



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week from the Easter holidays. I hope that you and your families were able to enjoy a peaceful Easter together, including the stunning weather that was on offer! As we have entered Eastertide, we remember Jesus' time on earth following his resurrection. Prior to Ascension Day, we will be holding our Ascension Day Service at St. Mary's Church, Great Shelford on Thursday 23rd May. The usual picnic will follow in Little Shelford and we are welcoming volunteers to walk down from the service at St. Mary's to Little Shelford and back to school following the picnic and games. Please let us know if you are able to help.

We are very pleased to hear about one of our Year 4 pupils who is demonstrating kindness and responsibility by thinking about others first. Jessie decided some months ago that she wanted to set herself a challenge to raise money for the homeless in Cambridge and as a consequence she has decided to walk up the UK's 3 highest mountains over a series of weekends: Scarfell Pike, Snowdon and Ben Nevis. We are very proud of her very thoughtful approach. If you would like to sponsor her, the link can be found below:

https://www.justgiving.com/Jessie-Godsall?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Jessie-Godsall&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=DaQ7bgQPx

On Friday, Year 4 will be visiting Wandlebury Country Park. Half of the day will focus on their plant-related science topic, where pupils will be investigating different plants. The afternoon session will focus on environmental art, linked to the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

Next week, pupils in years 1 – 5 will be trialling working in different learning spaces. We are calling this active learning spaces, where pupils learn in a variety of positions, rather than sitting. There is plenty of research into how being active increases mental stimulation.

Staff have been busy planning and preparing for another exciting, engaging and dynamic term. It has been lovely to witness the buzz and enthusiasm in our classes as we enter our final term of this academic year.

With best wishes for the term ahead,

Chris Grey

Announcements

Art Club

There are currently 8 spaces for Art club. If your child would be interested in attending, please pick up a form from the office.

Upper Key Stage 2 Performance

This year, our Year 5s and 6s will be leading the summer performance on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June. Further details to follow!

Sex and Relationships Education

In-line with the Cambridgeshire County Council PSHCE Service, Sex and Relationships Education lessons will be taking place at an age-appropriate level in classes throughout the school. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from sessions that cover themes outside of the national curriculum. Pupils in Years 6 will receive a separate letter with respect to this.

Choir Event for Year 5 and 6

The older members of the choir have been invited to sing at a primary school cluster event, at the University Concert Hall, West Road, Cambridge on Friday 14th June at 6.30pm until 8.15pm. The Cluster rehearsal is in the morning of May 17th.

Netball club

Netball will resume again after Easter on Monday 29th April.

Dress for the weather

Please ensure all pupils have named jumpers and coats available in school, especially as we are heading into unpredictable spring and summer weather. Please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before school and provide a hat if the weather is predicted to be hot. Please ensure that your child wears enclosed toe footwear and not open toe sandals.

Term dates for next year

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

Parking

As usual, please remember that the school car park is unfortunately too small to accommodate parents. As you will be aware, the roadside near to the school is particularly congested. Please ensure safe parking at all times and consider that we all play our part within the Shelford community. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members). Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class List

The PTA would like to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of 'Class List'. This is a great way to keep in touch with the other parents in your class and should help to ensure good communication between parents. Please get in touch with your class' PTA representatives for assistance.