



# Great and Little Shelford C E (A) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,

With **responsibility** being one of our Shelford Star Values, we are always looking for ways to instil this in members of the school community. This week, the children have received their reports. I was delighted to read them and note that despite everything that has happened, your teachers know you very well and you have made great progress in the face of adversity. Well done for taking **responsibility** for your learning! I really enjoy writing your report comments each year as I take great pleasure in celebrating your successes. Parents, please do complete the online feedback form [here](#) if you haven't yet done so. It has been a pleasure to see how our Y6 pupils have flourished at Shelford. The team – especially Mrs. Alderson – are planning a fantastic send-off very **creatively**.

Looking at other areas of **responsibility** our Y5 pupils have been invited to apply for two internal vacancies from September 2020 – the much anticipated roles of Head Girl and Head Boy! You may remember that we launch this as a formal job advert, where Y5 pupils are invited to apply for the roles. As in last year, Mr. Cuff and I will interview the shortlisted candidates with our current Head Boy and Head Girl – who know exactly what the roles entail! This year – we will be working hard to make a virtual interview work for our candidates!

On the theme of virtual meetings, we are delighted that we have been able to offer some transition opportunities for the children. The remainder of these will happen throughout this week and Monday – with farewell meetings taking place next week.

As you will be aware, one of the areas that the school staff have been working exceptionally hard on (in addition to the comprehensive pupil reports) has been developing the Shelford Curriculum 2020! You can see an initial, brief summary on our [updated curriculum page](#) (including a small selection of photos). There is also a [brief summary](#) of how we approached this work to make it bespoke to Shelford's vision and community. To summarise, we have developed 6 threads from our reflection the unique community that tie together the topics we cover:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Identity</b>	<b>Our Story So Far</b>	<b>Our Environment: Local and Global</b>	<b>Community – Empathy</b>	<b>Growth and Changes</b>	<b>Curiosity</b>

Of course, our vision has led all of our curriculum work and you can see how it all ties in in [this document](#) if you wish to explore it a little deeper!

Talking of September again, we have further guidance about the proposed arrangement. All children will return to school in class-based bubbles. We will continue to operate staggered start and finish times to reduce the number of people on-site at one time. Pupils will also have staggered break and lunch times to further reduce contact. Normally, at this time of year we are also finalising our dates of events for next academic year. There will be some events that will not be able to take place and others that may go online! This is likely to be the case for Meet the Teacher in September. We will let you know once this important date is finalised.

Don't forget to send in your nominations for Celia (pupils) and Cyril (adults) to [year2@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:year2@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) – we love to hear about acts of **kindness** at home, school and in the community.

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey, Headteacher

**Newsletter in 60 seconds!**  
[The video version of our Newsletter in 60s can be found here.](#)

**July Menu for those attending school:**  
13<sup>th</sup> – Meatballs  
14<sup>th</sup> – Pizza  
15<sup>th</sup> – Macaroni cheese  
16<sup>th</sup> – Fish fingers  
17<sup>th</sup> (Leavers' lunch!) – Sausage & mash & fudge tart  
Jacket potato as an alternative each day.



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**Announcements**

**Volunteers in September**

We are so well supported by volunteers at school. With some consideration, planning and risk assessment we may be in a position to gradually welcome back volunteers to school. We are currently working with the Local Authority on the 3 month break in service, as volunteers have not been able to sign-in to the school site to keep their DBS valid. We will keep you updated!

**Annual PTA Camp Out – 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Despite lockdown limitations we are still planning a PTA camp out. This year the camp out will take place from the comfort of your own home (or garden) on Saturday 11 July. Set up camp in your own garden, share a virtual story time led by a few familiar faces and raise vital funds for the PTA.

Everything you need to make the camp out a success will be provided courtesy of the PTA's keepsake camping packs (contents TBC):

- **Children's packs £7:** keepsake bag, hot chocolate, marshmallows, brioche breakfast roll, link to storytime, mini torch
- **Adults' packs £12:** keepsake bag, alcoholic drink, nibbles, breakfast pastry, ear plugs
- **Keepsake mugs** will also be on sale nearer the time for **£5** .

The camp out will be a vital fundraiser for the PTA in the absence of any physical events this term. It will also be a great opportunity for the children to connect.

If you would like to take part please let Hannah Mohamad know how many packs you would like and whether you would like a G&T, beer or non-alcoholic drink in your adult packs. You can contact Hannah on Classlist or [pta@shelfordschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@shelfordschool.org.uk)

**Prayer Meeting**

Our termly prayer meeting cannot take place in anyone's home this time, but anyone who would like to pray for our school in these especially challenging times is invited to join us online. Details below.

**Prayer Meeting - Time:** Jul 9, 2020 08:00 PM London

[Join Zoom Meeting - Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 858 1573 4505  
Password: 588580

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Please see the details [here](#) for this year's challenge! For all further information please find additional details [here](#).

**School Wishlist – Run by the PTA**

The PTA has an [Amazon Wishlist](#) full of book ideas suggested by the teachers. It's a low effort, great way to support the school. If you buy from the list the book will be sent straight to the school. All books very gratefully received! No obligation to buy from Amazon - If you'd rather buy a book from the list elsewhere and have it posted/delivered to the school it would be equally welcome.

**Starz+**

After the successful implementation of Purple Mash, we will no longer be continuing with Starz+. Accounts will remain active until 31<sup>st</sup> August.



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