

Dear parents and carers,

The first 11 days of school have been exceptionally busy, with a variety of opportunities. If you are feeling anything like I do, the summer now feels like a distant memory, reinforced further by the slightly cooler weather!



Thank you to all the children who took part in the Science Fair. It was fascinating to see the different projects that sparked pupils' interests. I was particularly interested in Isabelle and William's sea glass projects, along with Gwendolen and Bea's spider plant Newsletter in 30

seconds...

- Science Fair
- STEM Ambassadors
- Meet the Teacher
- Pupil Leader
 appointments
- Reception induction continues
- Designs for hall doors

investigation. I hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed exploring the fair. On another Science note, Mrs. Clarke and I have been meeting with two STEM Ambassadors who work at the Genome Campus. We are excited to begin setting up some

close links. Please see the message below asking for volunteers to raise the profile of STEM-related industries with the children.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Meet the Teacher event on Thursday 12th September. It was great to see so many of you there and share the priorities for the year ahead. It was a privilege to visit each class and see snippets of the class talks. As always, we will publish resources that supported the Meet the Teacher evening on the class pages. The whole school presentation can be found at: http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/parents_meetings/228295

We have been delighted to hold our House Prefect interviews this week and appoint our School Councillors last week. A summary of our new pupil leaders is below.

Head Girl			Head Boy		
	Scarlett W		Henry H		
9	School Council		House Prefects:		
Reception	From January		Imogen B-B	Iza S	
Year 1	Rosie B-E, Tommy A		Harry C	Annika S	
Year 2	Molly C, Andrew W		Emma R	Noah H	
Year 3	Emily C, Rowan A		May S	Ellie H	
Year 4	Erica S, Humphrey W		Olivia R	Zane D	
Year 5	Sara B, James T		Bea W	Emi M	
Year 6	Bella S, Thomas W		Torben B	Innes S	
			Imogen A	Francesca W	
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Throughout this year, we are hoping to develop some new pupil leader groups – a Ministry Team, Eco Council and Digital Ambassadors. Watch out for further details!

We have been very pleased to continue to welcome our Reception pupils to the Shelford community. This week, they have met their Year 6 Buddies, who have helped to settle them into the routines of lunchtimes. Many of our Reception pupils have also now met their Year 3 Reading Buddies. It is lovely to see the strength of these relationships and how well they resonate with the school's vision.

What seems a lifetime ago, Miss Hutchings (children's illustrator) visited the school to help with some designs for conveying our new vision on the hall doors by way of a mural. We have been seeking staff views and will be seeking further pupil views through school council and class discussions. A sneak preview of the most popular draft design can be seen here (*right*).



With best wishes,

Chris Grey Headteacher **Reminder of upcoming dates**:

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	Date	Time	Event	Location			
	1/10/19	All day	Y3 trip	Hedingham Castle			
	7/10/19	14:30	Harvest Service (led by Y3)	St. Mary's Church			
	10/10/19	All day	Y2 trip	Chocolate Museum			
	10/10/19	AM	Football Tournament	Netherhall			
	14 th , 16 th & 17 th October	15:45 — 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall			
	18/10/19		End of first half of Autumn Term	School			
	w/c 21/10/19		October half term holiday	Somewhere relaxing			
	28/10/19	8:45	Second half of the term commences	School			





Announcements

Meet a scientist at Gt. & Lt. Shelford School Dear parents and carers,

Shelford school is planning to bring more science topics to the new school year. One of the ideas is to have scientists to come to the school assembly to give a talk about their work as a scientist.

We have a strong scientist parents body at the Shelford school and therefore would like to reach out to you to find volunteers. We have enough speakers for the first term, but would need more volunteers to cover the rest of the school year on a once a month basis.

Please contact Year 1 parent Susanna Repo (susanna@kotim.me or via class list) if you're interested in this great opportunity to bring more STEM topics to the school. Each talk will be 15 minutes long with a predetermined structure (Introduction, demonstration and Q&A) so all you need to do is to come along with enthusiasm about your STEM topic. Note, you will not need to be an "official" STEM ambassador and DBS check is not required for you to come give the talk.

In addition, we will be marking British Science week during the week commencing 9th March. We will be holding a variety of Science related events during this week. If you feel you may be able to contribute or offer your services, please touch base with Mrs. Clarke (Science Leader). More details will follow nearer the time!

Data sheets

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your child's data sheets. Please can we ask that if you haven't yet returned it you do so ASAP. Thank you.

House T-shirts

House T-shirt Orders for 2019-20 now being taken!

Several parents have been asking at the office when the school will be selling new House T-shirts for PE, sports day etc. The PTA has done this on behalf of the school for the past few years, and we're pleased to announce that it's now time to place your order — every year, they have to wait until the new Reception children have been assigned to their Houses before we can start gathering T-shirt orders... but this has now been done.

Each T-shirt, of whatever size and colour, costs £10. The PTA only orders House Ts once a year, because placing one giant order allows them to obtain a much better bulk discount deal with the T-shirt company — so please be aware that this will be your one opportunity this school year to stock up on new shirts. If you'd like new House T-shirts for your child or children, a PDF form can be downloaded via the PTA Secretary's recent announcement on Classlist; please download that, fill it in, print it out and return it to the school office with payment by the deadline for orders: *Friday, September 27th* (the end of next week). If you don't





use Classlist, paper order forms are now available for you to collect and fill in at the school office. See the form for details of acceptable means of payment.

<u>The deadline for orders is next Friday 27th September</u>. The PTA will collect the completed forms, cash and cheques from the office and order the shirts, which should be ready a couple of weeks later. The PTA will let you know when they're ready to be collected from school, on Classlist if you're signed up to that, and/or via this newsletter.

Aldi promotion

We are taking part in an Aldi (other supermarkets are available!) promotion to be in with a chance of winning 1 of 20 prizes of £20,000 to help build a health legacy for our School e.g. buying or renovating sports equipment, supporting sports teams, healthy eating initiatives etc. The promotion is live (started on Friday 6 September) and runs until Sunday 3 November.

Please collect your Team GB stickers when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store and bring them into School. We need 300 stickers to enter and you get 1 sticker for every £30 you spend.

More details here: <u>https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools</u> and video clip here: <u>https://twitter.com/i/status/1169935975604207617</u>

Many thanks The PTA team

Sawston Village College Open Evening (Year 6)

Sawston Village College's Open Evening for September 2020 intake will be held on Thursday 3 October, from 6.30 - 9.00 pm. As in previous years, Year 6 pupils and their parents are invited to attend a presentation by Mr Russell, Principal, and to enjoy a tour of the College.

Art club

If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to attend Art club, please pick up a form from the office.

Netball club

Netball club will begin again on Monday 23rd Sept for children in years 5 and 6.. Letters regarding this will come home with children today.

Bug busting

We currently have head lice in school again, so please can we ask you to check your child's hair and treat as necessary as soon as possible? If you should need any help or advice, please contact the office.





Safeguarding issues

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

Medicine in school

If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.

School access – gates

For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

Site Safety

Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school <u>after clubs</u> to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

Changes to your child's circumstances

Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for <u>48</u> <u>hours</u> 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). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. 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.

