

Shelford School News

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Sawston Village College

Mr Russell (Assistant Headteacher) from SVC will be visiting the school for an annual Q&A parental drop-in session **for Year 5 and Year 6 parents**. This will take place on Tuesday 17th October – you are welcome to drop in between 3.00pm - 3.45pm.

Police information

Cambridge city police visited yesterday following a report they received from a parent on 27th September regarding a suspicious incident involving a grey car near Shelford School. This was a separate report from the incident reported in the press about a car in the vicinity of Stapleford School on 25th September (which was subsequently revealed to be a misunderstanding). The police informed us that following investigation and contact with the driver of the car they believe there is **no cause for concern**.

It is always important to be aware of any unusual activity and to report any concerns to the police. It would also be helpful if you would inform us directly so that we can respond to any police enquiry.

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate bars, nuts or products with nut traces.

Staffing

I am pleased to let you know that, following success at interview, the school has appointed Miss Stephanie Bachewich to the Year 2 teacher post. Miss Bachewich joins us from Canada. She will complete a full induction at the school and start in class on 31st October.

The new PTA team

Attendees at the PTA AGM last Thursday enjoyed extremely encouraging reports from Charlie Russell (outgoing PTA chair) and Holly Gregory (Treasurer). Following this we were all excited to elect a new PTA team. Thank you so much to the following people who are willing to step up to this really important roles over the next year – we all really appreciate this.

- PTA Chair - Maria Lazarus
- PTA Secretary - Matt Bell
- PTA Treasurer - Holly Gregory
- PTA Committee - Anna Sidders, Barbara Goettsch, Marc Ellis, Sarah Haigh,
- Charlie Russell, Laura Whitworth, Angela Mulligan, Ilse Patterson, Alison Melton, Kelly Beer, Mr Paduano (staff representative) and James Doubleday (Governor representative).

HUGE thanks from us all (governors, staff, children and parents) to the outgoing team – you did a great job!

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Congratulations

It is a year of weddings for Shelford staff this year! Congratulations to Miss Beck and to Mr Cuff who each got married over the summer holiday and to Miss Norfolk who is getting married this weekend. Miss Norfolk will return as Mrs Mitchell next Monday!

Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations

We look forward to seeing you all next week at the Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations. Please don't forget to bring your child with you! Appointment slips were sent home on Monday. For those who had not returned a booking preference we have allocated a time. If the slip is mislaid please contact the office.

Cambridgeshire Caterer of the Year

Congratulations and well done to Tracey Alderman, our school caterer, who has been awarded Cambridgeshire Caterer of the Year. Mrs Alderman runs an excellent 5 star kitchen and works well with her great team to serve the needs of the children and staff, contributing to a happy lunchtime for all. The proof is in the pudding as they say, on average over 85% of our children have a school lunch. Mrs Alderman and the team were particularly commended for their attention to children with dietary needs.



Kind regards, Mrs Evans

Celebration Assembly Achievements - Friday 6 th October 2017	
<p>This half term's Secrets of Success focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understanding others <p>Headteacher's Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Elliot CookLilly PercivalBeatrice ParsonsEdith WhiteElizabeth CousinsJoel DenningtonRory WallEva BennettZachary GatwardOliver Marsh <p>Star Writer (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">James Towers <p>Maths Investigator Award (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Once a half term <p>Pen Licence</p>	<p>Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wilf Wilkinson <p>Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">None this week <p>Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">None this week <p>Celia (10 house points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annika Sainson <p>Cyril (staff member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Not awarded this week <p>Care of Books (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 5 <p>Dinner winners (2 house points per class member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 3

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None this week Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zachary Gatward • Christopher Graham-Leigh • Joshua Mitchell-Jones • Augustus Murray • Theodore Murray • Zoe Beer • Gordon Doubleday 	Silver bins (2 house points per class member) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 • Year 4 This week's house winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stags
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Flu vaccinations

Please note that flu vaccinations for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will be held on Tuesday 21st November. Letters giving more information about this will be sent home on 7th November.

Baking

Two children from each year group will be chosen to bake once a week. The children really enjoy baking (and eating the end product), but they are only able to do this if we have enough parent helpers to cover the baking rota, so if you have a current DBS and are willing to help, please contact your class rep to see if there are any spaces on the baking rota. The baking is very simple and full instructions are given, so there is no need to be the next Mary Berry! Baking times are as follows:

Year 1 – Thursday 2.20-3.20pm

Year 2 – Friday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 3 – Thursday 9.30-10.30am

Year 4 – Thursday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 1.20-2.20pm

Year 6 – Tuesday 1.20-2.20pm

DBS checks

As we begin a new school year, it is a good time to remind parents/carers and our volunteer helpers about the following very important aspect of the schools Safeguarding procedures.

All volunteer helpers are required to:

- be DBS checked by the school, even if you already hold a DBS certificate from somewhere else.
- attend an induction session with Mrs Evans prior to helping within the school. The date for the next induction session is Tuesday 31st October 9.15 – 10.15am.

The exception to this is if you are helping to walk children to an outside venue, e.g. church, under the supervision of the class teacher. If you are unsure whether a DBS check is needed, please speak to a member of the office team or to your child's class teacher.

If you would like to help in school, please pick up a Volunteer Helper application form from the foyer outside the office (peach coloured paper).

In order to keep your DBS current, you will need to sign into the 'Visitor's signing in book' (located at the office) every **three months**. If you don't sign in within this time, your DBS will expire and you will need to go through the process of applying for a new one before you can help in school again.

It is your responsibility to remember to sign in regularly and keep your DBS current.

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If you are already DBS checked and haven't signed in since July, please remember that you will need to do this soon. Please check with the office if you are unsure.

Packed lunches

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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.

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.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. Year 3 parents please be aware that free school meals are no longer available for your children unless eligible through Cambridge County Councils 'Count me in Scheme'. If you think you are eligible please ask at the office for more details.

Please will you make every effort to pay this online using 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 their website:- <http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/cambridgeshire/parents/menus/default.asp>

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. If payment is not received then we regret that school meals will be withdrawn and you will have to provide a packed lunch until the payment is made. Thank you for your understanding in this.

The Cambridgeshire Catering Service is able to accommodate special dietary requirements in the event of a medically defined need. Please speak to the school office for the relevant form.

Medicines in school

Please be reminded that all medicines and lotions must be given to the school office staff. Pupils are not permitted to have any medicine, lotion or cough sweets in their bags or pockets during school hours.

Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours.

The school staff can only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and for which permission has been signed.

House T-Shirts

If you have ordered a house T-shirt, the PTA will take payment and distribute T-shirts in the week before half term (w/c Monday 23rd October

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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

School Uniform prices

ITEM	PRICE
Cardigans	£10.05
Jumpers	£8.55
Polo shirts	£6.45
Fleeces	£11.25
Storm jackets	£17.95
Ruck sacks	£10.75
Book bags	£6.00

Any additional teal sweatshirts for Year 6 children are also available to order online.

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.

Attachments:

- History needs you poster

PTA AGM

The PTA are delighted to announce that following the PTA AGM last Wednesday, they have a new Chair, Secretary and committee in place. Hooray!!!!

Chair - Maria Lazarus

Secretary - Matt Bell

Treasurer - Holly Gregory

Ordinary committee members - Anna Sidders, Barbara Goettsch, Marc Ellis, Sarah Haigh, Charlie Russell, Laura Whitworth, Mike Paduano, Angela Mulligan, Ilse Patterson, Alison Melton, Kelly Beer.

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM last week. It was lovely to see so many people there and have so many new members step forward.

PTA Bike sale

Many thanks to James Prisk, Mike Paduano, Dan Staines, Matt Bell, Jon Cook, Marc Ellis, Ben Sidders, Holly Gregory, Harston scouts and all the team behind the bike sale on Saturday. The event went really well and raised £250 for the school. The bike sale will be back again in the Spring.

House T-shirts

House T-shirts have been ordered and will be delivered to school by next week. Please collect your T-shirts from outside the junior school entrance next Wednesday (18th) and Thursday (19th October) at pick up. The price is £10 per T-shirt. If you will have trouble picking up your T-shirt, please contact the PTA on pta@shelfordschool.org.uk and they'll organise getting the T-shirts to you.

And that's it from the current PTA. It has been a pleasure bringing you lots of fun events these last 2 years and writing the PTA news each week. Thank you so much for all your support. Good luck to the new PTA team going forward. Over to you!!!

Charlie, Holly, Sarah, Maaike, Charlotte, Marc, Matt, Laura, Angela and Mike - the class of 2016-2017!!!!!!!!!!!!

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. Thank you.

The list of key dates for events for the year will be published in the newsletter next week

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
Shelford School Professional Development Days (INSET) on which the school is closed: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Monday 4th September 20172. Friday 20th October 20173. Wednesday 3rd January 20184. Friday 9th February 20185. Friday 25th May 2018		