

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: Justice

Teach me good judgement.

- Psalm 119:66

Dear Shellingford School Family,

We have had a really positive week in school, and it has been a joy seeing everyone. Thank you for helping to prepare the children ready for their return; we can honestly say that they have generally settled well into school expectations and routines. The transition back into the classroom will initially take time for the children to adjust to and we anticipate that they may not be able to learn at the same pace as they have done before. As many children have not seen their friends, helping them to reconnect with one another and re-establishing a sense of belonging as a class again will be first and foremost. Lessons also might feel more challenging as they focus and concentrate on their learning. Certainly, as the week has progressed, we have all begun to feel tired! Sleep is very important for the children's well-being, as well as their development, so please try and help your child/ren maintain a healthy sleep routine. If you have any worries about your child/ren's return to school, then please do let us know and we will be able to offer reassurance, support and suggest ways we can all help.

Remote Learning Survey

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to reflect on our remote learning provision, particularly since January when we switched to teaching live lessons. We are constantly seeking to improve the school and we would like to hear your views. The online survey shouldn't take too long to complete and the link to this survey can be found in the email sent to parents on the 25th February. The survey will close next Wednesday 17th March at 12noon. Thank you.

Classroom Cloakrooms

We are struggling to accommodate rucksacks and bulky items on the children pegs and have noticed an increase in large bags being brought into school. This is causing a problem in classrooms as we do not have enough space for the children to safely hang-up on their bags and coats on their peg. This is becoming a Health & safety issue and serious hazard in terms of slips, trips and falls and fire evacuation routes. We would appreciate your support with this and ask for the children to only bring in a book-bag, lunchbox, water bottle, drawstring PE bag and coat. Many thanks indeed.

Home School Value: Justice

As we approach Easter we will be reflecting on the value of 'Justice' during Collective Worship and thinking about why it is important to have rules which are fair and just. Attached is the associated Home School Value activity sheet which we hope families will find helpful.

Next week the children will have **Science Week** to look forward to. It will involve lots of practical learning, with a focus on encouraging the children to think about how they can make our world a better place. On Friday 26th March we have planned for the whole school to take part in a **RE Big Question Day** and each class will be debating the question '**Whose responsibility is it to look after the world?**' This will lead us into Holy Week and Easter during the last few days of the term.

FOSS Events and General meeting

FoSS have also been busy planning some exciting Easter events for everyone:

- ✚ An Easter stall will be held out on the village green at the end of the school day on the 26th March and 31st March. Easter treats will be on sale - so please bring some money!
- ✚ On the Wednesday 31st March we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition and Non-School Uniform Day. There will be no entry fee for the Easter Bonnets, but we kindly ask for a £2.00 donation per child for wearing non-school uniform. There will be a 1st & 2nd prize for each Class for the Easter Bonnet competition.
- ✚ Following previous successes, an Easter Trail around the village will take place from 1st – 16th April. Packs will cost £5.00 and can be pre-ordered and collected from the Easter stall (on the 26th & 31st March).
- ✚ Finally, the next General Meeting is at 6.30pm on Wednesday 24th March via TEAMS and everyone is welcome to attend. A link will be sent out to parents in due course.

Thank you for your support.

Just a final reminder that we finish for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 31st March at 1.30pm and that the Summer Term begins on Monday 19th April at 8.45am.

I hope you have a lovely weekend - let us hope the weather improves for us all!

With best wishes,

Judith R Terrell