



Shelley First School Newsletter

18th March 2022

Care, fairness and respect... No barriers to learning... Celebration and joy

Headteacher Update

It has been a fantastic few weeks at Shelley First School. The children have really been working hard and showing us their very best behaviour. We had a wonderful History Week in school last week and so please ask your children about their learning. Thank you so much to the amazing grandparents who came into school to talk about life in the past – it was really engaging for our Reception children. We even met a 58 year old teddy!

In assemblies we have learned about World Book day and the value of reading as well as Lent and its importance for Christians. On Monday this week our Members of the Pupils Parliament (Jessica and Thomas) led an assembly with a focus upon recycling. Thomas also represented us at the Trust Parliament meeting this week.

Well done to them!



World Book Day

We had a fabulous World Book Day – thank you so much for supporting this. Everyone looked fabulous. The School Council had asked for cosy story-time and we were able to offer this which was lovely. We have sent home a bookmark from school with every child this week – it also includes the school values that are included in the school song. We hope that your child will be able to use it when reading at home.



Sporting Events

Well done to the teams that have represented the school in inter-school sports recently. These are: the girls' football team and Y3-5 football team. The teams were exceptionally well behaved and they worked together, giving 100%. Well done to them and thank you to parents and Mr Pritchard for supporting these events.



We would really love to celebrate all of the sporting activities that go on outside of school as we know that lots of the children do this and enjoy it. We would be really grateful for photographs of your child doing activities so that we can make a display of their achievements. Any sporting activity – dance, gym, horse riding, golf – whatever they enjoy is warmly welcomed.

If you wish to please email photographs to gpritchard@themast.co.uk. Thank you in advance.

Careers Week

We are so very grateful to everyone who has given up their time to input into our annual Careers Week. The children have had interesting talks/visits relating to a wide range of sectors including animal care, health, emergency services, 3D printing, finance and business, mountain rescue and the RNLI.

The children have had the opportunity to consider their own hopes and aspirations and we have made these into a display near to the school hall.



Parental Behaviour

We have recently had concerns raised by parents regarding adult behaviour on the playground. This includes shouting abuse, behaving in a threatening manner and shoulder barging other parents. Clearly, this is bullying and intimidating behaviour and is unacceptable – particularly on a school site in front of children.

Whilst we understand that there may be issues between families we please ask that parents behave reasonably and with courtesy whilst on school premises.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Catering

Academy Catering launched the new menu this half term and we have now had the full 3 week cycle in school. Copies of the new menus were emailed to parents at the beginning of the half term. Please ask your child what they think to the new options?

Please note, if your child would like to switch their lunchtime arrangements, please contact the school office to arrange this. We will need 7 days notice.

We are really proud of the children who are taking part in the 'Eat them to defeat them' campaign. Our lunchtime staff have been very busy awarding stickers to children, who have eaten their vegetables. Lets see if we can keep going and completely fill our sticker charts.



Egg Watch

Did you see our Y5 reporters giving daily updates about the eggs that we had in school this half term? You can see these on our Facebook page. We will update our Facebook page with further news once the chicks are settled in their forever home. This will be on a farm in Wales, that belongs to a relative of a member of staff here at SFS. He cannot wait to welcome them.



Milk Orders

The payment item for ordering milk for the Summer Term is now on ParentPay. Please make the £11.65 payment or give consent if your child is entitled to Free or Under 5's milk.

The order is being placed with our milk supplier on the last week of term, so **please place the order via your PPay account, by Monday 4th April at the latest.**



After school clubs

The Summer Term After school clubs letter will be issued by the end of March. The payment items will be set up on ParentPay to reserve a place. Please note that clubs can only go ahead if we reach minimum numbers, therefore if you have any enquiries relating to clubs before you book, please speak to the office staff.

We are excited to be able to offer Y2-5 a cheerleading club, on a Wednesday. We think this will offer a great opportunity to learn a new active skill.

Charity No. 1177750

Do you need help providing school uniform for your child?



Uniform Exchange is a Kirklees based charity who recycles good school uniform, passing it from one family to another... we are here to support all Kirklees families!

If you need help accessing school uniform from Uniform Exchange please complete the online form...

go to www.uniform-exchange.org



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Blazers

Trousers / Shorts
Skirts / Pinafores
Summer Dresses
PE / Sports Kits
Shoes / Trainers
Socks / Tights

Vests / Underwear
Bags and Coats

(some items are limited)

Class Assemblies

As you know we are trying to get to normal as much as possible. Part of this drive is to offer parents the opportunity to watch a class assembly. These have now been booked on the following dates. Please make a note of your child's class date.

Class	Date	Time
Rosen (Mrs Peake and Mrs Colwill)	25/5/22	3.00pm
Bevan (Miss Ellam)	26/5/22	3.00pm
Donaldson (Miss Barker and Mrs Ward)	13/7/22	2.50pm
Lear (Miss Grist)	17/6/22	2.50pm
Elliot (Mr Pritchard)	22/6/22	2.50pm
Carroll (Miss Wood and Miss Westerman)	13/6/22	3.05pm
Coehlo (Miss Dempster) (Leaver assembly – likely to last 45 minutes)	8/7/22	9.15am

Assessments

Year 2 SATS –

The SATS are undertaken in May and we ideally need all pupils at school so that they can be assessed. We know that some parents are taking term-time holidays and that this may be due to Covid related issues. Holidays cannot be authorised but please if absolutely necessary do steer clear of May if at all possible. Thank you. There will be a parent meeting about the Y2 SATS, please watch out for further details following shortly.

Y1 phonics Screen

We have already offered Teams meetings regarding the Year 1 phonics screen. You can access the recording to the meeting here. Please could parents avoid taking holidays

School Building Projects

We have now gutted the ICT Suite and the work to transform it into a new IT Centre and Library will start at Easter. This will be a wonderful space for all children to use – we will share photographs with you.

We are also hoping to update our pond area so that it can be used safely again – the children love outdoor learning experiences. We will also be updating the current library area to make this well-equipped and an attractive learning space.

Next year we hope to redevelop the Eco-Lodge to make a brilliant space for Technology and Art.

Box appeal / Junk modelling items

Do you have any match boxes at home? These will be an ideal size for a creative project in school. If you do have some, please hand them in at the school office. Thank You in advance. Mrs Dempsey



If you have any boxes or containers that can be used in our junk modelling area, we would love you to bring them into school. Please can these be clean items and no larger than a cereal box. These can be brought in regularly so we can replenish the stash. Thank You in advance. Early Years & KS1 Team

Ukraine

We know that many of our children may have worries about the current crisis in Ukraine. The Department for Education suggest that we should discuss this with our children. In our experience children worry more when things are not discussed.

We have focussed with our Year 5 class on the historical and factual history of Russia and the Ukraine. They were amazingly mature in doing this work – we have photographed some of their work for you to see. We have placed the powerpoint that we have used with the oldest children on the website and so if you wish to use it with your own children please do. We have reassured children that the Ukraine is a long way from us and that they are not in danger.



Residential Trip for Y5

We are really pleased that we have been able to book a residential trip to Peak Venture, Penistone. This will be 11th - 13th May.



Thank you to parents who have confirmed they would like to book a place for their child. We have set up the payment item on PPay and ask you to now make the full payment in line with your commitment.

Further details will be issued to parents in the coming weeks; including your child's dietary requirements, medical forms and an advisory packing list.

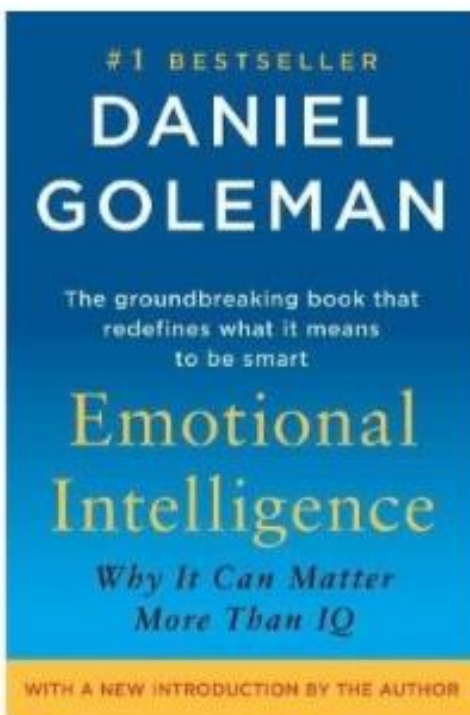
We know this is a great opportunity for the children to have time away from home, learn to look after themselves and others and get involved in team building activities.

Thank you to parents for supporting this opportunity.

Shelley First School Parental Workshop, 6th April 2022 9am-10am



What is Emotional Intelligence and why is this part of our wider curriculum?



At Shelley First school, post pandemic, we spent time reflecting on the PSHE curriculum.

We looked at priorities and made decisions about additional skills the children must acquire to become resilient children and adults who show integrity.

You are invited to a workshop about why this is part of our wider curriculum and learn more about the importance of EQ.



Please sign up for this workshop via your ParentPay account, by 31st March.

Refreshments will be included!

GRAND OPENING OF SHELLEY PLAY AREA

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 10AM



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

KINDLY OPENED BY MALCOLM AND LORNA MACDONALD

Parent support

Unintentional childhood injury results in over 2 million visits to A&E in the UK – Over half of these injuries occur in the home. On average 62 children under the age of five died as a result of an accident and over 76,000 under the age of 14 are admitted for treatment, of which over 40% are under 5 years of age.

This e-learning course enables parents, carers and practitioners to:

- Identify risks in the home and elsewhere that are the common causes of childhood accidents
- Describe steps you are able to take in order to reduce the risk and prevent childhood accidents
- To be confident in making changes or supporting families to make changes, to keep children safer.

The training takes approximately 30 – 40 minutes to complete. On completion you will receive a certificate.

If you are a parent/carer of a young child/ren or a professional working with/supporting young children, we strongly advise you to complete this training to develop your knowledge on child accident prevention. This will enable you to go on to make a difference in reducing childhood accidents in Kirklees.

To access the training please go to the Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Partnership website and register (if you are not already a registered user) – See link below.

<https://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk/>

Then follow the steps below:

1. Register and book training today
2. eLearning
3. Child accident prevention eLearning
4. More information and booking
5. Log in or Register
6. Open training

To learn more go to:

<https://kirklees.event-booking.org.uk/elearning-list>

<https://yorkshirechildrenscentre.org.uk/accident-prevention-elearning/>

If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to contact us using the below information.

Parents Evening

We have parents evening coming up at the end of March/ beginning of April. We are offering either face to face or a telephone appointment.

These will be strictly 10 minutes and will be an update. Teachers have been asked to keep to the allocated times so they will finish the appointment/ call on time. This is courtesy to each parent that has booked a slot to speak to them.

If you have any other questions/ concerns relating to your child that will need to be discussed with your child's teacher then please contact them before hand. These things will not be discussed the appointment due to time restraints.

To book an appointment, please click on the link [here](#). Please book by Wednesday 23rd March and appointments will be confirmed by text by 29th March.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
24/3/22	Class Photos (Please send all children in uniform)
30/3/22 (31/3/2022)	Parents Evening 1 (Class Rosen and Carroll)
4/4/2022	Y4 - Grow session
5/4/2022	Y3-5 Hockey Festival (10 places - sign up via PPay)
6/4/2022	Parents Evening 2
7/4/2022	Class Elliot Trip to Media Museum
8/4/2022	Break up for Easter (3:30pm)
25/4/2022	School reopens (8:45am)
11-13/5/2022	Y5 Residential