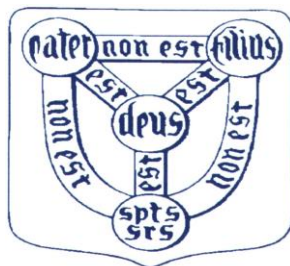


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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*Value for the next two weeks: Generosity*

Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

**2 Corinthians 9:6**

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Our Year 5/6 pupils have had a fantastic time this week at Yenworthy Lodge in North Devon. The children have spent the week surfing, kayaking and rock climbing amongst other exciting outdoor education activities and adventure experiences. The residential is always a highlight of their time at Shellingford and we have been so impressed with their attitudes, teamwork and willingness to try many new challenging outdoor activities.

## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Over the next two weeks we will be reflecting on the value of '**Generosity**' in our Collective Worship as we approach harvest. Our whole school **Harvest Service is next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at St Faith's church** and will be led by the children in Classes 1 and 2 and the Reverend Max Young.

In light of COVID-19, we have had to carefully consider the size of the church and space available for parents now that the school has significantly increased in number.

Therefore, sadly the decision has been made that **this service will be a school only act of worship** in order to continue to help keep the school and wider community safe.

This year we have decided to support **FareShare**. FareShare is the UK's national network of charitable food redistributors, made up of independent organisations who take good quality surplus food from across the food industry and distribute it to frontline charities and community groups.

On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** we will be holding a Whole School Harvest Celebration Day. This will be a **non-school uniform day** and we kindly ask every child to donate **£1.00** towards Fareshare.

## **FoSS GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm**

Please remember that we are holding our first General Meeting on the above date and we will be discussing our events planner for the coming year. **The meeting will be held virtually via Teams** and a link will be posted on the FoSS Facebook page. Anyone is welcome to join the meeting. Please contact our Chair of FoSS, Mrs Gabrielle Mann for more information: [friendsofshellingfordschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofshellingfordschoolpta@gmail.com)

### **FoSS: BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Please sort out any secondhand adults or children's clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, belts, scarves, ties, soft toys and bring into school on the above collection date. Thank you for your support.

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs)**

We plan to hold our Parent Teacher Interviews as in-person appointments this term on:

- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October: 3.30 - 6.30pm**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 6.30pm**

These appointments will be particularly important as we have not been able to have appointments face to face with you since before COVID in March 2020, and in some cases, parents have not been into the school or seen their child/ren's classroom.

Appointment sheets will be displayed on the green outside the school from the beginning of next week. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes. We will ask parents to wait outside at the front of the school and Class Teachers will come and collect parents for their appointment.

Please also kindly note that we request that your child/ren does not attend the appointment with their Teacher, as it is important that we have an opportunity to speak to you openly 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.

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

### **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October: 2.30-3.00pm - TBC**

We are aiming to hold our first Celebration Assembly for parents in the Community Hall. **We will be asking parents to use hand-sanitiser on entry and to wear a face covering for the duration of the assembly.** We also ask for everyone to continue to respect each other's space to help keep our school community safe. Please do not come into the school if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or have had a positive test result.

### **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.

During October three services will be held at St Faith's church, Shellingford:

- Harvest Festival - *this* Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (10.15am)
- Holy Communion - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at (10.15am)
- United Benefice Holy Communion - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October (10.00am)

Please visit the following website for more information about services in The Uffington Benefice:

<https://www.uffingtonbenefice.com>

### **Finally. our Smarties Challenge...**

Don't forget our Smarties challenge, keep your children busy running errands and fill the tube with 20p pieces or any loose change! **Remember to bring in your tubes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October!**

With best wishes,  
Judith R Terrell

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