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Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 10th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic and action-packed week has passed since our last newsletter. It has been lovely to see so many different enrichment events taking place during our summer term – not least, the different trips that the pupils have been taking part in.

Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 took part in visits last week, with Year 2's visit to Felixtowe taking place next week.

Yesterday, we enjoyed a very eventful and positive day. At 7:30, we were able to access our Year 6 children's statutory assessment results.

We are extremely proud of all the effort they have applied this year. Not all of the progress they have made can be measured in a test, but we can tell they have all applied their very best level of effort and made great progress. Later on in the morning, we were delighted to welcome children and adults from Verneuil-en-Halatte. The children took part in various games and activities in their houses. Following this, we shared a tour of the school and a classic fish and chip lunch outside.

As per the previous letter, **Choir members** will be performing at The Feast. Mrs. Barlow will be leading this performance and it will take place on the Recreation Ground in Great Shelford on **Sunday 14th July at 3:10pm**. The choir will perform for approximately 30 minutes and will remain the responsibility of a parent or carer at the event. **Please meet at the stage area at 3:00pm and inform a staff member when you collect them afterwards.**

As usual at this time of year, the weeks seem to be flying by with many different events and activities. You will have received your child's report yesterday. It was a pleasure to read each one and to note the progress they have made this year.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Visits and trips
- Y6 results
- Twinning visit
- Choir performance at the Feast
- Reports

Announcements

Little Shelford Walking Bus – Volunteers needed!



The Little Shelford walking bus meet every Wednesday at the corner of Church Street/Hauxton Rd next to the old Sycamore restaurant at 8.25 am prompt.

Two DBS checked parents walk with the children to school all wearing hi viz jackets.

There is a parent helper rota, if more families join the fewer mornings you will need to help.

Please just turn up and join in this fun, active group.

If you require any further info please contact Charlotte Chatwin or Claire Chaloner. Thanks

Baking next week

There will be no baking next week, however we would like to sort out and clean the kitchen area before we break up, so if you are able to spare some time to do this that would be wonderful! Many thanks in advance.

Safeguarding issues

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

❖ **Medicine in school**

- ❖ If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.

❖ **School access – gates**

- ❖ For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

❖ **Site Safety**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

❖ **Changes to your child's circumstances**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Bug busting

Unfortunately, we have had reports of head lice in school. Please can you ensure that you check your child's hair as soon as possible, and take action as necessary. Thank you.

1st Shelford Guides Unit Leader needed urgently

1st Shelford Guides has been running continuously since 1917 but sadly may not be able to reopen in September 2019 due to the current Unit Leader standing down. So, we're looking for a Girlguiding Leader to take over the unit and keep it going. Please pass the message on to friends and neighbours and get in touch with Joanne Staines or Lisa MacGregor (Shelford District Commissioners) at shelforddistrict@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!

May Bank Holiday 2020

As you may have seen, the May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May due to the VE Day celebrations.

Swimming

Unfortunately, the pool is still unable to be used at the moment. We will keep you up to date with any further developments.

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'.

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). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. 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.