

# THE SHELFORD STAR

## WEEKLY SCHOOL 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. Over the past few weeks, Year 3 have had a very busy time preparing for our Harvest Service.

Our Harvest Service will take place at 2:30pm on Tuesday 10th October at St. Mary's Church. Families are welcome to join.

During Harvest 2023, we are supporting Jimmy's, Cambridge. We are asking for donations of food items or donations via our [Just Giving Page](#) ... or if you are able to, perhaps both!

If you opt for bringing in a food item, please see the list on the following page of the items that Jimmy's requires. You can find out more about Jimmy's Harvest appeal and the charity by clicking the image on the right.

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# Physical Donations List

## HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATION SUGGESTIONS

### Drinks

Long Life Milk  
Squash/Soft Drinks  
Coffee/Coffee Mate  
Drinking Chocolate

### Tinned Goods

Tinned Fish eg Tuna  
Tinned Meat eg Corned beef  
Baked beans  
Tinned tomatoes  
Tinned Veg  
Meals in a tin

### Condiments/ingredients

Salt & Pepper  
Herbs  
Stock Cubes  
Ketchup, mayo etc  
Cooking/Pasta sauces  
Cooking Oil  
Sugar

### Other

Pot noodles  
Vegan food  
Gluten free food  
Jam  
Chocolate spread/marmite  
Biscuits/Chocolate Bars  
Cereal

### Non-Food Items

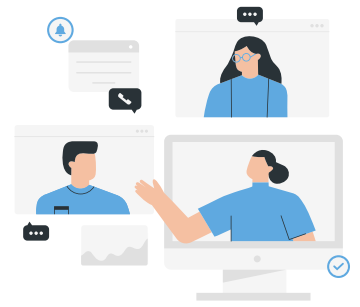
Toiletries (not feminine hygiene products)  
Cleaning products ie laundry detergent,  
cloths, sprays, wipes  
Toilet Roll

"Without Jimmy's I don't know where I would be now.  
They took me from street to shelter to house to home"

# Parents' Consultations

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As per the **Key Dates**, Parents' Consultations will take place online via School Cloud during the week commencing 16th October. Booking information for families will be sent shortly.



## Personal Belongings / Pokémon Cards

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Please ensure pupils refrain from bringing personal items into school other than those that are essential for the school day. Pupils should not be bringing in items such as toys or Pokémon cards, unless specifically agreed with a member of staff.

## Staff Update

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As you will know already, Mrs. Alderson - Deputy Headteacher and Year 6 Class Teacher - is expecting a baby in November. This week, we held the recruitment process for the Year 6 Class Teacher role, maternity cover.

I am delighted to let you know that the panel unanimously agreed to offer the role to Mr. Nick Kerin, who looks forward to returning to the Shelford team in November. Mrs. Alderson and Mr. Kerin will work together in school to ensure a thorough and smooth handover for Year 6.

As some of you may remember, Mr. Kerin taught in Year 4 during the academic year 2021-2022. Therefore, this marks a very smooth transition for the school and families, as Mr. Kerin knows the school and taught the current Year 6s when in Year 4.

I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming Mr. Kerin back to the team soon.

# World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. This year's theme is 'Mental health is a universal human right.'

In school, we have started a series of sessions in Collective Worship that are based on the NHS 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Each week, we will be exploring a little about each of the 5 ways and exploring examples that help us feel well.



## House T-Shirt Orders

New T-shirts are £12 and organised by volunteers at the PTA and Class Reps. Please note - if you are experiencing financial hardship, do contact the school office who will liaise with the PTA to ensure no child goes without a house T-shirt.

Please order by using [this link](#) by Sunday 8th October 2023. Payment by bank transfer to the Shelford School PTA bank account is preferred:

**Account name:** Shelford School PTA

**Account No:** 01248038

**Sort Code:** 30-91-74

**Payment reference:** Please label your payment with 'TS' and 'your surname' E.g. TS Smith so that we can match your payment to your order. Please contact Amanda Smith (Y5) or Rebecca Stacey (Y1) via Classlist messenger for any queries.

Once placed, the order will take approximately 3 weeks. We will then distribute t-shirts via your Class Reps.



# PTA AGM

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notification.

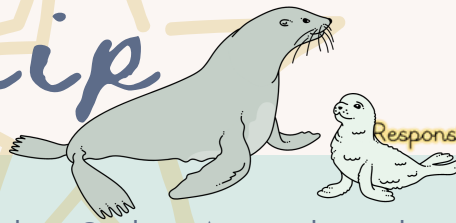
Please be invited to the yearly meeting of the Parent Teacher Association: **Tuesday 10th October at 8pm** in the school hall.

We will tell you about the fundraising plans and welcome our new committee members. The meeting is open to all teachers, parents, careers and guardians of children at the school. Come and be involved!

The PTA organise events to raise money for extra equipment, resources and activities for our school children. We fund things that wouldn't otherwise be funded. We recently purchased iPads, Beebot robots, living eggs, outdoor wooden play blocks and circus skill workshops. We plan activities such as the Easter Hamper raffle, the readathon, Quiz night, Christmas fair and the Camp Out sleepover.

If you would like to help, or be a committee member, come to the meeting and speak to the PTA team.

# Celebration Warship



## Kindness

**Luca P** was awarded the Celia Award as he was recognised by his peers for his kindness in supporting his Reception buddy consistently. **Mrs. Sheppard** received the Cyril Award for helping her class to always be the best they can. **Isabella L** received a Headteacher's Award for her kindness at all times. **Year 1** were Dinner Winners, due to their consistent use of manners.



## Creativity

**Theodore Do** was awarded a Headteacher's Award for his creativity. He was recognised as showing this Shelford Star Value through developing interesting ideas, which are expressed thoughtfully.



## Resilience

Several of our Year 1 pupils achieved their '5 miles' award for the Shelford Mile.

We look forward to sharing the first bronze certificates shortly!



## Responsibility

**Caleb W** and **Hannah B** both received Headteacher's Awards for responsibility. They were each recognised as positive role models.

**Year 5** demonstrated responsibility through conserving energy use - recognised by the Eco-Award.



## Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

*This week's winning house is domus venerantium - the house of respect:  
The Swans*

