

## Monday newsletter – Headteacher announcement

Please note that a newsletter was sent on Monday with the important news of a new Headteacher for September 2018. Please read this if you have not yet managed to do so and, please do contact me if you have any questions.

## Class assembly, parent briefing, celebration assembly

Year 1 parents (2 guests only please due to fire regulations) are invited to attend Year 1's class assembly, parent briefing and celebration assemblies **this Friday**, **16**<sup>th</sup> **March**, **from 1.30pm**. The afternoon will start at 1.30pm with the children's presentation in the hall. The Year 1 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.

# **Professional Musical Performances**

The whole school was treated to an excellent concert last Thursday as part of the Cambridgeshire Music Live festival that aims to bring professional performances to as many Cambridgeshire school children as possible. A very experienced and talented musical duo called *Travelling by Tuba* used a commonwealth theme to link with the Commonwealth Games taking place in April. They introduced the children to a number of very unusual brass and wind instruments in a very entertaining and engaging way. The cost of this performance was funded through the school budget.

Today, as part of the same festival, Year 6 will also have the amazing opportunity of visiting Sawston Village Concert for a performance from the Brass Funkeys, a New Orleans-flavoured brass group. This comes courtesy of the Sawston Music Excellence Network (performance) and the Fine Arts Society (cost of the transport).

# **Shelford Musical Performances**

Our annual Instrumentalists' concerts with our very own talented performers take place on:

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm (Years 2, 3 & 4 Pianists) no tickets are necessary for this concert.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 achieve	Celebration assembly achievements - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018				
<ul> <li>This half term's Secrets of Success focus:</li> <li>Work hard</li> <li>Headteacher's Award (4 house points):</li> <li>Torben Barnes</li> <li>Alex Taylor</li> <li>Gordon Doubleday</li> <li>Zofia Zmija</li> </ul>	Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points): • Dillon Wall • Zane Dennington • Oliver Marsh • Amanda Bredborg Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)				
<ul> <li>Eleanor Harris-Wright</li> <li>Star Writer (4 house points): <ul> <li>Emilia Munoz</li> <li>Florence Cross</li> <li>Innes Stewart</li> <li>Tommy Howarth</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not awarded this week</li> <li>Celia (10 house points) <ul> <li>Year 5</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cyril <ul> <li>Not awarded this week</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Maths Investigator Award (4 house points):</li> <li>Erica Stewart</li> <li>Alexander Westwick</li> </ul>	Care of Books (2 house points per class member) • Year 6				
<ul><li>Pen Licence</li><li>Not awarded this week</li></ul>	Dinner winners (2 house points per class member) • Year 6				
<ul> <li>Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):</li> <li>Not awarded this week</li> <li>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</li> <li>May Sillence</li> <li>Flo Riches</li> <li>Florence Cross</li> <li>Torben Barnes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Silver bins (2 house points per class member)</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 5</li> </ul> This week's house winners: <ul> <li>Eagles</li> </ul>				

# Netball

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

- 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.

## Limiting illness in school

For further information, please use the following link to our school website: <a href="http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance\_on\_absence\_for\_common\_illnesses/216944">http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/guidance\_on\_absence\_for\_common\_illnesses/216944</a>

## **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/201 808/cHJIdmlId3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxMzo1MDowNQ==

## Medicines in school

For information regarding medicines in school, please use the following link to our school website: <u>https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk/website/administering\_medicines\_in\_school/216948/cHJldm</u> <u>lld3x8MjAxOC0wMS0xNyAxNDowMjozMg==</u>

## School Uniform

For further information, please use the following link to our school website: <u>http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/uniform/171288</u>

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

## PTA news 14<sup>th</sup> March 201

Hello all,

Just one PTA notice today...



# Bike Sale, Saturday 17th March: \*\* now opening at 8am! \*\*

As we have so many bikes on offer and this is our last sale, we will open an hour earlier at 8am. The sale will finish as planned at 1pm in the Great Shelford Memorial Hall. Revised poster attached for sharing – thank you!

To sell a bike contact james.prisk@ntlworld.com 07775 886864 before Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

Even if you don't need new wheels, we'd love you to join us for a cuppa and cake on Saturday! The PTA team.

## 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 Gastronaut Stefan Gates uses rockets, flatulence, honey and sweets to take you on a riproaring 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 problemsolving 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 <u>www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/events</u>

**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
Friday 16th March	1:30pm	Year 1 Class assembly/parent	Please sign in at the school
		briefing & Celebration assembly	office
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting	Think Tank Room
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	1:30pm	Year R Class assembly/parent	Please sign in at the school
		briefing & Celebration assembly	office
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Beginners piano concert	School hall
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Instrumentalists concert	School hall
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15	Easter Service	All Saints Lt Shelford.
			Parents are welcome to join
			us.
Easter Holidays 30 <sup>th</sup> March to 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2018			

#### Summer term 2018 Notes Date Time Event Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9:15-10:15 Volunteer Helper induction Please book a place with the office Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May All Dav Bank Holiday School closed Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May **PTA Summer Fair** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 11:15am Ascension Day service and picnic St Mary's Church, Great Shelford. Parents are welcome to join us. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May School closed All day Teaching Training day Half term 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15-10:15am	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Class photos		
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	French Breakfast event	School hall	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Shelford Feast		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	Leavers' service and event		
Summer Holidays 25 <sup>th</sup> July to 3 <sup>rd</sup> September				

Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 to	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018 to	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 to Tuesday		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 inclusive	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 inclusive	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 inclusive		
Half term Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017	Half term Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term: Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday		
to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 inclusive	2018 to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 inclusive		
	inclusive			
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed:				
1. Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017				
2. Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017				
3. Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018				
4. Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018				
5. Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018				