

Shelford School News

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Welcome back to a new school year

I hope that you and your family have had a really good summer and that the children are rested and enthusiastic about the year ahead. They all look smart with their shiny shoes, new haircuts and school uniform – thank you to parents/carers for organising this so that children are helped to be in the right frame of mind for learning. Year 6 look particularly smart in their new teal coloured sweatshirts and will be easily identifiable for all the leadership roles they are excited to be taking up over the next few weeks.

A very warm welcome to the thirty two new families who have joined us this year - we look forward to getting to know you all in due course. Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Warne are currently visiting the Reception children and their parents at home and we look forward to welcoming them on site next week.

All but one of our classes are full with 206 children in school.

We are pleased to welcome two trainee teachers to our Year 6 classroom this week, ahead of their forthcoming secondary school teacher training course.

Building works

Unfortunately and disappointingly, the planned refurbishment work to the junior toilets and the cycle area was not able to be fitted into the summer holidays; this will now take place during the half term holiday in October.

INSET

A successful training day took place for all staff yesterday so that everyone was ready to start the school year positively this morning. I am proud to lead such a dedicated and enthusiastic staff team.

School's success recognised by local paper

You may have seen the Cambridge Evening News link recently, which shows very positive outcomes for Shelford and grades us as 5 star, 4th in the Cambridgeshire league table and 512th out of 14,459 schools in England.

<http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/local-news/great-little-shelford-cofe-aided-12450512>

Meet the teacher evening

As you are aware, the first parent/carer briefing this year takes place on Thursday 14th September, starting at 7.30pm in the school hall for a review of last year and a summary of what to expect in 2017 – 2018, including our school improvement priorities. This will be followed by time in class to

meet with your child's class teacher(s), to have a look at the classroom and to receive important information about routines, procedures and the curriculum, including an overview of the homework that will be expected. We do hope that as this date was published to you on a number of occasions in Summer Term, that you were able to reserve it and will be able to join us for this important evening. Please note that this is an evening for adults and not the children.

Extra-curricular clubs

A timetable for extra curricula clubs will be sent by email tomorrow and Premier Sport clubs details will be added to children's book bags. **Please note all bookings for Premier Sports should be made online.**

Woodwind lessons will now be taught by Miss Roberts, who will contact existing and prospective students via the school office in due course.

Please note that clubs, (**including choir**) will start from week beginning Monday 11th September; each club has a specified start date and year group membership. Where appropriate, letters will be sent home this week giving details and a sign up form. Do please talk with your child about making the most of these excellent opportunities taking place on site before and after school and at lunchtime and encourage them to join, if appropriate.

We look forward to working with you in 2017 – 2018.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

Nut Awareness Policy

Please note the following extremely important information for packed lunches:

- Please do not include any portions of nuts
- No nutella or peanut butter sandwiches
- No pesto pasta with pine nuts or similar nut ingredients incorporated.

With this in mind, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that the invitation to bring a KS2 break time snack is for **an actual piece of fruit not a cereal bar or fruit snack.**

This would be a serious health risk nut allergy sufferers

Please help us to keep everyone safe by not sending these foods. For safety reasons, we will need to remove snacks that do not comply with these instructions. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. Year 3 parents please be aware that free school meals are no longer available for your children unless eligible through Cambridge County Councils 'Count me in Scheme'. If you think you are eligible please ask at the office for more details.

Please will you make every effort to pay this online using www.schoolgateway.com . If you need any information about registering for this please contact the school office.

If you are unable to access the internet then make cheques payable to **Shelford Primary School** and write your child's name on the reverse stating that the cheque is for lunch money. Thank you.

The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on their website:-
<http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/cambridgeshire/parents/menus/default.asp>

The school is not able to allow debts of more than £15. A letter will be sent if you are in debt for more than 1 week. If payment is not received then we regret that school meals will be withdrawn and you will have to provide a packed lunch until the payment is made. Thank you for your understanding in this.

The Cambridgeshire Catering Service is able to accommodate special dietary requirements in the event of a medically defined need. Please speak to the school office for the relevant form.

Medicines in school

Please be reminded that all medicines and lotions must be given to the school office staff. Pupils are not permitted to have any medicine, lotion or cough sweets in their bags or pockets during school hours.

Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours.

The school staff can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and for which permission has been signed.

House T-Shirts

Just to let you know, House T-shirts have 'gone live' and can be reserved on line from the school website. Please visit <http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/> and click on the House T-shirts link to access the order page.

The deadline for ordering is Friday 29th September. Please note that these can only be ordered once per year, so now is the time to do this.

The PTA will take payment and distribute T-shirts in the week before half term (w/c Monday 23rd October

Payment for book bags, recorders etc.

When paying for items available from the office, please **bring the correct money** as the office does not keep any petty cash for change. Prices are as follows:

Book bags £6.00	Recorder books: £3.50
Recorders: £8 or £15	School hats: £2.50

School Uniform prices

ITEM	PRICE
Cardigans	£10.05
Jumpers	£8.55
Polo shirts	£6.45
Fleeces	£11.25
Storm jackets	£17.95
Ruck sacks	£10.75
Book bags	£6.00

Any additional teal sweatshirts for Year 6 children are also available to order online.

School Uniform

Uniform is ordered online. Please log on via the link below <http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php?pdPage=login>. Items will be sent directly to you at home. There is free delivery to your home with orders over £50. Alternatively, any order amount can be delivered to school for free.

PTA news

Welcome back from the PTA.

Reps and committee 2017/2018

Thank you to the very kind people who have come forward over the holidays to be reps. The 2017/2018 reps are:

Reception- Katharin Page and Laura Whitworth

Y1-

Y2- Rebecca Parsons and Anna Caroe

Y3- Alison Melton

Y4- Elaine Westwick and Laura Marshall

Y5- Cristina Travieso and Catherine Sutherland

Y6 – Heidi Meikle and Emma Christelow

Please contact us if you are interested in taking up the Year 1 role (pta@shelfordschool.org.uk)

There are also vacancies for Chair, Secretary and general members on the PTA committee 2017/2018. The PTA AGM is on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall. Please consider getting involved. If you want to find out more please contact us via the PTA email above or come along on the night.

House T-shirts – Order now

If you would like to order a house T-shirt, an online order form is now live on the school website. (<http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/>) Orders can be made up until Friday 29th September. T-shirts will be available for collection the week before the October half term. Please pay on collection. Thank you.

Little Shelford Fun weekend – Saturday 9th September

We will be running a stall at the Little Shelford Fun weekend family fun afternoon on Saturday 9th September. If you are able to help out with a bit of craft for half an hour, please contact us (pta@shelfordschool.org.uk)

Whole school welcome back drinks - Wednesday 27th September

Everyone is welcome to come to the Square and Compass on Wednesday 27th September from 8 p.m onwards.

Bike sale - Saturday 7th October

James Prisk and Mike Paduano are very kindly running another bike sale for us on Saturday 7th October in Great Shelford Memorial Hall. (9 a.m. until 1 p.m.) If you have a bike you want to sell, James will be gearing up for collections from mid- September. They really need some more adult, teen and pre-teen bikes to add to their collection so please consider selling your bikes through us. (You keep 70%, we keep 30%). If you have a bike to sell, please contact James (james.prisk@ntlworld.com or 07775 886864)

Thanks alot,
The PTA team.