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'From Knowledge Wisdom Flows'

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I know many people have been commenting that January always feels like a long month! However, with life at Shelford being as busy as always, the time seems to be flying by!

As many of you will know Nick Pett, former Governor of the school and active member of the Parish Community, sadly passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends at this difficult time. The funeral will take place at St. Mary's Church tomorrow, Thursday 31st January, at 11:30am.

This week, I was very pleased to receive an email, via our PTA, from the Zambesi Sunrise Trust. They have kindly sent over the photos (below) of pupils from Linda Community Primary School, Livingstone, Zambia. As you will be able to see from the photos, the pupils are all wearing Shelford uniform! As you may remember, children in Zambia must have a uniform to attend a state school, so we are very pleased to hear that there is a class of pupils in Zambia all wearing Shelford uniform! A big thank you to the families and the PTA for supporting this worthwhile cause.



Thank you to all of you who attended and supported the PTA Quiz on Saturday. The event profit is sounding very positive at £1,514! Thank you in particular to Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Wall and her team for arranging and leading the quiz.

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be heading off to Grafham Water for their residential visit. We look forward to hearing and seeing them grapple with a range of challenges focused on teambuilding and communication skills! We will keep our fingers crossed for warm and dry weather!

It was lovely to see many of you at last night's Parent, Teacher and Pupil Consultations. I look forward to seeing more of you today and tomorrow!

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

School closure

In the event of bad weather, we will aim to keep the school open as usual. In the exceptional and unlikely event that the school were to close, we will post a message on the school website and notify Radio Cambridgeshire for inclusion in their schools closures list.

PTA fancy dress sale

The PTA are planning to have a second hand fancy dress sale on Thursday the 14th February at school pick up. If you have costumes to donate, please send them to the children's classroom, or if you are unable to do this you can leave them in the office.

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. Clubs will still take place during the weeks of the Grafham Water and Burwell residential trips. Please ensure the children have warm clothing for each session including gloves which they can wear for the warmup.

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.

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 . 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