

Shelford School News

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Class assembly, parent briefing, celebration assembly

Reception parents (2 guests only, please, due to fire regulations) are invited to attend Reception's class assembly, parent briefing and celebration assemblies **this Friday, 23rd March, from 1.30pm**. The afternoon will start at 1.30pm with the children's presentation in the hall. The Reception parent briefing will follow on, the foci being conflict resolution/peer mediation, sex and relationships education, and an opportunity to ask any questions about the HT recruitment process. We look forward to welcoming you.

PTA Classlist

Please see the important information regarding the necessary change in the way that PTA communicate with parents in order to comply with the new data protection regulation (May 2018). Please do opt into this so that you do not miss out on the opportunity to hear about and contribute to the community and fundraising life of the school through our much-loved events. See the notice below for how to sign up.

Thank you PTA!

Further to my note last week that the children had enjoyed an excellent musical performance from professional musicians on site, which had been funded by the school budget, I am grateful to the PTA for agreeing to fund this project. A BIG THANK YOU!

Shelford Musical Performances

Our annual Instrumentalists' concerts will take place on:

- Tuesday 27th March at 2.30pm (Years 2, 3 & 4 Pianists) - no tickets are necessary for this concert.
- Wednesday 28th March 7.00 – 8.15pm (all other instrumentalists taking lessons at school and the School Orchestra). Children will need to arrive at 6.40pm with their instrument and music and wear school uniform. Initially, two tickets per family of 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.

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. Unfortunately a group has been gathering with children 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 to 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.

Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 16 th March 2018	
This half term's Secrets of Success focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work hard	
Headteacher's Award (4 house points): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William Crump• Mhinaku Gurung• Alexander Westwick	Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Milo McCrone
Star Writer (4 house points): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week	Celia (10 house points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week
Maths Investigator Award (4 house points): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week	Cyril <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week
Pen Licence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week	Care of Books (2 house points per class member) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2
Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innes Stewart	Dinner winners (2 house points per class member) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2
Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oliver Milne	Silver bins (2 house points per class member) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1• Year 3
Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not awarded this week	This week's house winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owls

Sports news

For further information regarding sports news and write-ups, please see the sports page under the 'curriculum and enrichment' section on the website.

Easter lunch menu Thursday 29th March



Roast pork with apple sauce and gravy

or

Yorkshire pudding and gravy with seasonal roast vegetables

or

Ham roll

Chocolate crispy nests

or

Shortbread bunnies

Netball

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

- Tuesday 1 May

Guitar Lessons

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

Woodwind Lessons

There are currently two spaces available for children who would like to learn flute, clarinet or saxophone. If your child is interested, please speak to the office.

Limiting illness in school

For further information, please use the following link to our school website:

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance_on_absence_for_common_illnesses/216944

Dinner Money

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

https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/online_payments_for_school_dinners_trips_etc/201808/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxMzo1MDowNQ==

Medicines in school

For information regarding medicines in school, please use the following link to our school website:

https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering_medicines_in_school/216948/cHJldmld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxNDowMjozMg==

School Uniform

For further information, please use the following link to our school website:

<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 21st March 2018

Hello all,



Cake at the Gate

Enjoy bakes from the Reception team this Friday (23rd).



Bike Sale: Thank you!

A GIANT thank you to sellers, buyers, bakers and eaters FROG helping to raise over £500 at our brilliant bike sale and café, despite the best efforts of the weather!

We are RALEIGH grateful to the café team, led by Holly Gregory and Sarah Haigh, and to our bike transportation/prep/selling/storage heroes James Prisk, Dan Staines, Mr Paduano, Matt Bell, Ben Sidders and Marc Ellis for making the sale possible. ****Breaking news!**** they *will* be RIDGEBACK again in the Autumn. Three cheers and a very big thank you!!



'Travelling by Tuba' music workshop

The PTA team have agreed to retrospectively fund £100 for the recent Travelling by Tuba music workshop, since it falls under the remit of enrichment activities we fundraise for. This will allow school to put the funds from their budget towards other important uses.



Special Notice (issued 21st March 2018):

- Great and Little Shelford School PTA is introducing a new system called **Classlist** to enable parents to communicate easily with each other. Classlist's system offers high levels of security and privacy, and is designed to comply fully with new data protection regulations.
- You will shortly receive an email invitation, and can then decide whether to join and what data you would like to share. If you don't wish to receive this invitation please let us know within 10 days of receipt of this notice. More information is available at <http://www.classlist.com> including the Privacy Notice, which explains how personal information is managed and protected. You can also join your school's Classlist immediately here.
- Please be aware that for reasons of convenience and security we will also be switching to Classlist's email system as our main way of contacting you about matters relating to the parent community. This is technical change and will not otherwise affect how we use your personal data. It will apply to all parents including those who decide not to join Classlist.

See you for cake on Friday! The PTA team.

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Cambridge Science Festival 12 March – 25 March 2018.

With hundreds of free events on everything from Astronomy to Zoology, the 2018 Cambridge Science Festival welcomes adults, teenagers and families to explore science with researchers from across Cambridge.

Join us for talks, hands-on activities, performances, exhibitions and films; the Festival has something for everyone!

Below is a selection of events which may be of particular interest.

[STEM in Song](#)

STEM in Song is a presentation of songs and science. Performed by the Girls' Choir of St Catharine's College, coupled with scientific demonstrations and tours at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology and with topics ranging from DDT to Darwin, this is a science lesson like no other!

[Insects: the World's weirdest food?](#)

BBC Gastronomer Stefan Gates uses rockets, flatulence, honey and sweets to take you on a rip-roaring adventure through the world of edible insects. Meet live locusts, crickets and mealworms as you discover the strangest, most exciting food on the planet. With guests, Dr Edgar Turner and Charlotte Payne, Department of Zoology.

[Man-made or natural? Which is better?](#)

Science and engineering often take inspiration from natural solutions to solve many of the world's problems. The world is now awash with superior materials, intelligent machines and bionic parts but how much better are they to the real thing or do we still have a long way to go? In the tradition of Dr Ewen Kellar's previous talks, expect live experiments and noisy demonstrations.

[Hands on with DNA and cells](#)

Make fake blood and build cells with Cellular and Molecular Pathology scientists! Discover more about DNA sequence, structure and how DNA is packaged in a cell, including our build-your-own-DNA activity.

[Meet the scientists](#)

Pop into our science booth and have a chat with our scientists about their research!

[Hills Road hands-on biology](#)

Hills Road Sixth Form College welcomes visitors to take part in hands-on biology activities guaranteed to engage educate and entertain.

[Schools Zone](#)

Students from schools and sixth form colleges are the experts today, showing what they are investigating as part of their curriculum or after school club. Don't miss these exciting demonstrations from the next generation of scientists, mathematicians and engineers.

[Plant and Life Sciences Marquee](#)

Come and explore, from Plants to Animals: Take a journey through your senses with scientists from across all the biological sciences and discover more about the sensorial side of their research.

[Antarctica uncovered](#)

We're lifting the lid on Antarctica by inviting the public into British Antarctic Survey and our new Aurora Innovation Centre. Join us and discover why Antarctica affects us all. Get a flavour of life on the ice - science kit, models of our ships and stations and enjoy an opportunity to chat to our people who work at the ends of the Earth.

[Using isaacphysics.org in your A-Level teaching: teachers' event](#)

Isaac Physics is a free online tool featuring a mixture of physics skills practice and problem-solving questions and is aimed to improve the problem solving skills of physics A-level students. It can also help you save time marking! Find out how at this professional development session.

Browse all events online at www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/events

Booking lines for all pre-book events are open from 11am-3pm, Monday to Friday **01223 766766**.

The Festival web address is: www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/

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
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	Please sign in at the 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 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 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 28th May to 1st 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 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
<p>Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday 4th September 2017 2. Friday 20th October 2017 3. Wednesday 3rd January 2018 4. Friday 9th February 2018 5. Friday 25th May 2018 		