
- Pupil Leaders
- Environment improvements

I look forward to seeing many of you at Meet the Teacher tomorrow. It commences at 6:30pm in the hall, where I will share key priorities for the school with you. This will also include talks from the Chair of Governors and the Secretary to the PTA. Afterwards, Class Teachers will be welcoming you to their classrooms for a presentation about key priorities for the year. If you have more than one child with us, please start with your youngest child first and move upwards in age!

This week, classes have been holding hustings and elections for their School Council representatives. I look forward to announcing the appointed pupils in Celebration Worship on Friday. In other pupil leader roles, our Peer Mediators are continuing this year. Mr. Cuff and I will also be interviewing House Prefects on Monday, who have completed written applications. There are several other pupil leader roles that we will be developing this year with respect to faith, the environment and computing – look out for updates throughout the year!

In a continuation of environment improvements, our new reflection garden at the rear of the hall is taking shape! Thank you for all of our volunteers with this work. It has also been fantastic to be able to share some of these new environments when welcoming visitors to the school. These are excellent examples of how strong our school community is.

With best wishes,

Chris Grey  
Headteacher



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## Announcements

### PTA Camp out

Slightly later than originally anticipated (well, with only three months' delay!), the Big Camp Out returns this Friday night to Shelford School's field, courtesy of the PTA. For one night only, parents and their children can camp out at school until Saturday morning, with barbecue food and entertainment provided on Friday evening. The cost of attendance is £10 per person (a flat rate for all adults and children), or, if you're not a seasoned camper, you can attend the barbecue on Friday evening only for £6 per adult or child. For tickets, please contact the PTA via the Camp Out announcement on Classlist, email [pta@shelfordschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@shelfordschool.org.uk), or see the PTA secretary Matt (in his camping hat) at the table outside the school Wednesday or Thursday after school!

### 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

### Sawston Village College Open Evening (Year 6)

Sawston Village College's Open Evening for September 2020 intake will be held on Thursday 3 October, from 6.30 - 9.00 pm. As in previous years, Year 6 pupils and their parents are invited to attend a presentation by Mr Russell, Principal, and to enjoy a tour of the College.

### 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.

### Netball club

Netball club will begin again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept for children in years 5 and 6.. Letters regarding this will come home with children today.

### Bug busting

We currently have head lice in school again, so please can we ask you to check your child's hair and treat as necessary as soon as possible? If you should need any help or advice, please contact the office.



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## 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.

### ❖ **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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