



Shelley First School Newsletter

11th February 2022

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Headteacher Update

It has as always been a very busy Half-Term. Next week is **Science Week** and we know that the children really enjoy this. I spoke to children from each class earlier this term about their science learning and they used technical language within context and they could recall their learning very well. A Peer Review by the Trust with a focus on Science and Art highlighted how well led these subjects are and how impactful the learning is.

In assemblies we have discussed staying safe online and the powerpoint is on the website for your reference. We have also considered mental health and the link between a healthy body and healthy mind.

We continue to award weekly certificates in our Friday assembly as well as Head Teacher Awards. We have also started to give certificates for '**Higher Power**' - emotional intelligence. Ask your child about this—they love the theme music in assembly!

Site Updates this half term break: Our new carpets will be fitted at Half-Term and with this can we remind you about pupils not playing on mud before school please. The IT Suite is being gutted too so that work on the new multi-function learning centre can start at Easter. This means that our IT provision and library will be in one room. We can't wait for the children to use this exciting space and will share photographs with you to show the progress.

Fundraising: We will be having a **NON_UNIFORM day** on the last day of this half-term (18/2/22). The cost of this is £1—please donate via ParentPay. Monies will be supporting school projects. Thank you!

Staff Updates

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Pepper who has been part of the office team since September 2020. We will miss her at Shelley, but as she has secured a new post at Scissett Middle School she remains very much part of the Mast Academy Trust family. We wish her all the success in this new role.



We warmly welcome Mrs Charlton to Team Shelley as she joins the Business Support team on Tuesday 15th February.

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Food Showdown- Healthy Eating



Atalian Servest our caterers have been in school this week and hosted the first ever food showdown. We had two sessions during the day and teams from Y2 and Y5 competed to cook a delicious plate of delicious goodness with the support of the catering manager, The rest of the school were able to spectate and then participate with voting for the team they thought had created the best dish. It was lovely to see some of our governors in school and be part of the event too, Thank You to everyone involved.

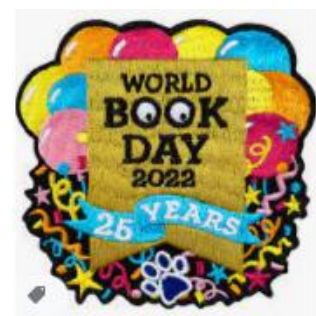


World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day in school on Thursday 3rd March. The events that we have planned for this day are:

- Dress as your favourite book character.
- Bedtime story and snack: Our school council suggested that all children bring a teddy or small blanket to school. The class teachers will make the classroom cosy and the children will have a 'bedtime story' and snack for example a cookie or biscuit. **Please could you send your child with a snack for bedtime story and either a teddy or very small blanket in a named bag that can be hung from a peg.**
- We would like to give the children the opportunity to swap a book that they have read and enjoyed with a book that another child has read and enjoyed. If your child would like to take part in the book swap, please send a book that they want to swap into school with them on **Thursday 3rd March.**

The children will also take part in fun, book based activities planned by their class teachers. Thank you for your support in promoting a love of reading for our children.



Communication Survey feedback

A big thank you to everyone who completed the communications survey. We have reviewed the feedback and have taken your comments on board.



We agree that we have too many channels for communicating with you and it is important to us that how we communicate is effective and works for our families as well as for the staff at school.

- ***Class Curriculum Newsletters will be the first point of reference for all class related information; including homework is due day, PE days, Trip dates, Swimming dates, Forest School days etc. The Curriculum newsletter will be available on the class page on our website for your reference. These will be available termly going forward.***
- ***Whole school reminders will be sent out via our social media posts. You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter and in the newsletter.***
- ***The text service will still be used for urgent whole school messages that need to be shared, but we hope to reduce the usage of this service by introducing the above changes.***
- ***There are further items to consider as we continue to improve the communication between home and school and we will keep you posted on the progress of these.***

Trips

After a long period of not being able to book any trips, we are really excited to be able to start booking trips in for the Spring and Summer terms.

Please note that the cost of coach hire has increased significantly following the pandemic, and this has a knock on effect of the cost of trips. Some classes are venturing out to venues and some are having a 'play in a day' experience day in school.

The payment items for the trips will be made available via ParentPay as soon as they are booked so that you have as much time to spread the cost over the coming months. We hope that this will make it more manageable for our families and enable the children to enjoy these great hands on learning experiences.



As always, should payment of items be of concern for you, please speak to us about it.

After School Clubs

The After school clubs are well attended this term. We do still have places available in a couple of the clubs. If your child would like to join a club, please get in contact with the school office.

Places are available in Football on a Monday, Karate on a Thursday and Choir (which is on a Friday morning from 8:20am)



We had a postpone the **Multi skills club** due to low interest, however if we can get 10 pupils from **Y1-Y5** signed up, then we can run it for the next half term.

Please contact the office via email to put your child's name on the list. We will confirm with parents asap if we have enough interest to run the club after half term.

If you are still due a refund for the last session in December that was cancelled. These are being processed next week. Thank you for your patience as we have navigated the financial process with ParentPay.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
17/2/22	Reception Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
18/2/22	Non Uniform Day - Pay £1 via ParentPay School Closes at 3:30pm for half term break
28/2/22	School opens 8.45am
3/3/22	World Book Day - Dress up as a book character
8&9 or 10&11/3/22	Bikeability - Y5
10/3/22	Class Photos
14/3/22	Careers Week - contact school if you can help
30/3/22	Parents Evening 1