



THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE

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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 after a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year! It's been wonderful to welcome the children back over the past week and a half.

- **Welcome Back!**
- **Behaviour focus**
- **Staff update**
- **Parent Point**
- **Key Dates**
- **Celebration Worship (x2)**
- **Announcements**

Since the beginning of this new term, we've been revisiting the whole school rules (overleaf) on a regular basis. We've looked at them and shared what happens when we follow them. We've looked at by following the rules and making positive choices, this leads to positive consequences. In collective worship, the children have shared that positive consequences are:

- Feeling good about ourselves (pride);
- Others feeling positive (having a positive impact on others);
- Praise and smiles from others;
- Rewards - e.g house points, awards.

As part of our work on this, we've been exploring what the negative consequences are of negative choices - those that break the school rules. In particular, we've been exploring the impact on those around us and on our feelings about ourselves.

finally, we've reflected on the question - How do you want to be seen by others? What do you want to be noticed for?

Our Whole School Rules

- Be kind and respectful with our words, bodies and actions!
- Listen to everyone!
- Be inclusive!
- Help others!
- Walk around smartly and safely!
- Look after the environment!



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Burwell House Residential

Pupils in Year 5 enjoyed an amazing residential visit this week to Burwell House. We look forward to reporting in more detail in next week's newsletter. The children were amazing and demonstrated all the Shelford Star Values - which was recognised by the Burwell Staff. To read what they've been up to, you can read the Burwell blog [here](#).



Staff Update

We are looking for new Teaching Assistant roles at the school. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our wonderful team, please see the details [here](#).

This term, we welcome two new teachers to the Shelford Team: Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Terry. Mrs Fletcher is teaching on Thursdays and Fridays in Reception. Mrs Terry has joined the Year 3 team and is teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays. Meanwhile, this week, we welcome Miss Thompson as Year 6 teacher, through to the end of this academic year.

As you'll also be aware, we've some changes to our office team. Mrs Weston now leads on finance in the office and Mrs Page joins Miss O'Bryan as part of the administrative team, alongside Mrs Smith, who leads on Rainbow administration.

Parent Point



One of our key partners on our **Early Help Offer** is John Huntingdon Charitable trust. Did you know they can help with a variety of services for those families living locally to Sawston? You can read more about their advice, counselling and grant support services [here](#).

As always, please do reach out if you or your family require any support. We are always happy to listen, help, support and signpost.

Key Dates Summary

	15/01/24	PM	Choir members to Young Voices rehearsal and concert	O ₂ Arena
	02/02/24	2:30pm	Candlemas Service led by Year 2	St. Mary's
	13/02/24; 14/02/24 and 15/02/24	3:45pm – 6:30pm	Y1 – Y6 Parents' Consultations	School Hall
	16/02/24		End of Spring 1	
	w/c 19/02/24		February Half Term	Somewhere restful
	26/02/24		Start of Spring 2	School
	11/03/24 – 13/03/24		Y6 Grafham Water Residential	Grafham Water
	w/c 25/03/24		Shelford Holy Week	St. Mary's / All Saints' / GSFC / School
	25/03/24 & 26/03/24		Kapla Bricks Workshop	School Hall
	28/03/24	1:30pm	Easter Service	All Saints'
	28/03/24		Maundy Thursday – end of term	
	29/03/24 – 12/03/24		Easter Holidays	Somewhere peaceful
	TBC 10/05/24	11:00am	Ascension Service	St. Mary's
	TBC 10/05/24	12:00pm	Ascension Picnic	School Field

Uniform Reminders

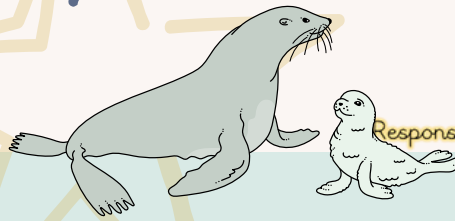
Please remember, PE uniform is the house t-shirt with a plain black or navy blue tracksuit. Other colours are not part of the school's PE uniform.

Earrings must be removed for PE sessions.

Black school shoes are uniform on non PE days (not trainers).

Celebration Warship

5th January 2024



Kindness

The Celia Award was awarded to **Zoe K** for her kindness and friendliness towards others. Zoe was recognised for consistently showing this to adults and pupils. Meanwhile, **Olivia P** was awarded a Headteacher's Awards for kindness.



Creativity

This week, we shared two Headteacher's Awards linked to creativity: **Otis C** and **Sophie H-H**.

It was wonderful to hear about the range of creativity shown - from writing, to creative models, to creativity in artwork.



Resilience

Several children achieved their Bronze Shelford Mile awards and some completed their 5 miles award.



Responsibility

This week, we recognised the responsibility shown throughout the school in different ways. Dinner Winner was awarded to **Reception** for their kindness shown at lunchtimes through their use of manners. **Rose L** received a Headteacher's Award for responsibility.



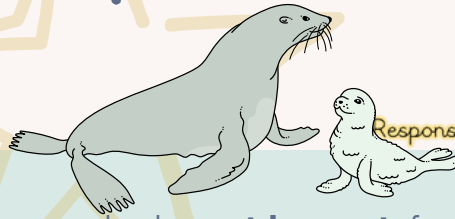
Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

*This week's winning house is domus inspiratorum - the house of inspiration:
The Eagles*



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Kindness

The Celia Award was awarded to **Alexa J** for outstanding kindness in putting someone before herself. Alexa has shone like a Shelford Star by helping another pupil to make positive choices. Alexa has helped this person to be in the right place at the right time and helped them focus on their learning activities - what a great role model!



Creativity

This week, we shared three Headteacher's Awards linked to creativity: **Willem C; Mariam Z; Elena d-L**

It was wonderful to hear about the range of creativity shown, especially around creative story books that have been made.



Resilience

There are several children very close to their 5 mile award and bronze Shelford Mile award - keep up your resilience on the Shelford Mile track!

Meanwhile, **Gilly G** received a Headteacher's award for resilience in maths.



Responsibility

We recognised the responsibility shown throughout the school in different ways. Dinner Winner was awarded to **Year 1** for their kindness shown at lunchtimes in offering compliments. The following pupils received Headteacher's Awards for responsibility: **Aaron R-G; Beatrice T; All of Year 5**



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*This week's winning house is domus pertendentium - the house of determination:
The Red Squirrels*



Family Advisor Online Workshops

Education Inclusion Family Advisor County Wide Online Workshops

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of county wide online workshops. We welcome any parent/carer with a child/ren in primary schools.

Parental wellbeing - Tuesday 09th January 2024 (12:00-13:00)

A workshop around recognising our pressures as parents / carers, and the importance of looking after ourselves so that we can take care of everyone else around us.

Supporting your child with feelings of worry - Tuesday 16th January 2024 (12:00 -13:30)

A workshop that explores the definition of anxiety, its purpose and how it may affect children including advice around supporting children to understand how they are feeling and some strategies that may help them to manage these feelings.

Supporting your child with feelings of anger – Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (12:00 -13:30)

A workshop that explores angry feelings including what is happening in our brain when we feel angry, how to explain this to children and some useful strategies to use when we have this difficult feeling.

Arguing Better- Session 1 Tuesday 30th January 2024 (12:00 -13:30) **Parents need to attend both sessions**

The workshop is for parents experiencing high levels of stress and couple conflict. It aims to raise awareness of parental conflict and its impact on children, to increase parents' capacity to cope with stress together and to support parents to develop skills to manage their conflict more constructively.

Sleep -Tuesday 6th February (12:00-13:00)

A workshop that explores some common sleep difficulties, looks at sleep hygiene, bedtime routines and suggests some strategies that may help support your child to get a good night sleep.

Arguing Better- Session 2 Tuesday 13th February 2024 (12:00 -13:30) **Parents need to attend both sessions**

To book a place on any of the workshops, please use the link or the QR code



<https://forms.office.com/e/4tCXXqv3PC>

For more information speak to your school office or contact us directly on:
 earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The Big Ambition Survey



Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England.

I have launched this survey, The Big Ambition, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged 0 to 18 years old.

I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. To find out more, visit my website.

To complete the survey, click [here](#).