

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

*We live and work in harmony with love for one another,
so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners*

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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. It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back after - what I hope was - a pleasant and relaxing half term.

- Welcome Back!
- Curriculum Thread
- Empathy Day
- Environment Day
- Exciting News
- Class Teachers 23-24
- Upcoming Dates
- PTA Events
- Announcements

Welcome to Summer term 2 - with our curriculum thread of **Curiosity!** children's topics are all linked to this thought-provoking theme! To kick off the half term, we've enjoyed Empathy Day - yesterday. This piques curiosity into the feelings and thoughts of others.

We all gathered in the hall for a worship session led by Mrs Alderson, who has been working with Empathy Lab (the organisation behind Empathy Day). All children created some empathy resolutions - after hearing from Jacqueline Wilson, Cressida Cowell and Chris Ridell as to what their empathy resolutions were. Children placed their resolution in words and illustrations on bunting and these will shortly be adorning the classrooms!

Everyone gathered again after their sessions to share the variety of activities. The day's sessions also included exploring empathy through a variety of texts.



Environment Day

Today, children have enjoyed an Environment Day, with links to our International Schools Award Status - on sustainability.

Mrs Bane has planned and led the day and this kicked off with a Collective Worship session together. Throughout the day, children have been enjoying workshops with a representative from Green up Your Act! **A summary of the workshops from Green up Your Act can be found below:**

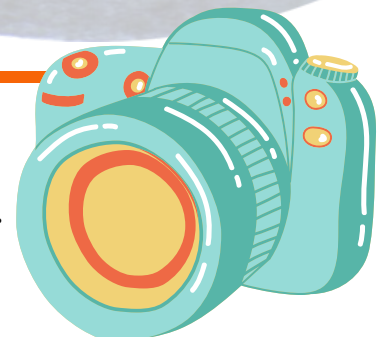
One of the first subjects pupils mention when it comes to environmental topics is the issue of litter. 62% of people in England drop litter, although only 28% will admit to it. Clearing up the streets and green spaces in England alone costs £1 billion a year. There are not just direct costs involved with the dropping of litter, the RSPCA receives around 7,000 calls a year regarding animals that have been injured by litter; this includes pets as well as wildlife.

Firstly, we explore the issues through an interactive presentation on the subject of litter in the UK and examining single use plastics and their alternatives. Each pupil will then be invited to decorate a cork fish with colourful recycled scales they have made to bring awareness to the problem of litter in our surroundings. This highlights how we can all play a part in supporting a beautiful and healthy natural environment. The fish create eye-catching artworks which can be taken home or displayed in school. The main aim of this workshops is to raise young people's awareness of the problem litter and the effect it has on our natural environment.



Class Photos

Just a little reminder - as per the key dates below - Class Photos are taking place on Tuesday 13th June.



Exciting News!

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs. Alderson and Mr. Alderson are expecting their first baby at the end of November 2023! I am sure you will join me in warmly congratulating them on their wonderful news and wishing them all the very best. It is wonderful to share such lovely news.



Class Teachers 2023 - 2024

I am pleased to confirm the class teachers for next academic year are as follows:

- Reception** - Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Unwin
- Year 1** - Miss Beck
- Year 2** - Miss Palmer
- Year 3** - Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Bane
- Year 4** - Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Spencer
- Year 5** - Mrs. Sheppard
- Year 6** - Mrs. Alderson (prior to maternity leave)

You may notice that Mr. Cuff does not appear on the above list. This is because he and his family are returning to Canada. It has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Cuff since 2018 and I know that since he joined in 2017, he has shown great dedication to the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing him and his family well as they move to Canada.

Miss Palmer joins us on 19th June and will be teaching Year 2 for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs. Spencer joins the Year 4 team, as an experienced teacher and another experienced teacher, Mrs. Sheppard joins the Year 5 team. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming our new teachers as they join in the coming weeks and months.

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Upcoming Dates

- **12th June** – Y1 Phonics Screening commences
- **13th June** – Class Photographs
- **20th June** – 6:30pm – New Reception Parents' Induction
- **21st June** – Y5 Taster Morning at SVC
- **21st June** – 6:30pm – Midsummer Concert at GSFC
- **26th June** – 6:30pm – Y6 Production – Evening Performance
- **27th June** – 2:30pm – Y6 Production – Afternoon Performance
- **28th June** – Y6 Transition Day at SVC
- **5th July** – Y2 visit to Cadbury World
- **7th July** – Sports Day – Families welcome in the afternoon
- **14th July** – Reserve date for Sports Day
- **19th July** – Leavers' Day
- **19th July** – 9:30am – Leavers' Service – St. Mary's, followed by a reception and presentations for families at school.
- **19th July** – End of the academic year

Current Vacancies

We are currently looking for Midday Supervisors to join our wonderful team that work at lunch. Details can be found [here](#).

Anxiety Workshop Resources

Just before half term, we were delighted to welcome Naomi Shepherd to lead an anxiety workshop for families. Naomi has kindly shared the [slides](#) and [handout](#) for families.

Important Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

In our continued work to ensure pupils are able to attend school every day that school is available, we have been working with the Local Authority to ensure that our attendance and punctuality remain strong.

With respect to punctuality, please remember that **the school day begins at 8:45am**. Improvement Time begins at 8:45am, with some important activities relating to children's learning. This can include a variety of morning challenges, improving prior learning or practising key skills. Meanwhile, some children have specific focused work with adults scheduled for this time. Please help by allowing enough time each morning to arrive on time for 8:45am.

This week, I am pleased to share that the school received a certificate for strong pupil attendance in the Spring Term. The children's attendance was in the top 10% of schools in England.

Please help this strength to continue by ensuring children attend on time each day that school is available.



National School Attendance Award

2022/23 Spring Term



Great and Little Shelford CofE (Aided) Primary

Top 10% of all FFT Primary Schools in England

PTA Summer Fair

**SATURDAY 17TH JUNE
12 NOON TO 3.00PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

SHELFORD SCHOOL PTA

SUMMER FAIR

**JOIN US FOR
LOTS OF FUN!**

**BOUNCY CASTLE • GAMES
STALLS • BBQ • GIANT SLIDE
SILENT AUCTION • TOMBOLA
LICENSED BAR • ICE CREAM
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**



Silent Auction @ PTA Summer Fair

Dear Parents,

We are organising the Silent Auction for this year's Summer Fair, which is being held on Saturday 17th June, and we need your help!

For anyone who is not familiar with it, the auction is called "silent" because rather than having an auctioneer, the lots are displayed on boards, and you can bid by writing down your bid amount on the sheet for the relevant lot. The final (highest) bid wins the lot. In previous years, the Silent Auction has provided a major proportion of the profits for the Summer Fair, but in order for it to work, we need plenty of lots!

We are therefore asking whether you are able to help us in one of the following ways:

- **Do you, or does someone you know, own a business that could provide something?** This might be a service, an experience or a gift, and in return we will display your company name/logo on the day and acknowledge you in the Silent Auction brochure. We are also happy to display any promotional materials.
- **Do you have a special skill that you might be able to pass on?** In the past we have had offers of celebration cakes, cake decorating and cooking tutorials, musical instrument tasters and so on.
- **Finally, do you have something that somebody might like to borrow eg a boat or a holiday cottage?!**

Please let us know if you can help in any way, and please feel free to ask us if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Laura (Ringrose) & Anna (Banks) Year 1 parents

Campout

Sleep out under the stars – at Shelford School!

Shelford School PTA is proud to announce the return of The Big Campout, on the evening of Saturday June 17th – in other words, following on from the PTA Summer Fair in the afternoon. For those of you who haven't previously taken part, for one night from 5pm, the school field becomes a campsite, with children and their parents camping overnight. Hot food, fun and games, and bedtime stories are provided, with breakfast on Sunday morning. All you need to bring is your own tent and bedding! The idea is to provide a gentle introduction to the delights of camping, but close to home, with the emphasis on outdoor fun.

Campout Tickets cost £10 per adult, and £5 per child. Please contact the organiser, PTA Secretary Matt Bell, on Classlist to sign up. Tickets will also be on sale at the school gate before the Campout itself.





Upcoming Free Online Parent/Carer Workshops in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Tuesday
6th June

Supporting
Parents/Carers of
Children with Anxiety

6:30pm -
8:00pm

Wednesday
14th June

Supporting
Parents/Carers with
Children with Self-
Harming Behaviours

12:30pm -
2:00pm

Tuesday
20th June

Supporting
Parents/Carers of Children
with Emotionally Based
School Avoidance

10:00am -
11:30am

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Supporting
Parents/Carers of
Children who are
Gender Questioning

TBC



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Aims of the Healthy Relationships Programme:

To support participants in recognising what a healthy relationship looks like and to build healthy relationships that will enhance both theirs and their children's lives.

To help prevent children witness or be exposed to hostility, criticism or violence.

The programme consists of six weekly sessions

Session 1

What is a Healthy Relationship

Session 2

Barriers to Healthy Relationships

Session 3

Impact on Children

Session 4

Communication

Session 5

Self Esteem & resilience

Session 6

Self-Care & Celebration

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAMME



The Healthy Relationships Programme:

The programme is delivered by Cambridgeshire District Targeted Support Teams

Facilitated by experienced Family Workers / Young Persons Workers

Provides a non-judgmental and non-threatening environment

Provides a supportive and Inclusive environment

Provides opportunities for signposting to other services

Provides opportunities to meet other parents



Who can Refer?

- Parents
- Schools
- Family Workers
- Social Workers
- Health Services



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Jade Brennan

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Duxford Saturday Workshop

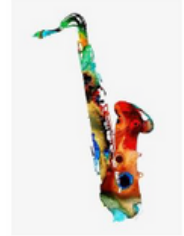
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INSTRUMENT TASTER MORNING



Saturday 1st July, 2023 11.00-12.15

**Duxford Primary School, St John's St.,
Duxford**



- Come along and talk to our tutors about learning a musical instrument.
- A wide selection of musical instruments will be available to try out.

Workshop tutors will be on hand to guide and advise. *Children of Year 5+ AND adults can learn to play an instrument at Workshop.*

Open to members and non-members. Admission free. For further details contact the Director on 07918 165450 or director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

