

Shelford School News

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Welcome back

Welcome back – staff, governors and I hope that you have had a good and restful Easter break.

Staff and children

This term we welcome Mr Cuff, our new Deputy Headteacher to the Year 4 classroom – we all look forward to getting to know him. Given the unexpected changes for the Year 4 class this year, I have decided that Mr Cuff will stay with the class as they move into Year 5 in September. At that point, Miss Norfolk will move to Year 4. Other teaching staff will remain in their current year group. I would not normally publish this information until July but do this so that Year 4 children can be spared further changes. Decisions about the deployment of Teaching Assistants will be made nearer the time.

In terms of pupil numbers, we have 209 of a possible 210 children and a waiting list for a number of year groups.

Events this half-term

In addition to the usual and packed programme of extra-curricular activities learning is enriched through trips and visits; for Year 4 (Wandlebury and Prick Willow Museum) and Year 6 (St John's College). This term's regional sports' events are a netball tournament and a school games event. PTA events will feature a challenging fundraising activity for families and staff and its annual much-loved Summer Fair - please save the dates. An Ascension Day service of worship and a school picnic complete the half term. Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter for further details about each event. New details have been added in red text. Dates for next year 2017 – 2018, including professional days have also been added.

Learning this half-term

Over this half term, Maths learning in each class will be observed by Mr Cuff and me. Teaching staff will benefit from visits to each others' classrooms to share good and outstanding practice in teaching and learning. In addition, the school's advisors Ms West (Local Authority) and Mrs Lowery (Diocese) will visit the school giving the children opportunities to demonstrate their best thinking and learning. Last but not least, Years 6 and 2 will sit the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in May. They have been well prepared for these, so although they will continue to need to give their best focus and concentration to these, they should not be alarmed, as per the advice given in the Years 2 & 6 Parent Briefings last term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Shelford School Safety

Following a "near miss" for one of our children yesterday when a car mounted the pavement on his way to school via Woollards Lane, I am re-issuing the attached **Shelford School Safety Notice** for your attention. I will also submit a notice to each of the Village Newsletters and to Rainbow Pre-School parents who use our site. Please do drive safely and with consideration as you park in the village and walk to the school with your child. We are encouraged by the police to log any incidents with them. I would therefore suggest the following:

1. Please ring 101 and log the details with the police.
2. Please email the Parish Council (parishclerkgreatshelford@gmail.com) and the School (office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) with the details so that we can both keep a log.

Thank you for your support for our children's safety.

Volunteer helper induction sessions

All new volunteers must attend a Volunteer Helpers' Induction session before working in class. Dates for these sessions are:

- Thursday 20th April at 9.00am
- Wednesday 14th June at 9.00am

Please let the office know if you would like to book a place.

A personal plea for your support

As many of you already know, a number of the staff team are joining the PTA at Go Ape, Thetford Forest on Sunday. This fundraising effort will hopefully result in a set of iPads for school.

For a few of us, including me, who are scared of heights, this is a **HUGE** challenge. So, in order to face my fears, I went for a pre-visit on Monday. My fear of heights was definitely confirmed!!!!!! (Exclamation marks, Charlie-style, are needed at this point). My knees knocked and whole body shook as I pushed myself to my limit (for video evidence, please go to the link below).

I won't tell you whether I managed to complete the course or not, I will only say that it will need to be worth my while to get into that harness again, and to risk the mental wellbeing and bones of the staff team on Sunday! Charlie is on standby to run the school on Monday.

Therefore, please do persuade me to make this second attempt on Sunday and sponsor me and the staff team (Mrs Clark and Mrs Alderman (Kitchen), Miss Norfolk, Miss Wesley, Mrs Rose, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Kellock, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Kingman, and now Mr Cuff too). Please donate via the following link...

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shelfordschoolstaffteam>

...and I may see you there!



Best wishes, Mrs Evans

School Uniform price changes

Please note the following increase to our school uniform prices as of 3rd April 2017
Items ordered before this date will still be charged at the old price.

ITEM	OLD PRICE	NEW PRICE
Cardigans	£9.45	£10.05
Jumpers	£7.95	£8.55
Polo shirts	£5.95	£6.45
Fleeces	£11.25	£11.25 (no increase)
Storm jackets	£16.95	£17.95
Ruck sacks	£9.55	£10.75
Book bags	£4.60	£6.00

As part of their PSHE work on democracy, we give Year 5 a choice of the colour of their sweatshirt in Year 6. They have chosen teal - this will be available to order after the Easter holidays.

School Uniform

Uniform is now 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.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers as part of the Active Kids scheme run by Sainsbury's which will enable us to claim sport and cooking equipment for our children to use in school. Any vouchers will be gratefully received in the special collection box in the office. Thank you for your support in this.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term will be £60.75, if your child has a school meal every day.

We would be grateful if you made every effort to pay for school lunches 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.



The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on the following websites:-

<http://www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk/primary> (primary school meals home page)

<http://www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk/primary-menus> (primary school menus)

Please be aware that 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 need to provide a packed lunch for your child 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.

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
- Recorders: £8 or £15
- Recorder books: £3.50
- School hats: £2.50

Attachments

- Summer Fair poster
- School Safety Notice

Look out for the following Premier Sport leaflets in book bags today:

Football – Reception, years 1, 2 & 3

Mini Olympics – Years 3 – 6

Drama Club – Years 1 – 4 (after school)

Drama Club – Years 5 & 6 (before school)

PTA news

The PTA challenge 2017 THIS SUNDAY

The PTA Challenge is this Sunday!!!!!! Please support our teams if you can, especially the staff team who are going all out to raise money for the school. We can't thank them enough. Exciting news is that Mr Cuff our new Deputy Headteacher has joined the ranks and will be swinging through the trees with Mrs Evans, Miss Norfolk, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Rose, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Kingman, Miss Wesley, Mrs Kellock, Mrs Clark and Mrs Alderman this weekend. Visit their webpage and 'sponsor them happy' at

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shelfordschoolstaffteam> . All 148 taking part in the Challenge this year are raising money to purchase the school their first ever set of ipads. Any support you can give our 'challengers' to raise money to buy these would be amazing. Thank you so much. PS Bradley says thank you for all the support you have given him. He is one happy, little bear with over £200 in sponsorship which will be doubled by the very kind people at Woodfines solicitors. Nice work Bradley!! Here's his link one last time <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bradleybear>

Bike sale

Huge thanks again to the entire team behind the bike sale before Easter. The sale made over £300 and combined with the sale in October this venture has made over £1000 for the school. Thank you so much to everyone involved especially James Prisk, a past parent and friend to the school who continues to organise the sales year on year.

London to Cambridge Bike ride

Calling all 'middle age men in lycra' (MAMILS for short !!!!!), Marc Ellis, a Year 1 dad and committee member has set up a team going by this name (!!!!) for the London to Cambridge bike ride. If you would like to join him sign up at <http://www.bike-events.co.uk/Booking2.aspx?id=579&x=y> or contact Marc directly on marcellis120@aol.com

Disco organiser required

Do you and your children enjoy coming to the PTA discos at Christmas and in Feast week? Are you interested in helping organise this event? We are looking for a new disco organiser as Claire Chaloner our outgoing disco queen is hanging up her shoes!! She'll happily show you the ropes. Please let the PTA know if this is something you might be interested in getting involved in. Thank you.
pta@shelfordschool.org.uk

Summer Fair – Sat 20th May

Don't forget the Summer Fair is on Sat 20th May!! One month to go!!!!

Bye for now,
The PTA team.

Useful links:

- St Mary's Church, Great Shelford
<http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/>
- All Saints Church, Little Shelford
<http://www.allsaintslittleshelford.org/>
- The Free Church, Great Shelford
<http://www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk/>
- The Wacky Afterschool and Holiday Club
<http://www.wackyclub.co.uk/>
- The Rainbow Pre-School
<http://www.rainbowshelford.co.uk/>

Summer Term 2017 (any new items in red)			
Date	time	Event	Notes
Tuesday 18 th April	8.45am	Children back to school	
Friday 21 st April	All day event	Year 4 trip to Wandlebury	
Sunday 23 rd April	Afternoon	PTA Go Ape Challenge	https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shelfordschoolstaffteam
Tuesday 25 th April	4.00 – 6.00pm	CSSP Netball tournament	Team selected from Netball Club

Thursday 27 th April	4.30 – 6.00pm	Year 5 Maths Challenge	
Monday 1 st May	All day event	Bank holiday	School closed
Thursday 11 May	7.30pm	Full Governing Board meeting	
Friday 12 th May	2.45pm	Parent briefing – choosing an instrument for my child	led by Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Barlow
Thursday 18 th May	12.30 - 3.30pm	School Games – Mini Red at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club	Year 4
Saturday 20 th May	Put the time in here please	PTA Summer Fair	All welcome
Monday 22 nd May	All day event	Year 4 trip to Ely Prickwillow Museum	
Wednesday 24 th May	Morning event	Year 6 university visit to St John's College	This event is kindly sponsored by Sawston Village College as part of the ASPIRE project.
Thursday 25 th May	11.15am	Ascension Day service and picnic	Please note that this service will take place at St Mary's Church, Great Shelford. Parents are welcome to join us at both the church and the picnic afterwards
Friday 26 th May	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half Term 29th May – 2nd June			
Monday 5 th June	8.45am	Children back to school	
Thursday 8 th June	Afternoon event	School games – Quadkids competition	Years 5 and 6
Monday 12 th June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Wednesday 14 th June	Morning event	Year 5 taster at Sawston Village College	
Thursday 15 th June	Morning event	Photographer – class and group photos	
Thursday 15 th June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Monday 19 th June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Wednesday 21 st June	Afternoon event	Regional Cricket tournament	Team selected from Tournaments Club
Thursday 22 nd June	3.45-6.15pm	Pupil/parent/teacher meetings	Years 1 – 6 – details to come
Monday 26 th June	All day event	International Day	led by Mrs Unwin
Wednesday 28 th June	All day event	Art Day	led by Mrs Ashton
Friday 30 th June	8.00 – 8.45am	French Breakfast event	All welcome
Friday 30 th June	1.30 – 3.15pm	Sports Afternoon	All welcome
Monday 3 rd July	Morning event	French Twinning Visit - Primary Aged Children from Verneuil-en-Halatte	
Wednesday 5 th July	Morning event	"Moving Up" Day	Children move up to the next class and meet their new class teacher.
Thursday 6 th July	Evening event	Year 6 Induction Evening at SVC	

Thursday 13 th July	7.30pm	Full Governing Board meeting	
Monday 17 th July	Afternoon event	Swimming Competition (Parkside Pool)	2 boys and 2 girls selected from each of Years 3,4,5 &6
Tuesday 18 th July	2.45pm	Sports' Awards assembly	Miss Beck (PE/Sports' Subject Leader) will invite parents of winning children
Wednesday 19 th July	2.45pm	Phillippa Pearce Awards assembly	Mr Dagnall (English Subject Leader) will invite parents of winning children
Thursday 20 th July	9.00am	Whole School Assembly	Thank you to volunteer helpers
Friday 21 st July	All day event	Year 6 Leavers Service and celebration (Rev Simon Talbott to speak)	Year 6 parents invited to the morning service and tea and cake on the reception lawn afterwards – ticketed event – details to come
Summer holidays Monday 24th July – Friday 1st September inclusive			

Dates for the new school year 2017- 2018

Autumn Term 2017 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	Spring Term 2018 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	Summer Term 2018 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
Professional development days: <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 		

Please ensure that all holidays are booked during the holiday periods only and especially that you child is in school for his/her first day of the new year on Tuesday 5th September 2017.