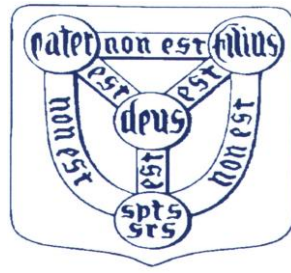


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Value for the next two weeks: Service and Belonging

Life's most persistence and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

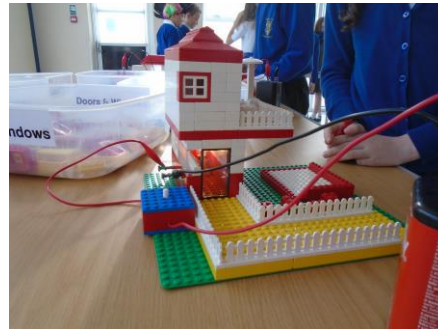
Martin Luther King Jr

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. This morning we held a short Act of Remembrance outside on the playground as a school to mark Remembrance Day. We were disappointed that The Royal British Legion were unable to attend but pleased that we were permitted to hold a socially distanced commemoration. A two-minute silence was held during the service and a representative from each 'Class Bubble' laid a wreath of remembrance poppies. Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of COVID-19 and The Royal British Legion are calling on the public to support them like never before, because every poppy counts. Thank you for your support to date. We will be continuing to collect donations for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal next week and hope you will support them.

We have also attached our Home School Value on 'Service', as over the next two weeks we are reflecting in our collective worship, how we can serve God and other people. We hope that your family will find these ideas helpful.

The children had a fantastic time with the **Creative Builders Workshop** just before half-term. Here are some of the super Lego models the children made:



Thank you for sending in your photographs for the **Extreme Reading Challenge!** We have received some wonderful pictures and hope you had fun with this challenge during half-term. The School Council have judged the entries and we are pleased to announce the winning pupil photograph from each Class:

Class 1: Eva



Class 2: Alex



Class 3: Freddie



Class 4: Saffron



The winners in each class will receive a book token to spend on a book of their choice. Well done everyone!

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Dorey for organising the **Quest** around Shellingford which ran over the October half term. **£185.00** was raised for the Friends of Shellingford School.

Our second inter-school PE event was held this week. Each 'Class Bubble' took part in a **Remembrance-themed Orienteering Challenge** around the school grounds and the points were then collated for each 'Family Group.' We had brilliant autumn sunshine for the children, as they exercised orienteering skills suited to their age. The younger pupils found poppies and matched pictures, while the older children found words associated with Remembrance which they had to find the meaning of and use to complete a crossword.

The children showed excellent 'PE Heart Values' for the competition and after totalling the scores from the event Maple won with 10 points, followed by Oak with 8 points, Pine with 7 points and Ash with 5 points. These will be added to the previous Kickball Rounders Competition scores from last term.

This year our festive activities will be a little different and sadly we will not be able to do some of our normal school events and celebrations leading up to Christmas. We are unable to go to the Watermill Theatre and St Faith's Church Christmas Fayre will not be going ahead. We are considering whether we can hold a Nativity Production remotely and our Christmas Service safety, and will let you know in due course once Government Guidance for schools has been updated and Public Health England advice has been considered.

At the end of this newsletter I have included a revised list of diary dates for this term, however, please continue to read our fortnightly school newsletters and check email correspondence regularly as no doubt event information will change.

RE AND WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS

All church schools receive an inspection to evaluate how well the school's Christian ethos and values impact on the development and achievement of the children which it serves. In our most recent review of the effectiveness of our school as a church school we were judged as 'Outstanding' in all areas.

As part of our ongoing evaluation, one important aspect is to seek your views on our school as a Church of England school. I know we are approaching a busy time of year, but I would very much appreciate it if you could give some time to reflect on the attached questionnaire. We have also put a copy of this questionnaire in the children's book-bags. *Please complete and return to the School Office by Monday 23rd November.* Thank you.

Reminders, requests and information for the next few weeks ahead:

STORY MUSEUM WORKSHOP – POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

We have had to postpone our whole school Story Museum workshop scheduled for next Wednesday due to the current lockdown. We have been able to rearrange this workshop for Tuesday 15th December. If you haven't already, please could you log onto your School Gateway account by Friday 20th November to make your payment and give your consent.

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS PROGRAMME – ALL PUPILS

The deadline to give consent is 5.00pm tomorrow, Saturday 7th November, to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The following link will close on this date and late consent will not be accepted:
<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

The unique code for our school is: OX123222. Please refer to the email and information sent from the School Office to all parents on the 24th September from the School Nurse Team at the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.

CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL 2020: 'FIVE TO THRIVE' – 13TH NOVEMBER

Mrs Timms and Miss Long are organising our fundraising event this year. We will be taking on a whole school exercise challenge to mark the event following this year's theme '**Five to Thrive**'. This will increase our fitness levels and boost our mental health, whilst raising lots of money for the cause.

In the **Great Shellingford Pudsey Run**, pupils will be encouraged to complete as many laps of a 1-mile course as they (comfortably!) can, in ten minutes every day of next week leading up to the 13th November. We invite you to sponsor your child for their five-day fitness fun by making a contribution to a collection at the school gate on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November.

On the big day itself, pupils will have the option to bring something yellow to put on for the Fifth and Final Pudsey Run (children must wear their normal school uniform for the rest of the day).

FRIENDS OF SHELLINGFORD SCHOOL (FoSS):

A huge thank you for supporting the following fundraising events. Since September FoSS have raised £535.00 for the school.

- ***Crazy Hair Day – raised £88.20***
- ***Virtual Quiz – raised £55.00***
- ***Fancy Dress Competition – raised £13.00***
- ***Bag2School Collection – raised a fantastic £193.80.*** Thank you to Mrs Mann for organising this fundraiser and to everyone who donated bags of unwanted clothing. Please continue to collect items as we aim to hold a further collection the New Year.
- ***Events Meeting – Thursday 11th November virtual meeting – time TBC***
- ***General Meeting – Wednesday 25th November: virtual meeting - TBC***

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2020: 'UNITED AGAINST BULLYING' - 16TH – 20TH NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying Week takes place in schools across England each November. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is '**United Against Bullying**.' We will be doing an assembly, lesson, and cross curricular activities (all in our Class Bubbles), which are designed to encourage our pupils to think about how we can unite to address bullying both online and offline. As in previous years, we will also be having an **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**, to celebrate what makes us all unique - please remember to wear odd socks to school!

Our Anti-Bullying Policy is written in accordance with OCC guidelines and can be found on our school website.

HEALTHY SNACKS

As part of our Food and Healthy Eating policy we encourage children to pursue a healthy and balanced diet. Children in Foundation and Key Stage One receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every school day at break-time through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme administered by the Department of Health. At lunchtimes our school meals provided by OCC comply with nutritional standards. Children opting for

homemade packed lunches are also encouraged to bring in a healthy, balanced lunch. Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches and crisps and biscuits are discouraged. Thank you.

AUTUMN/WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

As the weather becomes wetter and colder, we require all children to have the appropriate outdoor winter clothing in school daily:

- A waterproof and windproof coat
- A warm hat, scarf and gloves
- A pair of wellington boots. **Please note that currently each 'Class Bubble' is having to use the field daily at playtimes and lunchtimes. Children are only allowed on the field in wellington boots. Wellies are also required for our outdoor curriculum activities.*
- A PE Kit. It is also useful to include in your child's PE bag *black or navy tracksuit trousers to wear for colder days and a spare pair of socks as most PE lessons are currently taking place outside.* (A plastic bag for muddy trainers is also a good idea!) Please be aware that for health and safety reasons, watches and earrings are not to be worn for PE and long hair must be tied back. Please provide a small box or envelope for your child to take out their own earrings or tape for us to cover them, as well as hair ties if this applies to your child.

Please check all clothing and footwear are clearly named to ensure any lost items can be returned. If any of the above items are not bought into school a reminder letter will be sent home to parents. Thank you.

With best wishes,

Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2020:

AUTUMN TERM TWO		
1	Monday 2 nd November	Autumn Term Two begins (school opens at 8.45am)
	Tuesday 3 rd – Thursday 5 th November	Whole School PE Event: Inter-School Orienteering Challenge
	Friday 6 th November (10.45am)	Remembrance Service
2	Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th November	Whole School Event: Arts (Music/Drama) Week:
	Wednesday 11 th November	The Story Museum Workshop
	Tuesday 10 th November (am)	Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme: FS – Y6
	Wednesday 11 th November	FoSS: Events Meeting – virtual meeting – time TBC
	Thursday 12 th November	School Council Meeting
3	Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
	Monday 16 th – 20 th November	Whole School Event: Anti-Bullying Week
4	Monday 16 th November	'Odd Socks' Day
4	Wednesday 25 th November (6.30pm)	FoSS: General Meeting – virtual meeting TBC
6	Tuesday 8 th December (6.00pm)	EYFS Nativity - TBC
	Wednesday 9 th December (1.30pm)	EYFS Nativity - TBC
	Thursday 10 th December (all day)	SEN Telephone Consultations
	Friday 11 th December	FoSS Event: Christmas Jumper Day
7	Tuesday 15 th December	Whole School Event: The Story Museum Workshop
	Thursday 17 th December (2.00pm)	Christmas Service - TBC
	Friday 18 th December	End of Autumn Term Two (school closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays)