



## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have only been back for one and a half weeks! All the children have settled in well to the routines of school and have enjoyed engaging with their new topics and the holiday seems like a distant memory! However, as always we have begun our new term with vigour enthusiasm and energy.

Last week, our entry for the competition 'Sing for you School' was released by Cambridgeshire Music. You can listen to it and vote for it on the school website. Our Year 6s created the song and developed their own lyrics and music. The theme is open spaces and in the song, they explain how the colours of their uniform contrast with the open spaces around them. We are very proud of the finished track, so please vote for them! The finalists will perform at the Corn Exchange later this year.

Staff in school have been working on developing our vision as a school. On Friday, School Councillors will also be involved in sharing their ideas on the work of the school and what we should be aiming for! There will also be opportunities later this half term for parents and governors to share their views.

This week, pupils in Y4 and 5 have been focusing on some specific friendship areas in PSHCE and we have welcomed a local expert from the Local Authority in introducing the topics.

You will find in the attached documents, a letter from the Twinning Association, who are sharing details on their upcoming visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte. We will be welcoming Sarah Haddows to school again next week to share details of the visit with the children.

On a final note, we were very pleased to receive a prize of a Yamaha keyboard that was the prize for a John Lewis competition that pupils entered. The winning entry was by Laurie M in Y4. Pupils were required to draw their favourite Christmas gift.

Mr. Grey

## Announcements

### **In memory...**

Many of you will know and fondly remember our former governor Nick Pett, who was also an active member of the St. Mary's Church community. It with great sadness that we share the news that Nick passed away on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at home with his family. We hold the Pett family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

## **Menu change tomorrow – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Sausage & Chips  
Pasta bake  
Jacket potato

Chocolate cake  
or  
Cappuccino cake

### **Art Club**

There are still some spaces for art club (for years 3 – 6) on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (£12.50 for 5 sessions). If your child is interested in attending please ask at the office for a form.

### **Netball Club**

Netball Club will start on Monday 4 February and the last session will be Monday 24 June. I am aware of the Grafham Water and Burwell Trips but the club will still take place on those dates. Please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

### **Art Day**

We are looking forward to our third annual Art Day which will take place on Thursday February 7th. This year, one of the activities will be a batik workshop for Years 3-6 led by local artist Sarah Hutchinson. We would be extremely grateful if any parents could assist with the batik, helping the children in small groups in the Think Tank to use the hot wax and inks with Sarah. We need volunteers for both Thursday 7th and Friday 8th of February as batik is quite a lengthy process. Years 6 and 3 will have their workshop on Thursday and Years 5 and 4 on Friday.

If you are able to offer any help, please could you let the office know.

Many thanks  
Rosamund Ashton

### **Retiring volunteers**

We would like to thank two of our long-standing volunteers, who have given their time to Shelford School for many years, who are now retiring.

Rosie Cranmer has been part of our school for over 25 years! She was initially a teacher here and then regularly read with children in Year 2. She ran the very popular Badminton club for children in Year 6 for many years, although she hasn't been able to do it this year due to back problems.

John Street has encouraged our children to enjoy the great outdoors by helping with the weekly Wildlife Garden Club.

We would like to send them a token of our appreciation, so if you would like to contribute to this a collection will be started in the school office. Thank you!

### **Samara's Aid Appeal**

This week we were intending to launch a project to fund and assemble 20 school bags to help children living in Syria to access education again after living through the horrors of war. Sadly and very suddenly, for reasons beyond anyone's control, restrictions against imported aid to Syria have been significantly tightened and we can no longer collect physical items to send for the time being. We hope these restrictions will be lifted in time and that we can work with Samara's Aid Appeal in the future to enable children in Syria to receive education again.

In this Thursday's assembly Mrs Caroe will be sharing a little about the work that Samara's Aid Appeal are doing in Syria to bring hope and healing to the people there. In addition our retiring collection from the Candlemas Service will be donated to their medical aid appeal to help keep their emergency hospital running as it provides desperately needed medical care to Syrian people. For more information please visit [samarasaidappeal.org](http://samarasaidappeal.org)

### **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.

### **Lost items**

We have a number of lost items in the office (various watches and two silver rings amongst other things). If you think that we may have something that belongs to you, please speak to a member of the office team.

### **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.

### **Parents prayer meeting - Thursday 14th February**

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. It's fine to bring little ones, we have plenty of toys! We will be meeting at The Lodge, Kings Mill Lane, Great Shelford on Thursday 14th February at 2pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time. If you want any more information please contact Emily Button on [e\\_martin84@hotmail.com](mailto:e_martin84@hotmail.com).

## **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](http://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**