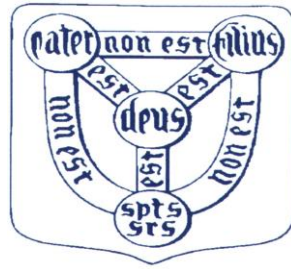


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Humility

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

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Dear Shellingford School Family,

Over the next two weeks we will be reflecting on the value of 'Humility' in our Collective Worship and talking to the children about thinking about others before thinking about yourself. We hope your family may find the ideas on the attached 'Home School Value' sheet helpful to discuss as a family.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our Harvest Service was due to take place in St Faith's church next Friday 2nd October but as we are currently not permitted to gather as a whole school in the church our celebrations will be a little different this year. We are therefore aiming to hold a socially distanced service led by Class 1 and 2 outside on the school field – weather permitting! We are sorry but parents will be unable to attend. This year we are asking for monetary donations which will go to the charity 'Farming Help', a telephone helpline for those working in the farming community to access free, impartial and confidential support from four of the main farming charities in the UK. Donations will be collected by members of the School Council outside the school at the start of each day next week. We would really appreciate your support and hope that you will give generously. Thank you.

HOMEWORK ACTIVITIES

For your information, homework activities have now started:

- **Class 1** will be continuing to send home a weekly home/school learning sheet.
- **Class 2** will be sending home weekly spellings and Maths activities on paper. They will not be setting work on Microsoft Teams.
- **Classes 3 & 4** will be setting weekly spellings and children will receive a Topic homework sheet for the whole term with suggested activities to complete and hand-in dates. This will also be put on Microsoft Teams and children can upload work such as PowerPoint presentations straight onto Teams.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are currently advertising for a full-time Teaching Assistant to replace Miss Waters who qualified as a Teacher at the end of the last academic year. Miss Hannah Potter will be going on maternity leave from January and this post is also currently advertised.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) – TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held as telephone appointments this term from **3.30-6.30pm** on the following dates:

- **Classes 1 and 2: Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October**
- **Classes 3 and 4: Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October**

These appointments will be particularly important as we have not been able to have the regular contact with you or your child/ren since March.

Appointment sheets will be displayed on the green outside the school from the beginning of next week. Each Telephone Consultation will last for 10 minutes. Your child's Class Teacher will ring you at the time of your appointment on the telephone number linked to your School Gateway account. If you wish to be contacted on a different number please email the School Office with this information no later than 12noon on the day of your appointment, so that we can inform the relevant Teacher.

Please also kindly note that we request that the conversation held with your Teacher is not in the presence of your child/ren as it is important for us that we have an opportunity to speak to you separately about your child/rens progress and overall wellbeing.

If you are not able to attend the PTIs please email the School Office to make an alternative mutually agreeable date. Thank you.

PARENT DONATION

We have recently received a very generous donation of £1,000 from a parent of the school. The staff and Governing Body wish to pass on their sincere thanks to the family for this unexpected gesture. We have unanimously decided to spend the donation on books for our school library for all the children to enjoy.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following dates and information:

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Wednesday 7th October

Photogenic Photographers will be in school on Wednesday 7th October to take photographs of individual children and school siblings.

FOSS AGM and GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 7th October at 6.30pm

Please remember that we are holding our first General Meeting on Wednesday 7th October at 6.30pm and we will be discussing our events planner for the coming year. The meeting will begin with an AGM. **The meeting will be held 'virtually via Teams** and a link will be posted on the FoSS Facebook page and emailed to parents via the School Office email. Anyone is welcome to join the meeting. For more information please contact our Chair of FoSS, Mrs Linsey Legge (parent of Evelyn in Year 4 and Theo in Year 6), via friendsofshellingfordschool@gmail.com

THE UFFINGTON BENEFICE OF CHURCHES

The Uffington Benefice comprises four churches which along with Uffington itself includes Shellingford, Baulking and Woolstone. The Reverend Jeremy Goulston has responsibility for all four parishes, and everyone is given a warm welcome at these services.

A Family Service will be held on Sunday 18th October and on Sunday 15th November at 10.15am at St Faith's church, Shellingford. These services are informal and based around a theme from the Bible and pertinent to everyday life. Services will respect Government and Church guidelines on distancing and bubble groupings. For more information on church services please visit the following website: <https://www.uffingtonbenefice.com/home>

With best wishes,
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