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Wednesday 5th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

This week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. As part of our continued commitment to mental health and wellbeing, we continue to promote the Take 5 approach that encourages everyone to do the following 5 things each day for their wellbeing:



On Tuesday, Y3 and Y4 pupils took part in the indoor athletics heats. Representatives from each year group will be taking part in the cluster competition tomorrow at Sawston Village College – good luck!

Tomorrow will also be Art Day. We have a several large KS2 projects planned in-line with the vision. Our in-class activities will focus on the theme of animals. We look forward to spending a longer amount of time delving into some art projects! Our hall doors project (right) is coming together, with groups of pupils starting work on the trees and animals tomorrow.

Moving on from an art theme to a reading theme ... Our Book Fair will commence this Friday at 3:35pm. On Monday, we will also be bringing the book fair into the hall to run for the duration of the pupil, parent, teacher consultations, which run on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Looking further ahead, World Book Day will be with us in a month's time. As you will have seen in a previous email, Class Teachers have decided the themes for each class:

- R – Nursery Rhymes
- Y1 – Julia Donaldson texts
- Y2 – Fairytales
- Y3 – David Walliams texts
- Y4 – Fantasy Stories
- Y5 - My favourite book character of all time
- Y6 – Inspirational Book Character

Finally, even further ahead, term dates for 2020-2021 were approved by Governors on 30th January. A summary of them can be found [here](#).

With best wishes,
Chris Grey, Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds

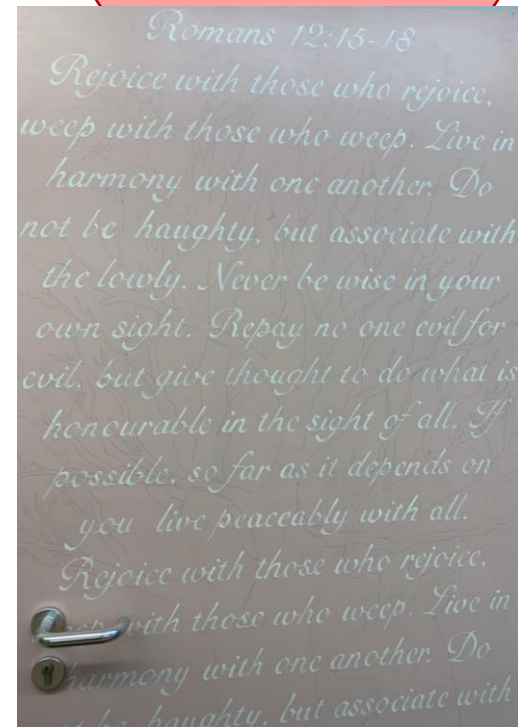
- Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- Indoor Athletics – Y3/4
- Art Day!
- Book Fair and World Book Day
- 2020-2021 Term Dates

Science Spot

STEM Talk – 4/2/2020

A big thank you to Mr. Harrison, a pharmacologist, who came in on Tuesday to share his work with us.

We really enjoyed exploring the memory games, understanding more about dementia and the work he does around specific molecules within medicines.



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Half-termly update from the Governing Board

It was a delight to be seated opposite the part-painted hall doors at last week's Full Governing Board meeting – what a beautiful, meaningful installation this will be when it is completed. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with this project and well done to the pupils who have reflected our vision and values so effectively to Hannah, the artist.

Each time the Board meets, Mr Grey reports on aspects of the school such as pupil numbers, absences, pupil progress and attainment, the activities of the leadership team and the work the staff are doing to lead learning in the school effectively. The Board uses this information to fulfil their legal duty to hold the school to account for how well it is educating the pupils. Governor visits are also a part of this and a number will be happening this half term – if you see us around school do say hello!

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented staff but we know that there are particular stresses involved with the job so we often discuss what more we can do to support our staff. The current national funding situation can make this even more challenging but Governors are continually mindful of staff wellbeing for both the sake of the staff themselves, and also because high staff well-being has positive effects on pupils' well-being and their learning - the main reasons for everyone's hard work in school.

Further information about the work and membership of the Board can be found on the school website. Please feel welcome to contact us about school matters by email: clerk@shelfordschool.org

Anna Caroe, Vice-Chair

Dates Summary

Changes / additions in blue

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
25/2/20		Shrove Tuesday	
26/2/20		Ash Wednesday (Lent commences)	
28/2/20	14:00	Y2 Class Briefing	Hall



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	28/2/20	15:00 and 15:30	Talk by Mrs. Barlow on choosing the right instrument for your child	Think Tank
	5/3/20		World Book Day (non-uniform – book character themes per class)	School
	6/3/20	14:00	Y1 Class Briefing	Hall
	6/3/20 – 15/3/20		British Science Week	School
	12/3/20	AM	Tag Rugby Tournament	Shelford Rugby Club
	13/3/20	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
	21/3/20 (Sat) Fri - 20/3/20		World Poetry Day	School
	20/3/20	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall
	25/3/20	AM	High 5 Netball Tournament	Netherhall
	26/3/20		Travelling Tuba Music Enrichment	School
	27/3/20	14:00	Y6 Class Briefing	Hall
	1/4/20	18:30	Instrumentalists' Concert (older pianists and all other instrumentalists)	Hall
	TBC 3/4/20	14:00	Easter Service (led by Y5)	All Saints' Church
	3/4/20		End of Spring Term	
	4/4/20 – 19/4/20		Easter Holidays	
	20/4/20		Summer Term commences	

Announcements

No Coding club next Monday

Coding club will not be running on Monday (10th Feb) due to the Parent/Teacher consultations.

Netball Club

It is planned that Netball club will still run next Monday (10th Feb). However, due to the Parent/Teacher consultations, it will not be possible to use the hall in the event of bad weather. If the forecast does not look good for Monday afternoon netball club will be cancelled. The decision will be made for this by Mrs Crew on Friday and we will inform parents via an email from the office.



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Volunteer induction sessions

The next volunteer induction session is on Tuesday 24th March – 9.05am. If you would like to attend this session, please contact the office.

Shelford School Bug Busting!

Unfortunately, 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 you 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.

Rainbow Preschool Bingo Night

Tickets are now on sale for the legendary Rainbow Preschool Bingo Night on Friday 28th February 2020. With many fantastic prizes already confirmed it certainly promises to be a fun-packed night! Get your tickets now from events@rainbowshelford.co.uk, or see any Rainbow committee member.

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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