

Kindness

Resilience

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*

Responsibility

Creativity

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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this week and I hope that you and your families enjoyed a peaceful Easter. It has been a pleasure to see the gradual easing of restrictions, allowing two families to meet outside.

On Monday, we shared in collective worship that the children have completed two thirds of their time in their current year. We reflected on the parable of the sower and thought about how best to make the use of our final term in our current class. On Tuesday and today, we have been reflecting on the sad news of the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh.

NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS

- Welcome Back
- Curriculum Thread
- Masked Reader
- Living Eggs
- Staff Updates
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

This half term's curriculum thread is growth and changes.

Masked Reader



Mrs. Clarke



Mr. Grey



Mr. Cuff



Mrs. Crawford



Mrs. Unwin



Mrs. Alderson



Mrs. Stewart



Handling eggs laid by last year's hens

Chick Watch
Day 1:
10 eggs
0 chicks

Chicks

We hope you enjoyed watching the Masked Reader [video](#) and trying to detect which staff members were reading the book blurbs! We have revealed their identities on the respective images (*left and below*). I am pleased to announce that the winners are as follows:
Cora Y2; Matias Y3; Eli Y5; Seb Y5; Gwendolen Y5; Erica Y5; Sara Y6.
Staff winner- Miss O'Bryan

Linked to our thread of [growth and changes](#), our Reception Class have received 10 living eggs. You can follow their journey [here](#) through our Chick Watch. There are details below on adoption of the chicks to families. **STOP THE PRESS** - word has just reached us that one chick has hatched!

Staff Updates

In our last newsletter, we announced staff some growth and changes, in-line with our curriculum thread!

As you know, Mr. Cuff - our Deputy Headteacher - will be spending the 2021-2022 academic year in Canada and returning in September 2022. I was delighted to announce on Friday 26th March that we appointed Mrs. Alderson to the role of Interim Deputy Headteacher for the academic year 2021-2022.

As we also announced, Miss Nairac will be commencing a new role in September 2021. Miss Nairac will be pursuing her specialism in Maths, taking on a Maths Teacher role at a private school in Essex. We circulated an advert prior to the Easter break and this will close next week. I am pleased to say that we have had a good level of interest.

Miss Marshall and Mrs. Crawford are both stepping back from their formal hours at the school in their respective roles at the end of this academic year. Both Miss Marshall and Mrs. Crawford are pursuing their specialisms in counselling. Whilst this is sad news for us in school, we wish them all the very best in their ventures.

Finally, I am delighted to share that Mrs. Grey and I are expecting our third child in October!

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2021

As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared our **Lenten Reflection**, as our last Collective Worship session in Lent. We thanked Y5 for their wonderful Holy Week tableaux and readings.

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

Celia: Henry H
Cyril: Mrs. Heath



Silver Bins:

- Year 2
- Year 5

Dinner Winner:

- Year 3

Star Writer:

- Lumi A - Y2 - for a wonderful fairytale about a mouse named Molly, with a great range of punctuation and an impressive simile.

Poetry Competition:

The following pupils will have their peculiar pets poems published in a young writers' anthology: Eleanor H-W; Joseph R; Gwendolen D; Eli C; Calleb C; Nina M; Evie B-E.

Headteacher Awards:

- Silvie G - for a beautiful Easter Garden made to retell the Easter story with items collected at Forest School.
- Tilly H-W - for improved enthusiasm and confidence in reading.
- Lelaini C - for fantastic work in writing sessions, taking great care in presentation in Y1s new purple writing books.
- Olivia P, Oscar S and Deacon J- all for their excellent diary entries for Mary, mother of Jesus over the days of Holy Week.
- Annabel S - for the fantastic positive attitude to learning that you have shown in returning to school.
- Jessica H - for the fantastic science work in describing rocks and experimenting their properties.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus fortium - the house of courage - the Stags!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

PARKING

Please be considerate with your parking. We know this is really difficult due to the limitations on parking. However, we need to maintain relations within the community and would ask you to be considerate to our neighbours in your parking.

LIVING EGGS

Thanks to the PTA for their kind funding of the annual Living Eggs project in Reception. We are anticipating the imminent hatching of the chicks today with excitement! You can follow their progress with our Chick Watch [here](#). If you would like to adopt the chicks after the first few weeks at school, please do get in touch. They make wonderful family pets and this breed also produce wonderful eggs! There is also a free chicken ark (below) available from one of our governors.



UNIFORM

Look out for an email around how to order school uniform from the Brigade website.