



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write to you, I can hear some interesting conversations coming from the hall about burying wine and cheese! No, this is not the Headteacher's secret hoard or some archaeological discovery at school, but Year 2's History off the Page day themed around the Great Fire of London. On hearing such comments, I was rather intrigued! Upon investigation, the pupils were taking part in some excellent activities linked to daily life in 1666. Activities ranged from making ink out of charcoal and gum Arabic and then writing with a quill to making remedies for illnesses such as aching joints. The pupils enjoyed a wonderful, hands-on, creative and engaging day that has helped to deepen their understanding of life during Stuart Britain.

Last week, many of you will have witnessed the wonderful, creative outfits that our pupils wore for World Book Day. A huge thank you to Mr. Cuff for arranging our World Book Day celebrations, which commenced with our parade. Pupils enjoyed deepening their understanding of a particular genre or author's texts throughout the day. At lunchtime in the hall, pupils read out extracts from their favourite texts.

During the week there were two other book-themed events! Firstly, our ongoing works with the library have developed and the walls are now sporting beautiful murals of trees on one side and clouds on the other. We are looking forward to getting closer to a time where the room can officially be 'opened'! As always, we are hugely grateful to all those who have supported the project in any form. Secondly, a very big thank you to those who visited and supported the Book Fair. We sold an amazing £823.79 of books, which raised £494.27 commission for the school. Mr. Cuff has already gathered the views of pupils in each class for texts they would like and we are in the process of ordering these.

Following a long vacancy of the position of Caretaker, I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Hannah Smith as our new Caretaker. Hannah will be warmly welcomed by the Shelford community on Monday 18th March.

As we are travelling through Lent, the pupils are continuing with their Lenten Challenge set by Bishop Stephen. The challenge, lovingly entitled 'When I'm 64' is set to encourage our pupils to engage with people from a variety of generations across the community. Our 'Live Library' was due to take place on Friday, but is due to be rescheduled. This is where invited representatives act as 'the books' and our pupils discover and research facts by asking 'the books' questions!

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

Class Briefings

The Year 2 Class Briefing will take place this Friday 15th March at 2:00pm. Further dates for class briefings can be found below:

Date	Class
Friday 15 th March at 2:00pm	Year 2
Friday 22 nd March at 2:00pm	Year 1
Friday 29 th March at 2:00pm	Year 4
Friday 5 th April at 2:00pm	Year 5

Choir and Orchestra

Please can we remind parents that choir and orchestra begin at 8.00am. Children should be in the hall and ready to begin at this time. However, please can we ask that you do not drop your child off before 8.00am, as children are arriving increasing early and are having to wait unsupervised. Thank you very much for your assistance with this.

Instrumentalist concerts for children learning instruments in school

Our annual Instrumentalists' concerts will take place on:

- Tuesday 26th March at 2.30pm (Years 2, 3 & 4 Pianists) - no tickets are necessary for this concert.
- Wednesday 27th March 6.30pm – 7.45pm (Y5 and Y6 pianists, **all** instrumentalists and **all** orchestra members will perform). Children will need to arrive at 6.10pm with their instrument and music and wear school uniform. Initially, two tickets per family for children performing will be issued. If you would like more tickets, please give your name to the office and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you to these excellent events.

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'.

Parking

As usual, please remember that the school car park is unfortunately too small to accommodate parents. As you will be aware, the roadside near to the school is particularly congested. Please ensure safe parking at all times and consider that we all play our part within the Shelford community. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

Headlice/threadworms

Unfortunately, we have had a case of threadworms in school. Please be vigilant and check for child(ren) for signs of these. For further information, please see the letter on the website, or ask for a hard copy at the office. Please can we also ask that you make regular checks on your child for headlice. Thank you.

Volunteers needed for Forest School sessions

In order to maintain a safe ratio of adults to children we are looking for some more volunteers to help us carry out regular 'forest school' sessions every Wednesday afternoon in Reception after half term. If you think you might enjoy spending a couple of hours helping to make dens, crawl under low branches, create a mud pie or find a bug or two out on the meadow or in the wildlife area, please let the office know or speak to a member of the Reception Team. You do not need to commit to helping every week, but if you are able to sign up for just one session, your help will be much appreciated. For more information, please see the letter attached.

Thank you, Mrs Clarke

Forest School (Year 3)

Year 3 will have their final session with Mrs Clarke on Thursday 14th March.

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). 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.

General Routines and Reminders

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should be healthy, balanced meals – they should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

Nut Awareness

Please note, we are a 'Nut Free School'. Due to medical needs, pupils and staff should not bring any items in containing nuts. This includes any items in **pack lunches**.

With this in mind, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that the invitation to bring a KS2 break time snack is for **an actual piece of fruit not a cereal bar or fruit snack**.

Thank you for your understanding in this.

School Dinners

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. 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.

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 Leicestershire Traded Services website:- <http://www.leicestershiretradedservices.org.uk/Page/1555> Please let the school know of any special dietary requirements.

Medicines in school

Please be reminded that **all** medicines must be given to the school office staff. Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours.

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.

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