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*We live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners*

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## Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a fantastic day of celebrations today for our Year 6 Leavers. We commenced the day with our Leavers' Service with involvement from St. Mary's, All Saints and Great Shelford Free Church. Each Y6 pupil shared a special memory of their time at Great and Little Shelford and Y6 pupils also performed a song and a hymn. Following this, they processed back to school to walk through the confetti walkway formed by the remainder of the school. As they arrived at the back of the school, they shared refreshments with their families, including a very special cake made up of many 'books'. On the spine of each book, each pupil was represented with the title and their name was written as the author. During this time, pupils and guests could also browse baby photos of the Y6 pupils and try to identify them! Later, pupils were presented with their Year Books and dined at the 'top table', decorated with bespoke and personalised decorations! A huge and sincere thank you to all the parents who were involved in the organisation of the day. This afternoon, Y6 pupils have been gaining signatures from members of the school, as well as enjoying a Staff Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk! We will send the Y6 pupils on their way today at the School Church Garden at 3:15pm. A huge thank you to the whole community who attended and worked tirelessly to ensure that today's celebrations were such a success.

Yesterday, we enjoyed our End of Year Worship, where we thanked many members of the school community for their support. We formally said farewell to Mrs. Dasher and Mrs. Kellock, as well as Rev. Henderson and Bridget Hodge.

On Friday, I was delighted to attend the Philippa Pearce Award Ceremony, led by Mr. Cuff and Mrs. Kellock. We welcomed Sally Christie, Philippa Pearce's daughter, who read 'The Tooth Ball'. The annual award is given to the pupil in each class who has made the most progress. This year's winners were:

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| Reception | Tommy A   |
| Y1        | Jayden P  |
| Y2        | Emily C   |
| Y3        | Teddy P   |
| Y4        | Abigail B |
| Y5        | Innes S   |
| Y6        | JJ R      |

Each child was asked to select a text. A copy of this text was given to them and a copy was given to Mrs. Kellock for the school library.

All that leaves me with is to wish you and your families a fantastic, restful and enjoyable summer break. I would also like to thank you for all your support of our very dedicated staff team. I am hugely proud of what they have achieved. Thank you also for welcoming me to the school community this academic year. We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

With very best wishes for the summer,

Chris Grey

## Announcements

### **Wildlife Garden**

We recently said goodbye to Bridget Hodge, who kindly volunteered in running our Wildlife Garden Club. If you are interested in working with a small group of pupils in the meadow or allotment for some weeks, please register your interest with the office.

### **Little Shelford Walking Bus – Volunteers needed!**



The Little Shelford walking bus meet every Wednesday at the corner of Church Street/Hauxton Rd next to the old Sycamore restaurant at 8.25 am prompt.

Two DBS checked parents walk with the children to school all wearing hi viz jackets.

There is a parent helper rota, if more families join the fewer mornings you will need to help.

Please just turn up and join in this fun, active group.

If you require any further info please contact Charlotte Chatwin or Claire Chaloner. Thanks

### **Safeguarding issues**

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

#### ❖ **Medicine in school**

- ❖ If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.

#### ❖ **School access – gates**

- ❖ For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

#### ❖ **Site Safety**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

#### ❖ **Changes to your child's circumstances**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Bug busting**

Unfortunately, we have had reports of head lice in school. Please can you ensure that you check your child's hair as soon as possible, and take action as necessary. Thank you.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Shelford Guides Unit Leader needed urgently**

1<sup>st</sup> Shelford Guides has been running continuously since 1917 but sadly may not be able to reopen in September 2019 due to the current Unit Leader standing down. So, we're looking for a Girlguiding Leader to take over the unit and keep it going. Please pass the message on to friends and neighbours and get in touch with Joanne Staines or Lisa MacGregor (Shelford District Commissioners) at [shelforddistrict@gmail.com](mailto:shelforddistrict@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

### **May Bank Holiday 2020**

As you may have seen, the May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May due to the VE Day celebrations.

### **Term dates for next year**

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

### **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). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **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.