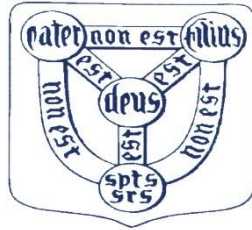


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



"Inspiring hearts and minds"

**School Newsletter**

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***Value for the next two weeks: Co-operation***

Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds.

Alexander Graham Bell

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Christmas will be a little different for us as a school this year, and no doubt for many families as well, but the Christmas tree has now arrived and Class One are busy rehearsing for their 'remote' Nativity '**A Bundle of Joy!**' We are also busy preparing for Christmas in our hearts and minds during our daily Collective Worship when we are reflecting upon Advent and the coming of Christ. Sadly, we were unable to visit The Watermill Theatre as a whole school earlier this month and we will miss our usual festive activities and events such as St Faith's Christmas Fayre. Nevertheless, we will endeavour to make it as far as possible an enjoyable time for the children in the lead up to the end of term.



We do have our **Story Museum Workshop** to look forward to on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** and FoSS have planned a **Christmas Jumper Day** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** (see below).

As always we like to support a children's charity at Christmas time and this year we have decided to collect for **The Children's Society** which is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. We will be holding this collection outside of the school gates during the last week of term and ask kindly for donations to support this worthy cause.

### **REMOTE LEARNING POLICY**

Schools are advised to have a Remote Learning Policy in place during periods when home learning is required due to individual self-isolation, class, or whole school closure, in order for the children to continue to learn effectively. This policy has been agreed by the Governing Body and is being kept under regular review. The Remote Learning Policy is available for parents to view on the school [website](#)

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

It is with great sadness that Mrs Julia Thorp will be retiring at the end of the term after over 30 years with the school. She has been a huge influence and support to so many children and parents at the school over the years and will be greatly missed by us all; we wish her every success with her future plans.

### **FoSS**

- ❖ **Christmas Jumper Day** – join the festivities and wear your Christmas Jumper to school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. In exchange FoSS are asking for either a **£2.00 donation (per child)** or an item for their **luxury Christmas Hamper Raffle**.
- ❖ **The Christmas Hamper Raffle** will be drawn on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. **Tickets available at £1.00 each** for your chance to win.
- ❖ **Christmas Elf Trail** – **is being organised for around the village** starting **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Elf Packs are available from Sophie Anderson at **£5.00 each** – more details to follow in due course.
- ❖ **Name the Teddy competition** – the children will have the chance to win a teddy bear by ‘naming’ the Teddy. Look out for this competition on the Friday afternoon stall - **£1.00 per entry**. The winner will also be drawn on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

**We will be continuing with our Friday afternoon stall until the end of term including the last day. Each week we have new items on sale and your support as always will be very much appreciated. Thank you, the FoSS Committee**

### **TIER 2 - HIGH ALERT RESTRICTIONS**

Schools have received the attached information from the Government on the Tier 2 (High Alert) restrictions in place for Oxfordshire from 2nd December 2020.

### **SPRING TERM INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:**

#### **✚ SCHOOL LUNCHES – BOOKING DEADLINE – THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Please remember to access your School Gateway account by the above date to make meal choices and payments for OCC packed lunches for Term 3 (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February). Thank you.

#### **✚ AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

We have reviewed our After-School Clubs provision and we are sorry but we are still unable to run clubs due to our staffing levels, the restriction on the number of rooms and permitted pupil numbers under the current Government and Public Health England guidance. We are continuing to keep this closely under review and we will let know when we can resume After-School Clubs for the children.

With best wishes,

Judith R Terrell

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