

Shelford School News

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We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all in school again on Monday 30th October.

Celebration Assembly Achievements - Friday 13th October 2017

This half term's ***Secrets of Success*** focus:

- Understanding others

Headteacher's Award (4 house points):

- Maisie Richardson
- Alex Taylor
- Sebastian Betsworth
- Ruby Seaborn
- Teddy Page
- Humphrey White

Star Writer (4 house points):

- Beatrice Parsons
- Flynn Darby
- Aashna Mehta
- Oliver Simmons

Maths Investigator Award (4 house points):

- Oliver Seaborn
- Eddie Cousins

Pen Licence

- None this week

Golden Mile – 5 Miles (2 house points):

- Oliver Marsh
- Flynn Darby
- Georgina Fazal
- Nathan Edmond
- Anna Sargent

Golden Mile– 10 Miles Bronze (4 house points):

- Seren Olney

Golden Mile– 25 Miles Silver (4 house points):

- None this week

Golden Mile – 50 Miles Gold (4 house points)

- None this week

Celia (10 house points)

- Thomas Welchman

Cyril (staff member)

- Mrs Rose

Care of Books (2 house points per class member)

- Year 3

Dinner winners (2 house points per class member)

- Not awarded this week

Silver bins (2 house points per class member)

- Year Reception
- Year 6

This week's house winners:

- Red Squirrels

Class briefing and assembly (Friday 3rd November)

A class briefing and assembly for the parents year 4 and year 6 children will be held on the afternoon of Friday 3rd November. Further details and a start time will be sent to you in due course.

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Change to menu after half term

Bonfire Lunch

Mains

Pork Hot Dog with chips & baked beans
Or
Veggie Hot Dog with chips & baked beans

Or

Baked Potato

Pudding

Rocky Road & a milkshake
Or
Rocket ice lollies



International Day

On Wednesday 1st November, we will once again be experiencing one of our popular International Curriculum days. The theme this time will be Fairtrade. Children will be learning about where our food comes from, how it gets to us and also how farmers are treated all around the world. With the kind support of the PTA, we are looking into fundraising opportunities and will update you after the half term break. Many thanks.

Mrs Unwin

Mathletics – maths resource

Parents can subscribe to this useful maths resource through school for only £6 per child. If you would like to sign up for this please return the slip on the attached letter by Monday 30th October.

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.

Guitar Lessons

There are still some spaces for guitar lessons, so if your child is interested, please contact Mr Boutwood (Guitar teacher) for further details. (bouters@ntlworld.com).

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:

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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.

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

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.

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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 this week.

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

- Athletics letter
- Year 6 reminder letter for parents
- Histon ADHD
- Road victims trust poster
- Family day – October half-term
- Scout firework poster

PTA news

Hello from the new PTA team!

Thank you PTA class of 2016-2017!

We kick off our first newsletter with a HUGE thank you to Charlie and the outgoing team for their inspirational efforts fundraising and growing our school community. You definitely put the fun into fundraising!! Thanks too for making the transition from old team to new as smooth as possible with your fantastic handover. You are awesome and we hope you all know just how much you are appreciated.

And now for this year's fundraising...

APFS Christmas cards 2017 (Co-ordinator: Sarah Murray)

By now you should have received your child's unique artwork label for their Christmas card designs. Please follow the pdf instructions emailed by your reps earlier this week. The school office will accept artwork until **Thursday 2nd November**. Any queries to pta@shelfordschool.org.uk.

Northbrook gift wrap 2017 (Co-ordinator: Angela Mulligan)

Keeping with the festive spirit, we also plan to launch the Northbrook gift wrap fundraiser this week. Please look out for the Northbrook brochure in bookbags this week. Northbrook has a wide selection of wrapping paper to choose from, all of which raise funds for the PTA. Orders in by **Friday 3rd November**. Feel more organised for Christmas and spare yourself from wrestling long rolls of paper through bustling Christmas shoppers — priceless!

House T-shirts (Co-ordinator: Charlie Russell)

Please collect your House T-shirts from outside the junior school entrance at pickup today (**Wednesday 18th**) and tomorrow (**Thursday 19th October**). The price is £10 per T-shirt. If you will have trouble collecting your T-shirt please contact us on pta@shelfordschool.org.uk and we will organise getting the T-shirts to you.

VACANCY: Purveyor(s) of preloved uniform

We are incredibly grateful to Rachel Richardson for running our 2nd hand uniform sales, sending preloved uniform on new adventures whilst generating funds for the PTA. Rachel would now like to pass on the (virtual) key to the stockroom — could the next custodian/team of custodians be you?! We typically hold 1-2 sales per term, usually on Fridays at the same time as Cake at the Gate. Any help would be fantastic please, so if you would like to be involved please contact pta@shelfordschool.org.uk.

And finally...

Thank you so much for all the support, gratitude and encouragement you have given us, the new PTA team — we have really appreciated it. We are excited about how the year ahead is shaping up, but more about that next week...

The PTA team.

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.

Shelford School Calendar			
Academic Year 2017 - 2018			
Autumn Term 2017			
Date	Time	Event	Notes
Wednesday 18 th Oct	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School Hall
Thursday 19 th Oct	3.45 – 6.45pm	Pupil/Parent/Teacher consultations Years 1-6	School Hall
Friday 20 th Oct	All day event	Teacher training day	School closed
Half Term 23rd – 27th October			
Tuesday 31 st Oct	9:15 -10.15	Volunteer Helper induction	Please book a place with the office
Friday 3 rd Nov	To be confirmed	Years 6 and 4 parent briefings and celebration assemblies	
Friday 10 th Nov		Years 2 and 1 parent briefings and celebration assemblies	
Friday 17 th Nov		Years 3 and 5 parent briefings and celebration assemblies	
Friday 24 th Nov		Year R parent briefing and celebration assembly	
Friday 1 st Dec	6:30pm	KS2 singing at Shelford Christmas lights switch on	Shelford Memorial Hall
Monday 4 th Dec	2:30pm	FS/KS1 Nativity	School hall
Tuesday 5 th Dec	2:30pm	FS/KS1 Nativity	School hall
Saturday 9 th Dec		PTA Christmas Fair	school
Thursday 14 th Dec	6pm	KS2 Carols by candlelight	St Mary's Church
Tuesday 19 th Dec	All day	Shelford School Christmas Day	
Christmas Holiday 23 rd December 2017 -2 nd January 2018			

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"> Monday 4th September 2017 Friday 20th October 2017 Wednesday 3rd January 2018 Friday 9th February 2018 Friday 25th May 2018 		