



# Shelley First School Newsletter

## November 2020

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



### Children in Need

Many thanks everyone who dressed up and donated — we had a lovely day and raised just under £200 for charity. Well done to all concerned.

### Parental surveys

We are contacting parents this week and asking you to complete short surveys relating to a number of subjects.

- We will be asking Class Robin parents specifically about their remote learning experiences. Whilst this is just for this class we will happily accept feedback from any families who have been isolating. Please complete by 3rd December - <https://forms.gle/Qfn27oBQ5oMd1mHp6>
- We are also sending out a parental survey with a focus on learning. This will help us to review our curriculum moving forward. Our school Councillors will also support the review. <https://forms.gle/CLM8ccD1geXUzBDp7>
- We have had some lovely feedback about our return to school dance film. It has been suggested that we sell the film to parents for a small fee as this could be a lovely keepsake. If we want to do this we would need to have permission from all parents as we only have 100% consent for sharing on the school website. We would really appreciate parents taking the time to complete it. Thank you - <https://forms.gle/jHoAhyop5XnL3Z4MA>
- We are all missing our extra-curricular activities which have been paused due to Covid/ bubbles. A survey link was sent out this week to our Y3, 4 and 5 parents as we are investigating the possibility of introducing after school clubs safely next term for each individual bubble. If you haven't already completed this, please follow the link below. Your feedback will help us plan for the Spring Term

<https://forms.gle/8K15sYAGdt5FPuc29>

Thank you in advance for your feedback!



### Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16th December. Those who usually have a packed lunch, but would like to order a lunch for this day were asked to do so via PPay by Fri 20th November. The order for food has now been submitted based on numbers received by this deadline. If your child usually has a school meal, they will receive the Christmas meal on this day.



## Christmas plans



For those families who are not new to school you will recall that we usually have full-school plays, parties, talent shows and lots of other fun activities happening in December. Clearly, in the current climate we cannot offer what we usually do but we have made some plans that we hope you will enjoy and appreciate. They are of course to some extent dependent on key staff and pupils being in school ..all crossed that Covid doesn't disrupt.

1. We know that 'tea towels on heads' is always popular with parents and we really wanted our very youngest children to have some performance experience. Therefore, we will put together a brief film of the nativity . We will share this in the last week of term via the website. We have all of the costumes/props at school and please do not worry about providing anything.
2. Each class is learning a song to perform for you. These will be recorded and shared with you via Dojo and the website.
3. We will have a bubble talent show on the last day of term (17th Dec). If your child has a talent—it could be magic, singing, dancing, telling a joke, please record it and send to the teacher via Dojo by 12.00 on December 16th. We will watch this on the last day and if each child could bring in a drink and small snack, eg small bag of crisps/popcorn, we can make it a lovely, shared experience. The classrooms are too small for parties and we cannot clean the hall between each class going in and so this will replace parties this year. The children can wear non-uniform that day with a £1 donation to school funds via Parent Pay.
4. We will be parading around Shelley on Tuesday December 15th—please can children wear Xmas hats etc? A route will be shared and we would love you to encourage us with waves and cheers. Please maintain social distancing . We will send timings for each bubble out ASAP.
5. The parade will precede a run around the school grounds to raise money for Kirkwood Hospice. Flyers and sponsor form packs are being sent home today, please check your child's bag. We have been sent some red noses and reindeer antlers that the children can wear for the run, these will be handed out on the day. Children will receive a certificate for taking part. Sponsorship can be sent in using the envelopes provided in the packs or online via the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving/campaign/shelleyfirstschool> and by 16th Dec at the latest. Thank you in advance for your support.



Date	Event
15th Dec	Kirkwood Hospice - outdoor run fundraiser and school walk around Shelley
16th Dec	Christmas Lunch Deadline is 12 noon today for entries to the talent show
17th Dec	Bubble Talent Show Last Day of term—School Closes at 3:30pm NON UNIFORM
18th Dec & 4th Jan	INSET Day—school is closed for pupils
5th Jan	School opens for pupils