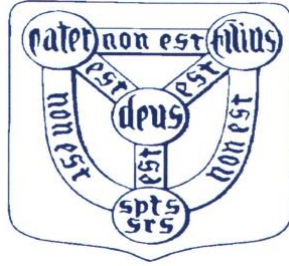


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Courage

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear.

Nelson Mandela

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The staff wish to express their sincere thanks for your generous gifts and cards which we received at the end of last term. It is always very much appreciated, thank you. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Maddie Foster who has joined our staff team as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4 and to the return of Mrs Heather Marsh who is currently teaching our children in Class 2.

Although not the start to the Spring Term we were expecting, I would like to thank you for your patience, kindness and understanding. The staff have worked tirelessly since last week, and with such enthusiasm and positivity, to ensure that the next few weeks can be as effective as possible for the children learning at home and at school. We have come a long way with technology since last March and I have been impressed with how everyone has embraced the live lessons. We know home-schooling is a challenge. Please continue to keep up a dialogue with us as we are keen to provide the very best support that we can so that the children can keep making progress.

Over the next two weeks we will be reflecting on the value of 'Courage' in our Collective Worship which seems rather apt given the challenges we are all currently having to face and overcome. We hope you may find the ideas on the attached '**Home School Value**' sheet helpful to discuss as a family.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Every term each teacher will issue a Curriculum Newsletter (see attachments). This will give you an overview of the work covered in class, along with a list of things you can do at home to support your child's learning. **Our Project Based Learning (PBL) is based on 'Citizens of the World.'** Teachers are always looking for additional resources or expertise to enhance curriculum topics; if you can offer anything to help, we would be most grateful.

DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

At the end of this newsletter, I have outlined some initial dates of events due to take place in the Spring Term. Some of these dates are provisional and further details will follow as the term progresses.

We are in the process of rescheduling our **Chicken-Wired Sculpture Workshop** which was due to take place on 25th January. You will also notice that we have planned for **Dance Days** to visit and again we are hoping to re-book this workshop for later this term.

We are aiming to hold our **Safer Internet Workshop** for the whole school on Tuesday 9th February, and after half-term a **World Book Day Celebration** and school focus on **British Science Week** in March.

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:

- **Class 1: Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd February**
- **Class 2: Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd February**
- **Classes 3 and 4: Monday 8th Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February**

These appointments will be particularly important as we have not been able to have the regular contact with you or your child/ren over the last few weeks and months. Please note because of staffing shortages Mrs Setchell will be leading Class 1's PTI's. Mrs Marsh and Mrs Roberts will be leading Class 2 PTI's.

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.

We will be sending out information on how to book an appointment in the next couple of weeks. **Please look out for an email notification from the School Office giving booking instructions.**

CANCELLATION OF 2021 NATIONAL CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS (SATs)

The Government have notified primary schools that the Key Stage Two (Year 6) SATs due to take place in May 2021 have been cancelled this year. All Key Stage One (Year 2) assessments and the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check scheduled for the summer term have also been cancelled. Schools will continue to use assessment to inform teaching, to enable them to give information to parents on their child's attainment and to support transition of Year 6 pupils to secondary school.

FoSS NEWS

The December Christmas Stall, Hamper Raffle, Christmas Jumper Day and Elf Trail **raised an impressive £1,250.89!** A huge thank you to FoSS and everyone who helped organise, donate and support these events.

Finally, we have received the following message from Mrs Thorp:

Dear Parents,

I want to thank you all for your kind words, cards and gifts that I received at the end of last term. As you know my connection with the school and village has been long and it has reached the point where the children I knew from years ago are now the parents of today! What a wonderful gift that has been to me - to see the circle complete - and to know that Shellingford School is the same amazing school it has always been, with such dedicated and hardworking staff, parents and children. So thank you again, and I wish you and your families all the very best as we together negotiate the coming uncertainties. How amazing to know that we are all part of a wider family where we can be there for each other.

Yours, with love, Mrs Julia Thorp

With Best Wishes,

Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:

SPRING TERM THREE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Tuesday 5 th January	Spring Term Three begins (school opens at 8.45am)
3	Tuesday 19 th January	Whole School Event: 'Dance Days' Workshop - postponed
4	Monday 25 th January	Whole School Event: 'Chicken Wired' Workshop - postponed
5	Monday 1 st February (3.30 – 6.30pm) Tuesday 2 nd February (3.30 – 6.30pm)	Class 1: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) – Telephone Consultations
	Monday 1 st February (3.30 – 6.30pm) Tuesday 2 nd February (3.30 – 6.30pm) Wednesday 3 rd February (3.30 – 6.30pm)	Class 2: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) – Telephone Consultations
6	Monday 8 th February (3.30 – 6.30pm) Tuesday 9 th February (3.30 – 6.30pm) Wednesday 10 th February (3.30 – 6.30pm)	Classes 3 and 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) – Telephone Consultations
	Tuesday 9 th February (pm)	Whole School Event: Safer Internet Workshop
	Friday 12 th February	End of Spring Term Three (school closes at 3.15pm)

SPRING TERM FOUR		
1	Monday 22 nd February	Spring Term Four begins (school opens at 8.45am)
	Tuesday 23 rd February (pm)	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly) - TBC
2	Thursday 4 th March	Whole School Event: World Book Day Celebrations FoSS: Events Meeting (all welcome) – 7.30pm - TBC
3	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th March	Whole School Event: British Science Week
5	Wednesday 24 th March	EYFS & Y6: National Childhood Measurement Programme (am) FoSS: General Meeting (all welcome) – 6.30pm - TBC
	Friday 26 th March	Whole School Event: RE 'Big Question' Day
6	Tuesday 30 th March (2.00pm)	Easter Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford (led by Class 3) - TBC
	Wednesday 31 st March	End of Spring Term Four (school closes at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays)

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