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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic half term! It has been a pleasure to see the great variety of enrichment opportunities, along with inspiring aspects of the school curriculum come to life this half term. It has been lovely to share these with you this half term via our newsletters, but also during our Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations that are currently taking place. With respect to the sheer amount of exciting opportunities to share, this newsletter could probably be aptly described as 'The One with All the Links'!

Last Thursday, we enjoyed our Art Day. There was a great variety of activities taking part. Thank you to Mrs. Ashton for organising and coordinating this. Thank you to the Governor's Shelford Support Fund for funding the day. This was only possible because of the kind donations made by parents, the local community and local organisations. Mrs. Ashton has provided a summary below.

Last week, we marked Children's Mental Health Week. 'Reading Well for Children' have produced a booklist that highlights texts that support children's emotional regulation, wellbeing and mental health. You can find the list [here](#). They also have texts for adults and young people, which you can view [here](#).

Over the weekend, several of our Y6 pupils were busy baking for a good cause. A group of Y6 pupils became concerned about the threat to pangolins due to their scales being sought as a medical cure. We are really proud that our pupils stood up for something they believed in and spread the word to their peers. Well done to all the pupils involved, who raised £82! The total has been passed on to the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. Thank you for donations to our Candlemas Collection, which raised £100.20. This will be donated to the Sick Children's Trust.

At the end of last week and the beginning of this week, you will have seen our Book Fair in the Think Tank / Hall. Thank you to all of you who visited! Each purchase earns books for our school! Thank you to the staff who gave time to open the fair and to Mr. Cuff for organising it.

Our DT Food Technology competition draws to a close this Friday. Miss Bachewich and I have enjoyed sampling the first entry! A reminder of the competition can be found [here](#).

Each year we look forward to welcoming children from Verneuil-en-Halatte during the summer. As part of our focus on internationalism, we welcome the Shelford Twinning Association to share their visit with pupils. Should you be interested in taking part, you can find details [here](#).

With best wishes for an enjoyable half term break,  
Chris Grey, Headteacher

**Newsletter in 30 seconds!**

- Art Day
- Read Well Booklist
- Pangolin Bake Sale!
- Book Fair
- DT Competition
- Twinning visit

**Science Spot**

Yesterday, we welcomed two representatives from Mundipharma. They held workshops with Y3, Y5 and Y6. Y3 focused on skeletons. Meanwhile, Y5 explored the chemistry behind bath bombs (including making them). Whereas, Y6 pupils explored neurology and the brain. This included a demonstration of dissecting a sheep's brain!

The Cambridge Science Festival programme is available online and booking is now open for the events which require tickets. Most are FREE! There is truly something there for everyone. You can find details [here](#).

Twilight at The Museums on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Feb in half term. Get there early to avoid the queues, especially at Zoology & Sedgwick. Take snacks! You can find details [here](#).



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**Art Day 2020**



An enormous thank you to the Governor's Shelford School Support Fund for funding the workshops for our whole school Art Day last week and to all the parents who generously gave up their time to help individual classes with their workshops.

Key Stage 1 enjoyed an exciting African Drumming workshop. Each child had their own drum and practiced some complex rhythms. It proved to be a great physical workout too with the high levels of energy needed to beat the rhythms! At the end of the day, some of the Key Stage 2 classes were able to see a presentation of the music and to watch the younger children perform. The drumming led to creating African animal masks in Reception Class and Year 1. Year 2 linked their art to their class topic of China and made collages of pandas.

Key Stage 2 spent two days with artist Sandie Sutton. Sandie is inspired by the natural world and uses waste plastics to create amazing sculptures of wildlife. In Year 3, Sandie led a workshop looking at the animals of Snowdonia. The children made sculptures of pine marten, red squirrels, chough, osprey, beetles, mountain goats and otters using old newspaper, plastic bottles and parcel tape. In Years 4, 5 and 6, Sandie led workshops on using small pieces of waste plastic to decorate wooden letters. The children had to carefully select the best shapes and tones of colour to decorate their letter and then to think about the arrangement of their pieces to create the perfect composition. The letters have been put up on display around the school and spell out key phrases from our vision. You can see photos of them [here](#).

The hall door / wall project also continued with Hannah Hutchings. Several pupils took part in adding details to the trees and animals, with support from Mrs. Evans.



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**Dates Summary**

*Changes / additions in blue*

	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
	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	



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## Announcements

### Shelford Swish

Feel you have nothing to wear despite a wardrobe stuffed with clothes? Want to exchange clothes that don't fit for ones that do? Keen not to add to the fast fashion problem and your global footprint? If the answer is yes, then Shelford's Swish, to be held at Great Shelford Free Church (opposite the Coop) is for you. We are taking women's, men's and children's clothes, shoes and accessories. Bring along and take as much as you like. Items must be clean and in good condition. Whilst the team are sorting clothes you can enjoy homemade cake at Cara Coffee next door and catch up on other environmental activities. Please drop off your clothes on Saturday February 29th at 2:00 for a Swish that will start at 2:30 and end at 3:30 pm. Entry is free but donations to Romsey Mill are very welcome. At the Free Church we are delighted to be teaming up with 2G3S (Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston) and Romsey Mill to organise this event, which will run concurrently with the Repair Cafe also at the Free Church.

### Volunteer induction sessions

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

### 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](mailto:events@rainbowshelford.co.uk), or see any Rainbow committee member.

Kindness  
Resilience  
Creativity  
Responsibility

From knowledge, wisdom flourish

Imagine and understand others  
Push yourself and don't give up!  
Concentrate and work hard  
Try new things and improve

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