



Shelley First School Newsletter

September 2022

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Headteacher Welcome



Welcome back after the summer break!

We hope you enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer and are ready for a brand new school year 2022-2023.

It's wonderful to have all the children back in school, and thank you for making sure they are looking so smart in their lovely school uniforms!

A special welcome to our new families and children who have joined us this year - we know you will have many happy years here at Shelley First School.

We are also delighted to welcome three new teachers this year

Mr Owen in Year 5, Mr Lister in Year 4 and Miss Blakey in Year 1, who have joined our team and will make a brilliant contribution to our school.



Mr Owen



Mr Lister



Miss Blakey

This newsletter sets out most of the key information for this half term but if there is anything you are not sure about, please just give us a call.

Governor message

Hello

Hello from The Governors

All school governors play a part in ensuring the school environment is a safe place for your children. All Governors complete Safeguarding training and they ensure policy is being followed in school when they carry out regular monitoring visits.

However, the designated Safeguarding Governor will dig a little deeper to ensure the school is fulfilling its safeguarding responsibilities. This is also done through regular monitoring visits to review the following:

- Checks to ensure all staff (including non-teaching staff) have been trained and have received policy update training every year.
- Check the training is understood and safeguarding is discussed regularly throughout the year
- Ensure there are clear processes in place to report incidents and feedback given where necessary
- Review the number of designated safeguarding leads in school to ensure there will always be someone contactable in case of an incident
- Check that staff details are up to date and DBS checks in place

As well as this, the designated Safeguarding Governor will check that school is working with the children to ensure they understand what safeguarding means and know how to report something if they don't feel safe.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

A quick note on attendance. Attendance at school has been found to be directly linked to achievement and, just as importantly, to pupils' enjoyment of school. Regular attendance helps to instil a sense of responsible behaviour patterns in children.

At Shelley First School, we want our children to be happy and to achieve highly and want to encourage positive behaviours that will set them up for life. We would like to ask parents to be mindful of this and thank you all for your continued support.

Job Opportunities

Lunchtime Staff:

We are looking for people who might be interested in working for the school as a lunchtime supervisor on an ad hoc basis. Please email the school office if this might be of interest.



Reading Volunteers:

We would also be grateful to hear from any parents/family members that might be interested in volunteering to conduct one to one reading sessions with some of our pupils. Again, please email the office: shelleyoffice@themast.co.uk

Open Evening

Please note that the our open evening will be held on **2nd November**. This is an opportunity for parents of future Shelley pupils to come and look around our school, in particularly our newly refurbished Early Years Unit. So, if your child has younger siblings due to start school next year, or you know of people in the area who might be interested in their child coming to Shelley First School, do let them know the date.

Census Day

Just a reminder to parents of children in Reception to Year 2, that we would like to encourage those who usually bring a packed lunch to try a school dinner Census Day, which falls on **Thursday 6th October**. Please could the relevant parents complete our online form to give (or not) their permission for their child to order a school meal that day:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8pVRWEh7eJ>

What's been happening in School?

Droplets (Reception)

This week Class Droplets have been talking about how we are similar but also very different, we have learnt that we are all special and unique. The children used mirrors to look at themselves, mixed paint to match their skin colours and are in the process of adding hair and eyebrows. We can't wait to show you our completed portraits!



Brook (Y1) -

During our GROW session today, Class Brook were encouraged to identify signs of Autumn. We used our identification sheet to see if we could name any of the items that we found. We tried to make pictures out of the items that we found. We also had a chance to harvest some of the fruit and vegetables that we had planted earlier in the year. We picked courgettes and potatoes from our garden and also picked pears and apples from the fruit trees. It was very exciting to see how our seeds had grown. We also spent time weeding the raised beds ready for the next lot of seeds to be planted.



What's been happening in Class?

River (Y2)

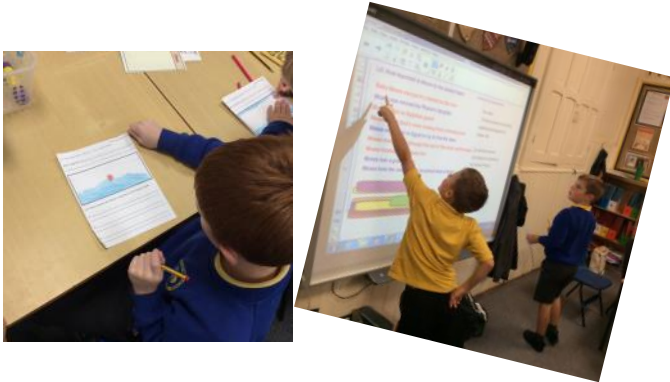
Class River were visited by the wonderful people of GROW who help us with our gardening. We got stuck in and did some much needed weeding and were able to harvest a variety of potatoes.



We talked about how seeds need water and nutrients from the soil to grow and had the huge responsibility of carefully planting lettuce seeds in the beds. The pears on the pear trees were ready for picking and we were able to pick a bunch and share them in class. How exciting to be able to snack on fruits and vegetables that we helped to grow!

Lake (Y3)

In class Lake, children have been learning about Moses in RE, and how important he was to the Jewish faith.



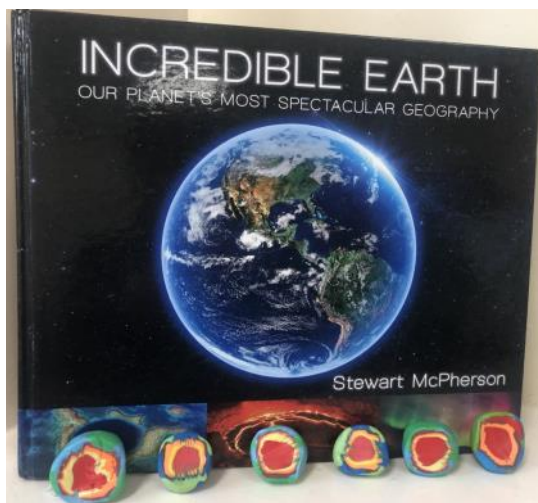
Sea (Y4)

This week in Sea Class (Year 4) we have been looking into the different types of teeth and learning the correct names for them. We have also been learning about each type of tooth's specific purpose and how this is the very first step for the process of digestion. We will be using this knowledge later on in the term to discover how and why food is digested.



Ocean (Y5)

Year 5 has been working extremely hard to recap prior knowledge and consolidate Place Value. They can now represent numbers in concrete, pictorial and abstract. They also made some amazing representations of Planet Earth using coloured clay, starting with an orange inner core, and building up the layers to the crust.



Uniform Exchange

REMEMBER TO DONATE YOUR OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many of us are still holding on to outgrown school uniform. Please could you donate any unneeded school uniform to the Uniform Exchange, our local recycling charity. They make sure every family has access to school uniform throughout the year regardless of financial situation. Our school has a collection box for you to donate into, situated just inside the Eco Lodge. Or you can hand over bags to the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/donation-points/>

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM AVAILABLE

Recycled uniforms are available for all parents to access for their local school from the Uniform Exchange. Just complete the form in this link and they will get your order out to you ASAP. Uniforms are assigned on a first come first served basis, and logo items are limited.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/>

"As a local charity we can't thank you enough for supporting us."



You can **donate** outgrown/ no longer needed uniform items at the Eco Lodge.

This will be open **during drop off and pickup.**

PLEASE HELP UNIFORM EXCHANGE BY DONATING YOUR OLD SCHOOL ITEMS

- School Uniform
- School & PE Bags
- Shoes & Trainers

Find your local collection box on the website



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Harvest Festival Food Collection

For Harvest Festival, we will be hosting a food collect at school on **Thursday 6th October**. Please see the below message from the Welcome Centre, listing their top 8 items most needed. Thank you, as ever for your generous support.



Dear children, parents, teachers and carers at Shelley First School

An update ready for Harvest Festival

I hope you are all keeping well and have been enjoying some late sunshine at the start of the new term. Here at The Welcome Centre, we've already been planning for Harvest and Christmas so I thought now would be a good time to send you our latest information if you are planning on supporting us during your Harvest Festival.

What are we short of?

Below are our top 8 items that we are most in need of. These are just examples, so for beef stew, this could also mean any type of meat meal such as tinned curry, chilli, spag bol etc. Just no items in wine sauce, please. Any brand is fine too.

We welcome all unopened food items that are in date, however, please note we have an excess of pasta and tinned spaghetti so if you could avoid those products it would really help.

In addition, we are in need of toiletry items and cleaning items such as spray cleaner, washing up liquid etc (no bleach please)



Thank you...

Photographs



It's that time of year again! Individual photographs will be taken on **Friday 7th October**. Sibling photos can be taken on a first come first serve basis between 8.20 and 8.50am that morning, so parents wanting to do this will need to arrive nice and early to the hall. We look forward to seeing the children brushed and smart ready to have their pictures taken!

Foss (Friends of Shelley First School)

Just a quick message to let our parents know that the FOSS AGM is going to be held on **17th October at 8pm at the Shelley Sports and Social Club**. We would love parents and staff to attend. We will be discussing suggestions for events for the next academic year, plus any other topics that parents would like FOSS to consider, and we will be voting on our committee members. Attendance at this event is vital, as we need votes to ensure that current committee members can continue with their roles and that anyone else wanting to take up a role within our FOSS team can be voted in. So if you're interested in helping the school with fundraising, PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US!!



Next month's FOSS events are: our **Halloween Discos** on 19th **October (KS1)** and **20th October (KS2)** which will be held in school from 3.30 until 5 pm in the hall.



We are planning a **Christmas Shopping evening** for **23rd November**. If any parents want to run a stall, or know of any businesses that may wish to, please email us at Foss: foss@shelleyfirstschool.co.uk

Creative Week



Our annual Creative Week was postponed last academic year and has been re-scheduled for **w/c 17th October 2022**. Our theme this year is 'creative culture'. Each class will be considering how they can make links with our wider community and expand their understanding of South-Asian cultures. The finale event will take place on 21st October 3—5 pm. All parents, carers and the community are invited.

We hope that by developing our children's understanding of cultural diversity we will help them to recognise and respect 'ways of being' that are not necessarily their own. We will highlight the richness of the world's cultures and also the essential role of inter-cultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

Creative week ensures that children can have access to creative arts through talented and experienced artists and specialists visiting school and helping the children create some wonderful pieces of art. This may be individual or collaborative pieces of. We cannot wait to see what they create by the end of the week!

To support this opportunity, we ask parents for a donation towards the cost. This ensures we can provide a varied supply of professionals to come in throughout the week. The full cost usually works out to be about £30 per child but we ask for a donation of £5 per child or whatever you can give above this. **This can be made via your ParentPay account from today.**

Cost of Living Study

Denby Dale Centre is looking at the best ways to support our local families during the Cost of Living Crisis and have asked that we forward their survey link to our parents, as the more families they can reach and engage with, the more realistic the data will be in informing more helpful outcomes.



This is a short study four people live in in the HD8 area to share with us their thoughts about the rising costs of living, to help us shape support around our local villages. The results will be funders with a view to establish a wider support infrastructure for local individuals and families; Enhancing existing provision. This form takes one to two minutes to complete. Please follow this link [Cost of Living HD8 Support Study 2022](#)

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
October	Black History Month
3rd October	World Space Week
6th October	Autumn School Census Food Collection
7th October	School Photos (individual)
10th October	World Mental Health Day
17th October	Creative Culture Week FOSS AGM
19th October	FOSS Halloween Disco KS1 3.30-5.00 PM
20th October	Foss Holloween Disco KS2 3.30-5.00 PM
21st October	Creative Week Event 3.00—5.00 pm LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
2nd November	Reception Open Evening (for parents of potential pupils) 4-6 pm
4th November	Autumn Term reports published
10th November	Parents evening 1
17th November	Parents evening 2
21st November	Anti-bullying week
23rd November	FOSS Christmas shopping event
2nd December	FOSS Christmas event (details TBC)
5th December	Reindeer Run
7th December	FOSS Christmas Film Night
9th December	Christmas jumper day FOSS Christmas Fayre
w/c 12th December	Christmas performances
15th December	Christmas party day