

Shelford School News

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Parent briefings and celebration assemblies

I am sorry that, due to the unexpected leadership staff absence last week, it was not possible to hold the Year 3 and Year 5 parent briefing and assembly. I appreciate that a number of you will have changed your plans to be there for this event and can only apologise for the inconvenience caused. This event will now take place on the afternoon of Friday 8th December, 2.00 – 3.30pm.

Parents/carers of children in Reception are invited **this Friday**, 24th November, 2.00 – 3.30pm.

I regret that, due to fire regulations, it is necessary to **limit attendance to one representative per child**. Please let the office know if you will not be able to attend as the place can be used by others who would like a second place. If you are interested in a second place, please would you also let the office know and they will alert you if this becomes possible.

The parent briefing will begin in the hall at 2.00pm followed by a short time/conversation in classrooms with class teachers at 2.30pm. The main subject of the briefing is safeguarding, mental health and well-being. The children will then present a short musical performance in celebration assembly from 2.40pm. I do hope that you will be able to join us.

Deadline for shoeboxes – BEFORE 9.00 AM TOMORROW

HUGE thanks to those of you who have packed and presented a shoebox gift for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. These are being collected tomorrow morning, Thursday 23rd November. Many thanks for your generosity – it is so much appreciated.

Limiting illness

The season for coughs, colds and sickness bugs is upon us. Parents/carers are reminded that if your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea **they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea**. You will appreciate that the school must enforce this rule to limit the spread of germs between children and staff. Please can you also remind your child about practising good hygiene and the importance of thorough hand washing, covering mouths when coughing and sneezing into a tissue which they then put in the bin.

Children in Need Fundraisers

Well done to Year 6 children: Eleanor Crew, Edith White, Guy Savage, Conall Darby, Oliver Chatwin, Elizabeth Fazal, Jonathan Cartwright and Jessica Chaloner who all helped create and sell bookmarks during school and at Wacky. They raised £26.46 which was donated to Children in Need.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 17th November 2017

This half term's **Secrets of Success** focus:

- Imagine

Headteacher's Award (4 house points):

- Innes Stewart
- Sara Berri
- Mhinaku Gurung
- Seren Olney
- Aashna Mehta

Star Writer (4 house points):

- Hannah Wilyman
- Olivia Richardson
- Zane Dennington
- Harvey Mee

Maths Investigator Award (4 house points):

- Thomas Welchman
- Joanie Beal

Pen Licence

- None awarded this week

Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):

- Matias Berri
- Gilbert Godsai
- Maximillian Merkle
- Jayden Pugh
- Annabel Stephenson
- Andrew Whitworth

Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):

- Joseph Button
- Christopher Graham-Leigh
- Ava Henry

- Maxson Crump
- Aashna Mehta

Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):

- Milo McCrone
- Magnus Melton
- Joanie Beal
- Eli Caroe
- Teddy Page
- Matthew Russell

Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)

- Elliot Cook

Celia (10 house points)

- Lucy Christelow

Cyril (staff member)

- Mrs Crawford

Care of Books (2 house points per class member)

- Year 2

Dinner winners (2 house points per class member)

- Year 5

Silver bins (2 house points per class member)

- Year
- Year

This week's house winners:

- Owls

Lost property

As you can see from the table below, the number of labelled items in school has improved and they are not filling the lost property boxes but are able to be returned lost, straight away.

Box check	Named items able to be returned	Unnamed items
13/10/17	23	39
3/11/17	6	40

However, we are still accumulating a large amount of lost property **Please help your child to be organised** and look after their things by making sure that their property is clearly labelled and that they know what they should have with them in school. Thank you.

The next label check is coming soon!



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Fairtrade Update

We are pleased to announce that this Friday as part of the PTA Cake at the Gate bake sale, there will be the opportunity for to win a fantastic Fairtrade Hamper courtesy of our local Co-operative store. Thanks go to Mrs Lazarus for her help in liaising with the Co-Op who were very keen to support our school and our learning about the importance of Fairtrade.

Mrs Unwin

Nativity tickets

Please could Parents/Carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 return their Nativity ticket preference forms as soon as possible. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis on Monday 27th November. **Please note that if you have not returned your form, you will not be allocated any tickets and any surplus tickets will also be allocated on Monday, so there will be no spare tickets after this date.**

Black Friday School Uniform Offer

BLACK FRIDAY 20% off school uniform this Friday 24th November. Please enter code BLKFRI17 at the checkout (remember to press APPLY).

Netball

Reminder that the last netball session will be Monday 27 November. Netball will restart on Monday 5 February 2018.

Brass Lessons

The last brass lessons of this term will on Tuesday 12th December.

Lost bicycle lock key

If anybody recovers a key attached to a green hair band, please return it to the office, thank you.

Guitar Lessons

There are still some spaces for guitar lessons, so if your child is interested, please speak to the office.

Baking

Two children from each year group will be chosen to bake once a week. The children really enjoy baking (and eating the end product), but they are only able to do this if we have enough parent helpers to cover the baking rota, so if you have a current DBS and are willing to help, please contact your class rep to see if there are any spaces on the baking rota. The baking is very simple and full instructions are given, so there is no need to be the next Mary Berry! Baking times are as follows:

Year 1 – Thursday 2.20-3.20pm

Year 2 – Friday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 3 – Thursday 9.30-10.30am

Year 4 – Thursday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 6 – Tuesday 1.20-2.20pm

DBS checks

As we begin a new half term, please note the reminder to parents/carers and our volunteer helpers about the following very important aspect of the schools Safeguarding procedures.

All volunteer helpers are required to:

- be DBS checked by the school, even if you already hold a DBS certificate from somewhere else.

- attend an induction session with Mrs Evans prior to helping within the school. Dates for future induction sessions are:
 - Thursday 11th January
 - Wednesday 28th February
 - Monday 23rd April
 - Friday 8th June(These will all be held from 9.05 until 10.15 am)

The exception to this is if you are helping to walk children to an outside venue, e.g. church, under the supervision of the class teacher. If you are unsure whether a DBS check is needed, please speak to a member of the office team or to your child's class teacher.

If you would like to help in school, please pick up a Volunteer Helper application form from the foyer outside the office (peach coloured paper).

In order to keep your DBS current, you will need to sign into the 'Visitor's signing in book' (located at the office) every **three months**. If you don't sign in within this time, your DBS will expire and you will need to go through the process of applying for a new one before you can help in school again.

It is your responsibility to remember to sign in regularly and keep your DBS current.

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

Nut Awareness Policy

Please note the following extremely important information for packed lunches:

- Please do not include any portions of nuts
- No nutella or peanut butter sandwiches
- No pesto pasta with pine nuts or similar nut ingredients incorporated.

With this in mind, we take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that the invitation to bring a KS2 break time snack is for **an actual piece of fruit not a cereal bar or fruit snack** as this could be a serious health risk nut allergy sufferers

Please help us to keep everyone safe by not sending these foods. For safety reasons, we will need to remove snacks that do not comply with these instructions. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. If you think you are eligible for free school meals, please ask at the office for more details.

Please will you make every effort to pay this online using www.schoolgateway.com . If you need any information about registering for this please contact the school office.

If you are unable to access the internet then make cheques payable to **Shelford Primary School** and write your child's name on the reverse stating that the cheque is for lunch money. Thank you.

The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on their website:-
<http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/cambridgeshire/parents/menus/default.asp>

The school is not able to allow debts of more than £15. A letter will be sent if you are in debt for more than 1 week. If payment is not received then we regret that school meals will be withdrawn and you will have to provide a packed lunch until the payment is made. Thank you for your understanding in this.

The Cambridgeshire Catering Service is able to accommodate special dietary requirements in the event of a medically defined need. Please speak to the school office for the relevant form.

Medicines in school

Please be reminded that all medicines and lotions must be given to the school office staff. Pupils are not permitted to have any medicine, lotion or cough sweets in their bags or pockets during school hours.

Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours.

The school staff can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and for which permission has been signed.

Payment for book bags, recorders etc.

When paying for items available from the office, please **bring the correct money** as the office does not keep any petty cash for change. Prices are as follows:

Book bags £6.00	Recorder books: £4.00
Recorders: £9 or £16	School hats: £2.50

School Uniform prices

ITEM	PRICE
Cardigans	£10.05
Jumpers	£8.55
Polo shirts	£6.45
Fleeces	£11.25
Storm jackets	£17.95
Ruck sacks	£10.75
Book bags	£6.00

Any additional teal sweatshirts for Year 6 children are also available to order online.

School Uniform

Uniform is ordered online. Please log on via the link below

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php?pdPage=login>. Items will be sent directly to you at home. There is free delivery to your home with orders over £50. Alternatively, any order amount can be delivered to school for free.

PTA news

Triple event Friday!

This Friday 24th November we will be holding three simultaneous events at the gate, from 3.10pm - 3.40pm.

1. **Cake at the Gate** – thank you year 2!
2. **2nd hand uniform sale** – thank you uniform team!
3. **Fairtrade hamper raffle** – thank you Shelford Co-op!

The Fairtrade hamper raffle is to support the Fairtrade theme of International Day. Co-op is a big Fairtrade partner and has very kindly donated a range of Fairtrade goodies from the Shelford store to raffle, plus a few extra items from the Co-op cruelty-free campaign. Tickets will be £1 each, all proceeds to Fairtrade, and the winner will be drawn at 3.40pm.

PTA Quiz – Saturday 27th January 2018

Quiz tables are selling like hot cakes! £10 per person includes chip shop supper or Pasta al Forno from the Shelford Delicatessen and there will be a licensed cash bar. See the poster on the PTA Noticeboard for more info. This event is not to be missed and will sell out, so if you would like to come please contact us ASAP via pta@shelfordschool.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday 9th December (1400-1630)

Year	Stalls	Hamper colour
Year 6	Santa's Grotto Name the toy	White
Year 5	Accessories plus Bead kits Crackers plus Stamping craft	Red
Year 4	Secret Santa shop Pluck Tina the Turkey Wrap a teacher	Gold/Silver
Year 3	Clear bag tombola Drop the coin	Green
Year 2	Piñatas Bottle tombola	Yellow
Year 1	Christmas Café	Blue
Reception	Fine Foods Face painting	Brown

Thank you very much donations so far of:

- **accessories and beads** (y5)
- **gifts, books, cds, dvds** in good condition (y4)
- **sweets**

If you would like to donate any of the above, thank you! Please leave in the boxes in the Office.

Cake at the Gate timetable

Date	Bakers
Friday 24 th November	Y2
Friday 19 th January	Y6 (Y6 assembly)
Friday 23 rd February	Y4 (Y4 assembly)
Friday 23 rd March	R (R assembly)
Friday 20 th April	Y5
Friday 8 th June	Y1
Friday 6 th July	Y3

See you on Friday for cake!

The PTA team.

School Calendar for 2017 – 2018

Please ensure that all holidays are booked during the holiday periods only. Authorised absence cannot be given for absences on Friday afternoons or Monday mornings unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please put all requests for absences in writing to Mrs Evans and/or make an appointment, via the school office, to speak to her about these. Thank you. This week's addition in red.

Shelford School Calendar			
Academic Year 2017 - 2018			
Autumn Term 2017			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Week beginning Monday 20 th Nov	9.15 – 10.15am	Admission Tours for Reception Intake 2018	Please sign in at the school office
Friday 24 th Nov	2.00 – 3.30pm	Year R parent briefing and celebration assembly	Please sign in at the school office
Saturday 2 nd Dec	6:00pm	KS2 singing at the switching on of the Great Shelford Christmas lights	Shelford Memorial Hall
Monday 4 th Dec	2:30pm	FS/KS1 Nativity	School hall - ticketed event – details to follow
Tuesday 5 th Dec	2:30pm	FS/KS1 Nativity	School hall - ticketed event – details to follow
Saturday 9 th Dec	2.00 – 4.30pm	PTA Christmas Fair	School
Thursday 14 th Dec	6pm	KS2 Carols by Candlelight	St Mary's Church
Tuesday 19 th Dec	All day	Shelford School Christmas Day	School
Tuesday 19 th Dec	KS1 4.15 – 5.30 KS2 5.45 – 7.15	PTA School disco	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
Christmas Holiday 20th December 2017 -2nd January 2018			

Spring term 2018			
	Time	Event	Notes
Wed 3 rd Jan	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Thursday 11 th Jan	9:05-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Friday 19 th Jan	1:30pm	Year 6 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Friday 26 th Jan	1.30pm	Year 5 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Saturday 27 th Jan	7.00 – 11.30pm	PTA Quiz	
Thursday 1 st Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Year 6	School hall
Friday 2 nd Feb	2:30pm	Candlemas	St Mary's Church
Mon 5 th Feb- Wed 7 th Feb		Year 6 residential trip to Grafham Water	
Monday 5 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-5	School Hall Mrs Paterson (SENDco) able to attend
Wednesday 7 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School hall
Thursday 8 th Feb	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School hall
Friday 9 th Feb	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half term 12th February to 16th February 2018			
Wed 21 st Feb to Friday 23 rd Feb		Year 5 trip residential trip to Burwell House	
Friday 23 rd Feb	1:30pm	Year 4 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Wed 28 th Feb	9:05-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Friday 2 nd March	1:30pm	Year 3 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Friday 9 th March	1:30pm	Year 2 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Friday 16 th March	1:30pm	Year 1 Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Thursday 22 nd March	7:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting	Think Tank Room
Friday 23 rd March	1:30pm	Year R Class assembly/parent briefing & Celebration assembly	
Thursday 29 th March	2:15	Easter Service	All Saints Lt Shelford
Easter Holidays 30th March to 15th April 2018			

Summer term 2018			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Monday 23 rd April	9:15-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Monday 7 th May	All Day	Bank Holiday	School closed
Saturday 18 th May		PTA Summer Fair	
Thursday 24 th May	11:15am	Ascension Day service and picnic	
Friday 25 th May	All day	Teaching Training day	School closed
Half term 28th May to 1st June			
Friday 8 th June	9:15-10:15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Thursday 14 th June		Class photos	
Friday 29 th June	8am	French Breakfast event	hall
Sunday 15 th July		Shelford Feast	
Tuesday 27 th July	All Day	Leavers' service and event	
Summer Holidays 25th July to 3rd September			

Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
Monday 4 th September 2017 to Tuesday 19 th December 2017 inclusive Half term Monday 23 rd October 2017 to Friday 27 th October 2017 inclusive	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 to Thursday 29 th March 2018 inclusive Half term Monday 12 th February 2018 to Friday 16 th February 2018 inclusive	Monday 16 th April 2018 to Tuesday 24 th July 2018 inclusive Half term: Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018 inclusive
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed:		
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