Shelford School News

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Headteacher Appointment

As you may be aware, we held interviews for the post of Headteacher last week. We were very pleased to be able to shortlist four strong candidates. They attended for a full day of activities on Wednesday, with formal interviews on Thursday.

The governors were unanimous in our conclusions following the interviews, and I am delighted to announce that Mr Christopher Grey has accepted our invitation to be the new Headteacher from September 2018. He is currently Interim Head of School at St Felix RC Primary School in Haverhill, so is already familiar with the area.

I am very grateful to the school staff and children who accommodated the considerable disruption to the usual school routine so that we could see all the candidates in activities including leading Collective Worship and meeting the School Council. All the candidates commented on the warmth of the welcome from everybody in the school, together with the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children; it is a pleasure for me to receive such comments.

Towards the end of next term Mr Grey will be spending some time in the school with Mrs Evans to ensure the best possible handover.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Ede Chair of Governors

Headteacher Appointment

I am delighted to be able to add my congratulations and welcome to Mr Grey following his excellent interview. This concludes the recruitments for all the vacancies announced in January. I am excited that we have been able to secure such a strong staff team. Mr Grey and Mr Cuff will form an excellent team together – the school is in safe hands for the future.

TA appointments

Today we also welcome two new Teaching Assistants to our staff; Mrs Anna Cusano and Mrs Emma Harrison will form a job-share, initially working in our Reception classroom.

World Book Day

Thank you for helping your child to put together amazing and thoughtful costumes for Book Day and for helping them to remember to bring the book from which their character originated. This contributed to the many excellent exchanges between children as they shared their love of

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reading together in a wide variety of activities on the day. In Year 1, the children even completed a fascinating, fairly sustained, creative drama with all their characters interacting in character!

The children were also given a Wold Book Day £1 book token to put towards buying a book of their choice. This can be used in all good bookshops or towards the purchase of a book at our own Scholastic Bookshop on site today after school (3.20 - 4.00pm).

Thank you to Mr Cuff for organising our World Book Day, including the author visit on the Monday before.

Polite notice – main entrance area

Parents and carers are most welcome to come into the main office area at the beginning or end of the day to use the toilet or to ask for or give the office staff information. However, unfortunately a group has been gathering where children are running about and/or shouting in the area along with numerous adults talking. **Please be aware that this is a working environment** with telephone conversations and or conversations at the desk with parents which need to be heard by staff and are sometimes confidential. It would be much appreciated therefore, if you would supervise your child to quietly use the toilet and then return outside to have conversations, please. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

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.
- No bars which may contain nuts

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.

Welly stands

The covers for the welly stands (one per class in the playground and Reception/Year 1 play area) are now complete. This should provide good shade during the summer months so that wellies do not perish. Children will shortly be able to use the meadow at lunchtime, but only if they are wearing wellies. If you would like to send a pair for your child, class teachers will organise for them to be added to the correct welly stand. Thank you.

Transition to Sawston Village College

Mr Woodcock, Assistant Principal at Sawston Village College with responsibility for primary transition, will be visiting our school on Thursday 29th March to speak with those Year 6 pupils who are moving up to Sawston, and their class teacher. Pupils in Year 7 at Sawston study either French or Spanish. If you have a particular reason why it is more appropriate for your child to study either French or Spanish, please discuss this with your child so that Mr Woodcock can make a note of this during his visit. Sawston cannot guarantee that you will get your preference, as pupil groupings are drawn up weighing up a range of factors, but will try to do so wherever possible.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Fairtrade Fortnight

Flashback! Can you remember our fantastic work when learning about Fairtrade last term? Did you know that 26th February to 11th March is Fairtrade Fortnight? Look out for things going on in the local area. Is there anything you can do to support Fairtrade? Perhaps you might remind yourself to look for the Fairtrade mark when you next go shopping. Maybe you could try some Fairtrade baking? You might even have some fundraising ideas? If you do choose to get involved in Fairtrade Fortnight, be sure to let Mrs Unwin know how and you might appear on the International display in school! We are looking forward to completing Fairtrade themed maths investigations.

Mrs Unwin

Netball

Please note that there will be tournaments on the following dates and further details will be issued nearer the time.

- Tuesday 13 March
- Tuesday 20 March
- Tuesday 1 May

Guitar Lessons

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

Celebration assembly achiev	vements - Friday 2 nd March 2018
This half term's Secrets of Success focus: • Work hard Headteacher's Award (4 house points):	Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points): Not awarded this week
 Ellie Stephenson Alexander Hunter Hannah Wilyman 	Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points) • Not awarded this week
Jessie GodsalAlfie PageCharlotte Norman	Celia (10 house points) • Annika Sainson
Star Writer (4 house points): • Ella Scourfield	Cyril • Mrs Murray
Maths Investigator Award (4 house points): • James Towers	Care of Books (2 house points per class member) • Not awarded this week
Pen Licence Not awarded this week	Dinner winners (2 house points per class member) • Year 4
Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points): Not awarded this week	Silver bins (2 house points per class member) • Year 2

Limiting illness in school

For further information, please use the following link:

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

Not awarded this week

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance on absence for common illnesses/216944

Year 5

Otters

This week's house winners:

Dinner Money

For information regarding school dinner money, please use the following link:

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https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/online_payments_for_school_dinners_trips_etc/201 808/cHJldmlld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxMzo1MDowNQ==

Medicines in school

For information regarding medicines in school, please use the following link: https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldm https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldm https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldm https://shelfordschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldm https://shelfordschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldm

School Uniform

For further information, please use the following link: http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/uniform/171288

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
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PTA news



Cake at the Gate: Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to Year 4 for the cake sale last Friday, which raised £91!



Bike Sale: Saturday 17th March

Would you like to sell a bike? Please email james.prisk@ntlworld.com. Would you like to buy a bike? Please put the date in your diary! From 0900-1300.

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.

Spring term 2018			
	Time	Event	Notes
Friday 16th March	1:30pm	Year 1 Class assembly/parent	Please sign in at the
		briefing & Celebration assembly	school office
Thursday 22 nd March	7:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting	Think Tank Room
Friday 23 rd March	1:30pm	Year R Class assembly/parent	Please sign in at the
		briefing & Celebration assembly	school office
Tuesday 27 th March	2.30pm	Beginners piano concert	School hall
Wed 28 th March	7.00pm	Instrumentalists concert	School hall
Thursday 29 th March	2:15	Easter Service	All Saints Lt Shelford.
			Parents are welcome
			to join us.
Easter Holidays 30 th March to 15 th 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 19 th May		PTA Summer Fair	
Thursday 24 th May	11:15am	Ascension Day service and picnic	St Mary's Church, Great Shelford. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 25 th May	All day	Teaching Training day	School closed
Half term 28 th May to 1 st June			
Friday 8 th June	9:15-10:15am	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Thursday 14 th June		Class photos	
Friday 29 th June	8.00am	French Breakfast event	School hall
Sunday 15 th July		Shelford Feast	
Tuesday 24 th July	All Day	Leavers' service and event	
Summer Holidays 25 th July to 3 rd September			

Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
Monday 4 th September 2017 to	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 to	Monday 16 th April 2018 to Tuesday
Tuesday 19 th December 2017 inclusive	Thursday 29 th March 2018 inclusive	24 th July 2018 inclusive
Half term Monday 23 rd October 2017	Half term Monday 12 th February	Half term: Monday 28 th May to Friday
to Friday 27 th October 2017 inclusive	2018 to Friday 16 th February 2018	1 st June 2018 inclusive
	inclusive	

Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed:

- Monday 4th September 2017
 Friday 20th October 2017
 Wednesday 3rd January 2018
 Friday 9th February 2018

- 5. Friday 25th May 2018