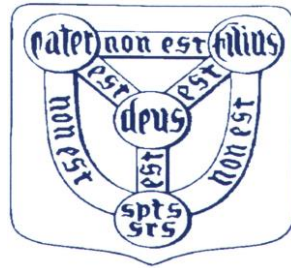


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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## *Focus for the next two weeks: Shellingford School Family Learning Culture*

Embrace Challenge – School Curiosity – Keep Going – Enjoy Learning – Learn Together –  
Effort – Learn from our Mistakes – Future Aspirations

Dear Shellingford School Family,

At our school we talk about the 'Shellingford School Family Learning Culture' and refer to this daily in lessons. We expect all our pupils to have a 'Growth Mindset' – to embrace challenge, persevere and learn from mistakes, show curiosity and enjoy learning, and have future aspirations. Our poster is up around the school as a visual reminder. It is also on the 'curriculum' page of our [school website](#) and may be helpful for parents to refer to when supporting your child with their learning at home.



### **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

Following our Harvest Service at St Faith's church last Friday, we have been continuing to think about being generous with our time, our gifts and our abilities. Our Harvest Celebration Day on Wednesday was enjoyed by all and raised £100 for Fareshare. Thank you for your generous donations in supporting this charity.

### **STEM WEEK and CREATIVE BUILDERS WORKSHOP**

We are looking forward to our Whole School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week which we have planned for the last week of this term. We are particularly excited about the Creative Builders Lego Workshop which we have organised for all the children on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please access your School Gateway account by next **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** to process your payment and parental consent. Thank you

### **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022-23**

The school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2022-23 has now been agreed. Please see the attached information and make a note of these dates in your diary. Term dates for this current academic year as well as 2022-23 can also be found on the [school website](#). I would like to remind parents not to take their children on holiday during term time and authorisation for such requests will not be granted. We would be very grateful to parents for their co-operation in this respect. Thank you.

### **STAFFING UPDATE – TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCIES**

It is with great sadness that Mrs Hannah Tomlin will be leaving at half-term after over 13 years with the school. She has been a huge influence and support to so many children and parents at the school during this time and will be greatly missed by us all; we wish her every success with her future plans. Due to family circumstances Mrs Nicola Krull will also be leaving us at half-term. We are currently advertising Teaching Assistant positions and if you are interested, please come and talk to me. Details of the vacancies can be found on our [school website](#)

### **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

In light of COVID-19, we have had to carefully consider the size of the Community Hall and space available for parents now that the school has significantly increased in number, in order to continue to help keep the school and wider community safe. We have therefore decided to hold TWO separate Celebration assemblies next Friday.

- 2.30-2.45pm: Class 1 & 2 – for parents of children in Class 1 & 2 only
- 2.45 -3.00pm: Class 3 & 4 – for parents of children in Class 3 & 4 only

**We will only be allowing ONE PARENT per family to attend and ask parents to use hand-sanitiser on entry and to wear a face covering for the duration of these assemblies.**

Please do not come to the Celebration Assemblies if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or have had a positive test result.

**FoSS will be holding a stall on the green at the front of the school after our Celebration Assembly. FoSS will be serving complimentary tea and coffee to all parents and selling cakes & goodies, there will be a children's tombola, also water bottles and second-hand uniform available to buy (cash or card payments only please).**

### **SCHOOL MEALS – AUTUMN TERM TWO**

A reminder that school lunches for next half-term will need to be booked and paid via School Gateway by next **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Please note school meals cannot be requested after the deadline set. Please refer to the email sent to parents on 29<sup>th</sup> September with the menus.

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

A reminder that our Parent Teacher Interviews are on:

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

These appointments are particularly important as we have not been able to hold any face-to-face meetings with parents since before COVID in March 2020. Please make sure you have signed up for an appointment via the School Office. Staff are very much looking forward to having the opportunity to talk to you about your child/ren's progress and well-being. Thank you.



**BAG2SCHOOL raised £80.10 – thank you for your support.**

**SMARTIE CHALLENGE please remember to bring your tube filled with 20p pieces or any loose change to school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.**

**HARVEST TRAIL CHALLENGE – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**There will be a Harvest Trail Challenge around the village and woods again this Half Term. Packs need to be pre-ordered from the FoSS stall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October after Celebration Assembly.**

**FILM NIGHT – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**FoSS will be showing the film 'Hotel Transylvania' £4.50 per ticket available from FoSS.**

Autumn Term One finishes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm.

We wish you a lovely half term break when it arrives! Thank you very much for your support this term.

School resumes for Autumn Term Two on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

With Best Wishes,

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