



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. Thank you to all the families who were able to visit the classrooms last week as part of our Meet the Teacher Event. It was lovely to be able to have this sense of normality. The class presentations and an introductory video from me are still available [here](#).

- Meet the Teacher
- Staff Updates
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- Announcements

We have been delighted to welcome Mrs. Kennedy back to school recently. She will be part of our Year 4 team for some morning sessions. We have also recently had a Teaching Assistant Advert out, so we hope to welcome some new staff to the Shelford Team soon.

Mrs. Unwin has - unfortunately - been unwell recently and we hope to welcome her back in October to Reception. Thank you to Mrs. Clarke for leading stability in Reception over the past few weeks and going forwards. Please also hold Mr. Paduano and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Sadly, he is currently very unwell and we are thinking of him and his family at this very challenging time.

Y6 at Grafham Water!

Our Year 6s have returned this afternoon from a wonderful time at Grafham. We have enjoyed hearing about their tales as they have unfolded and these are shared on our [Grafham blog](#).

Children have overcome many challenges from tussling with bedsheets to conquering the high ropes. What has been very apparent is the improvement in communication and teamwork skills!

Well done to the Y6 team!



Harvest 2021

On 5th October at 2:30pm, Y3 pupils will be leading our Harvest Service 2021. This will be held in St. Mary's for Y3 pupils and family members. Each year we support a charity through gifts of food and/or money. This year, we will be supporting the Cambridge Food Bank and a summary of the items they currently need can be found below. **We would be glad to collect items from 29th September onwards.**



Providing 3-days of nutritionally-balanced emergency food to those in crisis

Shopping List

- Bag for life (or similar strong carrier bag)
- Noodles
- Instant coffee and tea bags
- Olive oil 500ml
- Puddings—angel delight, jelly, sponge puddings
- Pasta sauce
- Jam
- Rice
- Ketchup
- Laundry powder

We currently have plenty of baked beans and pasta

PLEASE NOTE: that we CANNOT distribute ALCOHOL, BOTTLED WATER or INFANT FORMULA

ALL GOODS SHOULD BE UNDAMAGED & HAVE LONG BEST BEFORE DATES PLEASE

Thank you for your support!

PTA

Revised date for PTA AGM

Please note the revised date for the PTA AGM is **8pm on Thursday 7 October** via Zoom. This is when the PTA will meet to confirm new members of the PTA and a new Chair and Secretary. All parents are welcome to attend even if they don't want to join the PTA at this point. It's a good opportunity to find out more about what the PTA does. Details will be available soon.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER CLOSING FRIDAY

Our online fundraiser to raise £4,000 to buy additional resources and equipment for next year will close on Friday. So if you've been meaning to donate and haven't yet got round to it please do so soon!

While the school has dedicated budgets for each subject area (Maths, English, etc.) these are very limited - often to a few hundred pounds each. That means there is very little leftover to fund additional equipment and resources to enrich the teaching of these subjects and make it as fun and interactive as possible for the children.

We've so far raised £2,745 of our £4,000 target - thanks so much to everyone who has already donated! It would be great if we could get a little bit closer to our target so please do consider donating via our [Just Giving page](#) to help boost the subject area budgets. This will be used to buy things like cooking ingredients, extra maths equipment, experiences and visits, and materials for science experiments.

Every donation, no matter how small, will really help make our children's learning experience even better. Just follow the link to donate before 8pm on 24 September.

PTA Continued

House T-Shirts

The PTA will be organising the **House T-shirts** again this autumn. As soon as we're ready, we'll put information on how to order on Classlist and also in the weekly newsletter. We expect they will be ~£15 each. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school office, who can liaise with us on the cost.

If anyone would like to donate house t-shirts they no longer need to the PTA, please contact Anna Sidders via Classlist. We'll offer these for sale at a future second hand uniform sale.

PTA Bike Sale



And finally - **the PTA Bike Sale returns!** The famous second hand bike sale will be held in Great Shelford Memorial Hall in the morning of Saturday 6th November. If you've got a bike or scooter you'd like to sell, please email shelford.bike.sale@gmail.com You'll receive 70% of the sale price, with 30% going to the PTA.



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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Pupils gathered together in the hall for our weekly Celebration Worship.

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision:

Leader: We live and work in harmony

Response: With love for one another

Cyril: Miss Marshall: This person stopped working at the school at the end of last year. However, when we needed some extra help in school, she very kindly agreed to work for 2 mornings a week to help us out. Thank you to her for her amazing dedication, support and considerate nature.

Silver Bins:

- Year 2
- Year 6

Dinner Winner:

- Year 6

Wonderful Walkers:

- Year 2

Headteacher Awards:

- Ember B for great contributions to class in all subjects and excellent listening in Literacy.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus inspiratorum- the house of inspiration - the Eagles.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

HALF TERM ATHLETICS AND NETBALL

South Cambridgeshire Schools Sports Partnership are offering Athletics and Netball Camps during October Half Term. Click for details: [Athletics Camps](#); [Netball Camps](#).



BRASS LESSONS

There are a few spaces available for brass lessons in school with our Cambridgeshire music teacher. A taster can be arranged for interested children in year 4 and above. Please contact the school office for more information.

FAMILY WORKER NEWSLETTER

A newsletter from the Cambridgeshire Family Worker Team can be found [here](#). This week's newsletter includes some top tips on supporting anger in children.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED KICKS FOR FREE

Cambridge United are running some free sessions for children Y5 and upwards. To find out more, see their flyer [here](#). The booking form can be found [here](#).

