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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are able to make the most of this delightful weather. During this week, one of our Year 6 pupils stated that it was typical that the weather was so beautiful during their statutory assessments. I promptly reminded him that it was ideal timing for the longer breaks they were receiving this week!

As mentioned above, our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have been exceptionally diligent and responsible in completing some of their statutory assessments this week. Today, we received a monitoring visit from the Local Authority to ensure that our Year 6 statutory assessments were being administered correctly. I am very pleased to say that our visitor stated the administration was exemplary. Thank you to our dedicated, professional and hardworking staff for their commitment with this.

Pupils throughout the school have been continuing to focus on ways they can take notice to promote their wellbeing. Pupils across the school have shared some of the activities they have taken part in. Several pupils have taken notice of the wildlife that surrounds us, while others have taken time to observe the changes in the trees.

The chicks, who are currently residing in Reception, have caused great excitement. On Thursday evening, we still had one unhatched egg. However, it began to roll around just as Mrs. Unwin and I were leaving. Mrs. Unwin nursed the chick at home, making a leg brace for it out of a straw and elastic band! All 11 are now thriving and will be with us at school until Friday. I went to take a photo of these delightful bubby chicks, only to find them all asleep after a busy day in Reception! Pupils in Reception are also enjoying watching the metamorphosis of the tadpoles in their outdoor area!

Some of our choir members are involved in an exciting project with Phoenix. They will be attending a rehearsal this Friday for a concert in June.

We are looking forward to our Ascension Day Service and picnic on Thursday. Further details are below with respect to the service and picnic. Next Thursday 23rd May is the last day of this half term. The school will be closed for pupils on Friday 24th May.

With best wishes,

Chris Grey

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Y2 and Y6 statutory assessments this week;
- Y6 administration 'exemplary';
- Pupils encouraged to take notice to promote wellbeing;
- Chicks are thriving;
- Choir upcoming project;
- Ascension Day Service and picnic;
- School closed on 24th May.

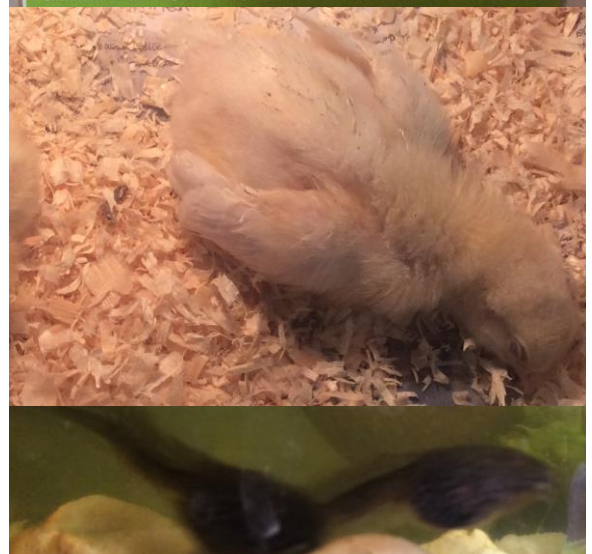
Ways we have, will or can take notice!

Take notice...

Be curious. Notice the changing seasons. Be aware of the world around you. Savour the moment. Enjoy the here and now.

"I noticed how beautiful the daffodils looked in our village as I drove home from work the other day. Someone has really made an effort to make our village look pretty"

5 Ways to Wellbeing



Announcements

Change to menu next week

Wednesday 22nd May

Fishcake, chips, baked beans or peas

Vegetable finger, chips, baked beans or peas

Sweet chilli pasta

Chocolate shortbread or ice cream with fruit coulis

Thursday 23rd May

Ascension Day service and picnic

Reception, KS1, children eligible for free school meals – packed lunch provided by school

KS2 children – packed lunch from home

Ascension Day service and picnic

This year's Ascension Day service and picnic will be held next Thursday (23rd May). The service will be held at St Mary's church, Great Shelford at 11.15am. The service should last for about half an hour and afterwards the children will walk to the Wale recreation ground in Little Shelford for their picnic.

Reception, Key stage 1 children and any children who are eligible for free school meals will receive a packed lunch provided by the school. All Key stage 2 children will need to bring in their own packed lunch.

We would also welcome volunteers to help with walking the children from St Mary's church to the recreation ground. It is not necessary that volunteers are DBS checked for this. If you are able to help, please contact the office. Thanks.

Choir

Choir will be on at 8.00am as normal on Friday. All Year 5 and 6 children who are attending the rehearsal for the Primary school cluster event on Friday morning will need to bring a packed lunch to school on Friday as they will not return back to school in time to receive a school meal.

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.

Parking

Quite a few villagers have raised concerns regarding cars parking on the double yellow lines outside the school, particularly at the various drop off and pick up times. There have also been problems with cars parked just next to the Kings Mill Lane entrance blocking the view and making it unsafe to turn out. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

Site Safety

Please 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.

Shelford School Bug Busting!

We have had reports of head lice in school so we would 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 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.

Little Shelford Wildlife Club: pond dipping

All are welcome to join in a pond-dipping session on Sunday 26th May at 3pm at Bradmere Pond (access via the lane on the right just beyond the triangle on Whittlesford Road as you leave Little Shelford). Bring nets and a bucket if you have them - and wellington boots.

Upper Key Stage 2 Performance

This year, our Year 5s and 6s will be leading the summer performance on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June. Further details to follow!

Dress for the weather

Please ensure all pupils have named jumpers and coats available in school, especially as we are heading into unpredictable spring and summer weather. Please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before school and provide a hat if the weather is predicted to be hot. Please ensure that your child wears enclosed toe footwear and not open toe sandals.

Term dates for next year

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

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.