

# 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 after a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their kind expressions of gratitude to staff members through Christmas messages, cards and gifts. These are hugely appreciated by the staff team.

On Thursday 5th January, we were delighted to welcome families back to school. We gathered in the morning to focus on preparing for Epiphany, thinking about the gifts we were grateful to receive over Christmas, but more importantly thinking about those we gave. We spent time thinking about how to select a gift for someone, thinking about what we know about them. It was lovely to hear about some of the thoughtful gifts children had identified for their family members this Christmas. **We were also grateful for five new gifts of people to the school community! We welcomed Mrs. Hunt; Mrs. Pickard; Willem; Celeste and Bea to the school family.**

Building on from this, we explored the gifts given by the Three Kings and the symbolism behind these for Epiphany. As we journeyed through the week, we looked at another meaning of the word *gifts*, in thinking about the talents we have. We built on the themes explored in Tuesday's Growth Mindset Morning, learning from the parable of talents that we can use our talents to develop even further.

- Welcome Back
- Growth Mindset Morning
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- Celebration Worship

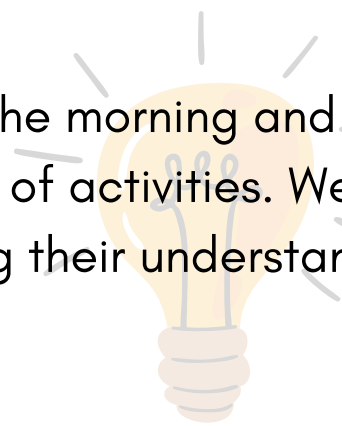
# Growth Mindset Morning

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On Tuesday 10th January, we refreshed our love of and understanding of Growth Mindset. In simple, Growth Mindset is the belief that we can improve, learn and make progress through our efforts. This is complimented by praising the **effort** not the outcome. For us as adults, our mindset, language and praise can be very powerful. In-line with Growth Mindset, we should understand that learning **is not innate**, it develops through effort. We should be careful with our language - thinking "I have not perfected this **yet**" rather than "I cannot do this!" Likewise, as adults, we should praise the effort, hard work and process... rather than solely successes or outcomes. You can find plenty of research and videos about Growth Mindset online... but a helpful and accessible summary is **here**.

Mrs. Alderson planned and led the morning which was 'book-ended' with a worship session and a sharing assembly. Pupils gathered together to explore what Growth Mindset means, including how the way we think and talk can influence our growth as learners. Mrs. Alderson shared two texts - '**The Dot**' and '**Giraffes Can't Dance!**' In addition, children watched the **video - 'Austin's Butterfly'**, which tracked a real child's progress, who demonstrated Growth Mindset. Children then completed a variety of activities planned by their class teachers to further deepen their understanding. Finally, the school gathered together again to share the different activities completed across the school.

Thank you to Mrs. Alderson for leading the morning and to the school staff for their preparation of the variety of activities. Well done to the children for deepening and applying their understanding of Growth Mindset.



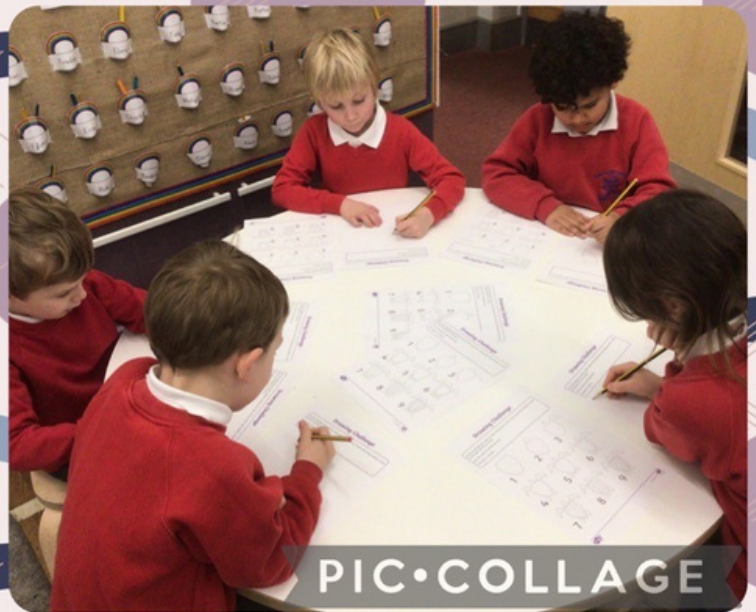
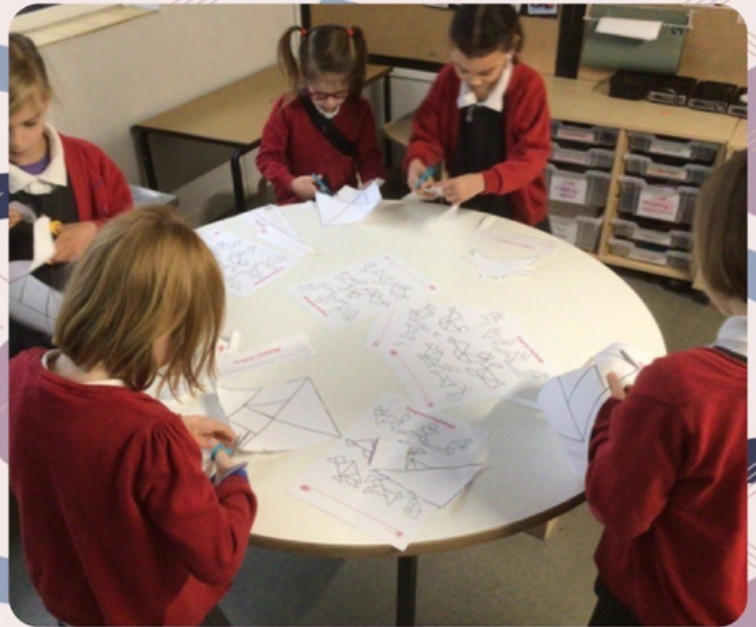


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# SEND Coffee Morning with Mrs. Pickard

I have now started as the new school Inclusion Leader and am very keen to meet the school community, particularly the parents and guardians of pupils with Special Educational Needs. With this in mind I would like to invite any parents of children with additional needs for tea/ coffee on Friday 13th January at 9.15am in the 'Think Tank'. This will be an informal opportunity for me to introduce myself and begin to get to know you all. I will bring along my diary and we can use this time to book in any individual meetings that might be necessary.



I usually work on Thursdays and Fridays and can be contacted on: [cpickard@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:cpickard@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) . If you would like an urgent response regarding Special Educational Needs and provision for your child earlier in the week, please contact the office team on: [office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) and they will ensure your communication is forwarded to a knowledgeable, available member of the senior team.

## Reminders and Requests

- **PE Kit** is navy blue / black plain tracksuit with the house t-shirt for PE days.
- **Punctuality** - the school day starts at 8:45am with improvement time in class. This is an essential part of children's learning. The gates close at 8:55am. Arrival after this is marked as late, arriving via the office.
- **Communication** - please do keep in touch directly with school with any questions as they arise.
- **Churchyard** - please ensure children do not climb on the walls of the fragile and unstable churchyard.

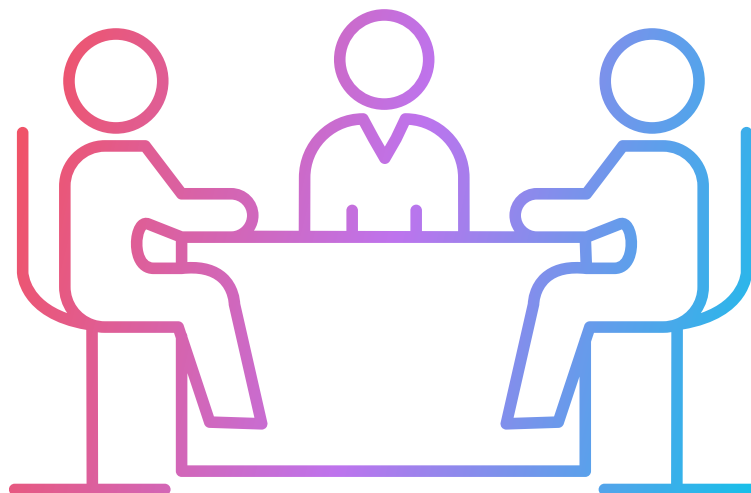
# Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations

As we shared in the Autumn term, please see our reporting arrangements for this year below:

Year 1 – Year 6			
Term	Autumn	Spring	Summer
<b>Main aims and foci</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of settling into the class and year expectations;</li> <li>social, emotional wellbeing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of academic attainment, progress and targets;</li> <li>social, emotional wellbeing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of the year;</li> <li>End of year assessments;</li> <li>Social, emotional wellbeing;</li> <li>Targets.</li> </ul>
<b>Format</b>	Online Parent and Teacher Consultation to focus on.	<b>Face-to-face Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultation;</b>  Pupils complete their reflections.	<b>End of Year Report:</b>  Pupils complete their self-report.
<b>Ongoing</b>			
Continued open dialogue between parents and staff around attainment and progress (email, phone, meetings as required).			

We look forward to sharing a face-to-face consultation for families with children in Years 1 to 6 in February. This marks a welcome return to face-to-face meetings. Of course, please do touch base as and when any questions arise - as per the '**ongoing**' section above.

Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations will take place during the week commencing 6th February 2023. We will write to you separately with further details on the consultations and how to book.



# PTA Announcements

*You are warmly invited to...*

*A good ol' knees-up  
with 'Catch the Pigeon' Ceilidh band (with caller)  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
8pm - 11pm  
Great Shelford Memorial Hall, Woollard's Lane*



*£15 - Includes a Welcome Drink*

*(Bar and snacks available to purchase on the night by card or cash).*

*Limited availability! Reserve your place now by expressing  
your interest using the link*

<https://forms.gle/ECGXVhhZZmWFZCiU9>

*... pay later!*

*All profits to Shelford School PTA  
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# Triathlon Club

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Dear Parent/Carer,

5/12/2022

## **Great & Little Shelford Primary School Triathlon Club** **Thursday, 8:00am – 8:45am, Years 3 - 6**

I am delighted to confirm that our weekly Triathlon Club will continue again in the new term, starting from Thursday 12th January until Thursday 30th March 2023 (excluding half term and any teacher training days).

The Triathlon Club will be led by a professional triathlon coach from Cambridge Endurance. Cambridge Endurance runs a successful Triathlon and Running in Schools programme in partnership with the Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust.

The club will enable the children to build basic cycling and running skills whilst increasing their fitness, and most importantly, having fun. We have found that many of the children who enjoy the sport at their school club go on to join the C-Squad Juniors or Cambridge Tri Club where they can develop their triathlon skills further.

To participate in the club, pupils will need a working bicycle and helmet (compulsory), and running clothes including trainers. For the first session, those wishing to participate will require their PE kit.

As the club is being run by a professional coach, there will be a charge of £55 for this term (£5 per session for 11 weeks).

If your child would like to take part in this club, please sign them up using the link [here](#). We have space for 16 children and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We look forward to your child joining us this term. If you have any queries at all regarding the Triathlon Club, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Chapman (Coach) - [timandlucy@gmail.com](mailto:timandlucy@gmail.com)

Rich Sales (Cambridge Endurance) - [info@cambridgeendurance.run](mailto:info@cambridgeendurance.run)



# Announcements and Community Events



COMING SOON TO GREAT SHELFORD.....

## MINI GOLF FAMILY DAY!!



**SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY**  
**10.00am - 2.00pm**  
**MEMORIAL HALL**  
**GREAT SHELFORD CB22 5LZ**

**FREE TO PLAY**

**9 Hole Mini Golf Course**  
**Fun for the whole family!!**

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