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Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well. One of the elements that makes Shelford such a special school is the unique community and the way in which people support us in so many ways. One very important part of school life is the volunteer role. For a long time, Mrs. Gregory has supported the school as a volunteer at lunchtimes for 2 days a week. We have been very grateful to Mrs. Gregory for her support and wish her lots of luck for her new venture. If you are free at lunch times and you feel this is something you would like to volunteer for, please contact the office.

Over the past week, children have continued to delve deeper into their curriculum and topics. Here is a summary of our EYFS and KS1 classes: Reception Class' topic is currently named, **'It's freezing outside!'** This is something I imagine you will have felt this week. As part of this, children have been reading *The Snowman*, exploring ice and creating icicles by practising their fine motor skills.



Fire: Y1 were very fortunate to have a visit from Mr. Armstrong, a fire-fighter, where they learned more about fire safety. They were very interested by the uniform and equipment. This equipped them well in preparation for their first Y1 camp fire at Forest School on Friday!

China: Y2 have been focusing on different aspects of their new topic around China. After making lanterns linked to Chinese New Year, they have held a traditional Tea Ceremony!

Work in progress!

As you will see, the work on our hall wall and doors has started. We started planning this in Summer 2019 with Miss Hutchings, a visiting artist, as one way to communicate our School's vision. Miss Smith has been working particularly hard on starting the project. Should you wish to volunteer to support Miss Hutchings in the project, please let the office know. She will be in school

each Thursday for the next three weeks: 23/1/20; 30/1/20 and 6/2/20. Thank you in advance to those parents who are able to support in helping paint additional coats on the wall! See Class List for details of how to volunteer.

Mrs. Ashton is also looking for volunteers for Art Day! Please see the message below.

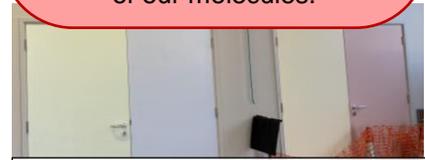
With best wishes,
Chris Grey, Headteacher

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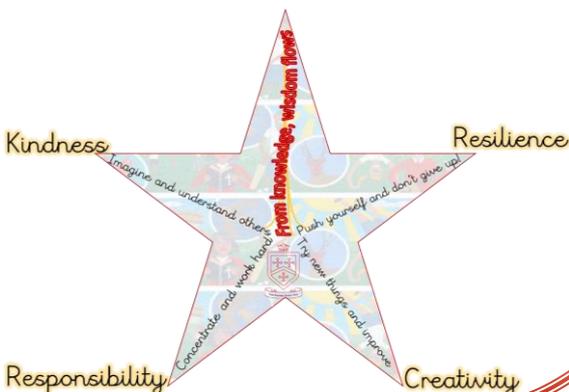
- Thank you Mrs. Gregory!
- EYFS and KS1 Curriculum Summary
- Hall Project
- Art Day Volunteers Needed!

**Science Spot
STEM Talk – 4/2/2020
Pharmacologist**

A pharmacologist studies medicines and how they work. I work in a team that is trying to come up with medicines to treat dementia. Dementia is an illness which mainly affects elderly people and makes them confused and lose their memory so that they are no longer able to look after themselves. I work with chemists who design and make molecules that we hope will one day be new medicines. We test the molecules in cells which we grow in our laboratory, which we can look at through a microscope. We also use special mice which lose their memory to see if they are less forgetful after being given one of our molecules.



The work so far (above)
The final design (below)



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Dates Summary

	31/1/20	14:00	Reception Class Briefing	Hall
	3/2/20	14:30	Candlemas Service (led by Y2)	St. Mary's Church
	5/2/20 – 12/2/20		Scholastic Book Fair	
	6/2/20 – 7/2/20	All day	Art Days	School
	10/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	11/2/20	All day	Safer Internet Day	
	12/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	13/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	14/2/20	PM	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament	Netherhall
	14/2/20	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	14/2/20		End of first half of Spring Term	School
	w/c 17/2/20		February half term holiday	Somewhere relaxing
	24/2/20		Second half of the term commences	School

Announcements

Art Day

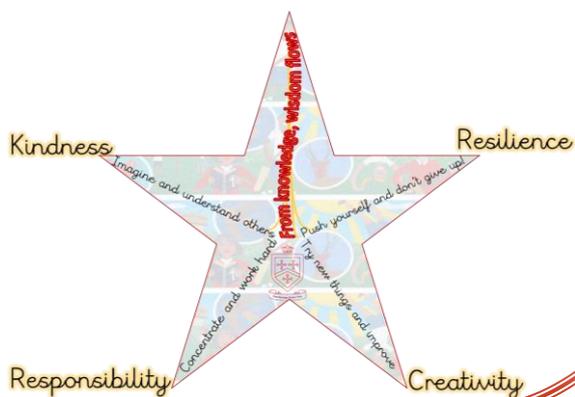
We are all looking forward to Art Day 2020, which will take place on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th of February. Our main theme this year is animals although our visiting artist will be leading three classes to help create a display connected to our school vision. Thank you to all those who have donated unwanted plastic items to the collection box in the office. We are still collecting plastic - ideally pieces no bigger than about 5cm to decorate approximately 90 wooden letters so please keep looking out for any items that might be suitable.

We would be grateful for any offers of parent help on the day to assist in the workshops led by artist Sandie Sutton for Year 6 on Thursday afternoon, Year 4 on Friday morning and Year 5 on Friday afternoon. Year 3 will work with Sandie on Thursday morning creating plastic sculptures of animals.

In Key Stage 1, all three classes will participate in an African drumming workshop led by the same company who helped us with the Chinese dragon dance last year. This will lead onto artwork in the classroom related to African animals in Year 1 and Reception Class and Chinese animals in Year 2.

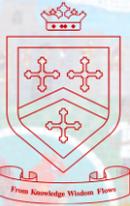
Mental Health:

Drop-in sessions for parents with any concerns around their child's mental health are being run by Cambridgeshire County Council at Cambridge United on Newmarket Road. Further details can be found [here](#).



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Parent/Pupil/Teacher consultations

Letters regarding the upcoming consultations will be coming home with your child today. Please complete the preferences page and return to the school office ASAP. Appointments will be allocated on a first come first served basis as far as possible.

Rainbow parents

If you have children in both Rainbow Pre-school and here, please can we politely request that you do not encourage your school age child to come over to you for a hug if they are in the school playground when you are collecting from Rainbow. Whilst we appreciate that interacting with them in this way is tempting, some of our children find this interaction unsettling and this then impacts on their school day. In addition, from a safeguarding aspect, not all of our staff know all of the parents and carers of each child.

Netball Club

Netball Club will start on Monday 3 February and the last session will be Monday 22 June. I am aware that Parent Consultations take place on Monday 10 Feb. If there is bad weather netball club will be cancelled as the hall will be used. Please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

Tournaments Club

The children are currently preparing for Hockey and Tag Rugby tournaments. They will therefore need to have shin pads and gum shields with them when they attend the club on Tuesdays. Thank you.

Bug Busting!

Unfortunately, we have had reports of head lice in school, so please can we ask all parents to help us achieve a head lice free school by agreeing to wash, comb and thoroughly check your child's hair **tonight or as soon as possible, please**. A head lice comb and conditioner on your child's hair helps to identify any lice and is also a method of removing them. Please report all cases of head lice to us so that we can alert other parents in that class that they need to be more vigilant at that time. If you have any questions about removing head lice please speak to the office staff for advice.

Volunteer induction sessions

The next volunteer induction sessions are on the following dates:

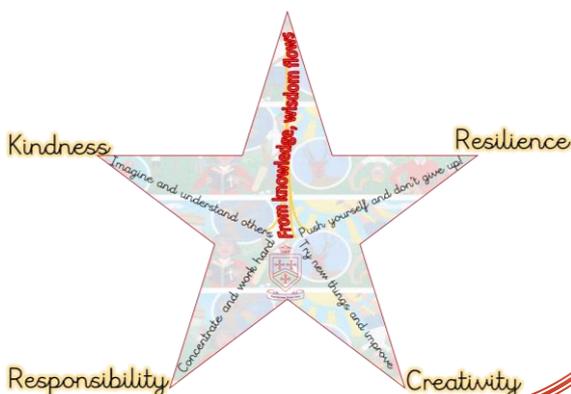
Friday 24th January – 9.05am

Tuesday 24th March – 9.05am

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact the office.

School prayer meeting - Thursday 6th February at 8pm

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 1A Spinney Drive, Great Shelford, CB22 5LY on Thursday 6th February at 8pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time.



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