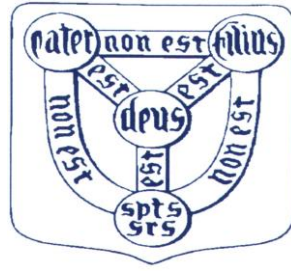


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

Autumn Term Two 2021 - Issue 4

5th November 2021

Value for the next two weeks: Service and Belonging

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with love.

Mother Theresa

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. To coincide with the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), this week Mrs Setchell has launched a whole school campaign around the issue of waste and in particular, the problem of plastics. In our daily Collective Worship, we have been thinking about how we can be agents of change in responding to the climate and environmental emergency our world is facing. On Tuesday each class took part in an Orienteering Trail to highlight the issues, raise questions and allow the children time to reflect. Class 4 have devised a 'Plastic Pledge' for the school, and we will let you know our plan of action in due course!

We are looking forward to hopefully being able to do some of our normal school events and celebrations leading up to Christmas this year. At the end of this newsletter, I have included a revised list of diary dates for this term, however, please continue to read our fortnightly school newsletters and check email correspondence regularly as event information may change.

Our **Act of Remembrance** is on Friday 12th November at 10.45am in St Faith's church, however in light of COVID-19 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. The Royal British Legion are still planning to be in attendance this year. Every day, our Armed Forces community make sacrifices on our behalf. We will be continuing to collect for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal next week and hope you will support them. Every person, every donation and every poppy counts.

The school has won a competition from Wizard Theatre, the prize being a performance of '**The Wind in Willows.**' We are thrilled that the theatre company will be visiting the school on Tuesday 16th November to perform Kenneth Grahame's much-loved classic story to the whole school.

We are also looking forward to our Watermill Theatre visit later in the week on Thursday 18th November to see '**The Jungle Book.**' Please remember that all children will need to bring a packed lunch to school on this day.

At Shellingford School, we are very keen to foster a love of books and reading in the children. Next week Mrs Roberts will be launching **Book Bingo** with the whole school. Each child will be given a 'Bingo' card to take home, covering a wide range of book-types. Their challenge is to read 4 books from their bingo card in a line, either diagonally, vertically or horizontally! When they have completed their card, they should return it to their Class Teacher and a new Bingo card will be issued. The competition will finish on **Wednesday 8th December**. We will celebrate all those who have taken part as a school on Friday 10th December and there will be a prize awarded for the most Bingo cards completed in each Class.

RE AND WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS

All church schools receive an inspection to evaluate how well the school's Christian ethos and values impact on the development and achievement of the children which it serves. In our most recent review of the effectiveness of our school as a church school we were judged as 'Outstanding' in all areas.

As part of our ongoing evaluation, one important aspect is to seek your views on our school as a Church of England school. I know we are approaching a busy time of year, but I would very much appreciate it if you could give some time to reflect on the attached questionnaire. We have also put a copy of this questionnaire in the children's book-bags.

Please complete and return to the School Office by Monday 22nd November. Thank you.

Reminders, requests and information for the next few weeks ahead:

INDIVIDUAL AND SCHOOL SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Photogenic Photography will be in school to take the children's photographs on Monday. Please ensure the children are in full uniform and wearing school jumpers and cardigans, thank you.

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS PROGRAMME – ALL PUPILS – MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

The deadline to give consent is midnight on Wednesday 10th November, to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The following link will close on this date and late consent will not be accepted: <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

The unique code for our school is: OX123222. Please refer to the email and information sent from the School Office to all parents on the 3rd November from the School Nurse Team at the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2021: 'ONE KIND WORD' - 15TH – 21ST NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying Week takes place in schools across England each November. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is '**One Kind Word.**' On the Monday we would like everyone to wear odd socks as this easily demonstrates that we are all different. The whole school will come together, on that day, for a special worship that will introduce Anti-Bullying Week. Over the week the children will use role play scenarios to discuss and practice how to be assertive, the role of the bystander and how to support someone being bullied.

Our Anti-Bullying Policy is written in accordance with OCC guidelines and can be found on our school website.

CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL 2021: 'GET READY TO RAMBLE!' – 19TH NOVEMBER

Mrs Timms and Miss Long are organising our fundraising event this year. On Friday 19th November we are going to put on our walking clothes and wellies and go for a ramble through the woods. We are mindful of the benefits of fresh air and walking and are looking forward to enjoying our countryside with the children. We kindly ask for a donation of £1.00 per child which will go to Children in Need.

STAFFING UPDATE

We would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Scriven who will be working with us as a Teaching Assistant this term. Mrs Scriven will be mainly supporting the children in Class 4. It is with great sadness that Mrs Smith has made the difficult to decision to leave, however she is still very much hoping to help and support the school when she can.



A huge thank you for supporting the following fundraising events at the end of last term.

SMARTIE CHALLENGE - £201.26. We thank all the children (and their families) who took part and we, of course encourage them to continue the good work in helping at home!!

FOSS STALL and ALL HALLOWS TRAIL - £335.86

This means that an amazing total of £639.22 has been raised from all FoSS events since September.

EVENTS MEETING – Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm

At The Horse and Jockey (Stanford in the vale)

GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 24th November at 6.30pm

This meeting will be held virtually via **Teams** and a link will be posted on the FoSS Facebook page.

Anyone is welcome to join these meetings. Please contact our Chair of FoSS, Mrs Gabrielle Mann for more information: friendsofshellingfordschoolpta@gmail.com

HEALTHY SNACKS

As part of our Food and Healthy Eating policy we encourage children to pursue a healthy and balanced diet. Children in Foundation and Key Stage One receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every school day at break-time through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme administered by the Department of Health. At lunchtimes our school meals provided by OCC comply with nutritional standards. Children opting for homemade packed lunches are also encouraged to bring in a healthy, balanced lunch. Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches and crisps and biscuits are discouraged. Thank you.

AUTUMN/WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

As the weather becomes wetter and colder, we require all children to have the appropriate outdoor winter clothing in school daily:

- A waterproof and windproof coat
- A warm hat, scarf and gloves
- A pair of wellington boots. These are essential! **Please note: children are only allowed on the field in wellington boots. Wellies are also required for our outdoor curriculum activities.*
- A PE Kit. It is also useful to include in your child's PE bag *black or navy tracksuit trousers to wear for colder days and a spare pair of socks as most PE lessons are currently taking place outside.* (A plastic bag for muddy trainers is also a good idea!) Please be aware that for health and safety reasons, watches and earrings are not to be worn for PE and long hair must be tied back. Please provide a small box or envelope for your child to take out their own earrings or tape for us to cover them, as well as hair ties if this applies to your child.

Please check all clothing and footwear are clearly named to ensure any lost items can be returned. If any of the above items are not bought into school a reminder letter will be sent home to parents. Thank you.

With best wishes,

Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2021:

AUTUMN TERM TWO		
Week	Date/Time	Event
1	Monday 1 st November	Autumn Term Two begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th November	Whole School Event: Climate Change
	Thursday 4 th November (pm weekly)	Class 3: 'Violin' Tuition' (Oxfordshire County Music Service)
	Friday 5 th November (3.15 – 5.00pm)	FoSS: Film Night
2	Monday 8 th November – Wednesday 8 th December	Whole School Challenge: Book Bingo Competition
	Monday 8 th November	Photogenic Photographers: Individual & Sibling Photographs
	Tuesday 9 th November	Year 5/6: Swimming Lessons (weekly until 7 th Dec)
	Thursday 11 th November (7.30pm)	FoSS: Events Meeting – The Horse and Jockey (Stanford in the Vale)
	Friday 12 th November (10.45am)	Whole School Event: Remembrance Service at St Faith's Church
	Friday 12 th November	School Council Meeting
3	Monday 15 th – 19 th November	Whole School Event: Anti-Bullying Week
	Monday 15 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme: FS – Y6
	Tuesday 16 th November	Whole School Event: Wizard Theatre 'Wind in the Willows'
	Thursday 18 th November	Whole School Trip: Watermill Theatre 'The Jungle Book'
	Friday 19 th November	Children in Need
4	Wednesday 24 th November	FoSS: Bag2School collection day
	Wednesday 24 th November (6.30pm)	FoSS: General Meeting – virtual meeting
	Friday 26 th November	FoSS: Non-School Uniform Day
	Friday 26 th November 2.30-2.45pm (Classes 1/2) 2.45-3.00pm (Classes 3/4)	Whole School Event: Parent Celebration Assembly followed by an after school FoSS Stall
5	Monday 29 th November – Thursday 2 nd December	Last week of After-School Clubs
	Tuesday 30 th November (pm)	Big Christmas Sing: Oxford Town Hall (Choir only)
	Thursday 2 nd December (7.00pm)	FoSS: Christmas Wreath Making - TBC
	Saturday 4 th December (10.00-12noon)	St Faith's Church Christmas Fayre - TBC
6	Tuesday 7 th December (6.00pm)	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production
	Wednesday 8 th December (1.30pm)	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production
	Thursday 9 th December (all day)	SEN Parent Consultations
	Friday 10 th December (3.15 – 5.00pm)	FoSS: Film Night
7	Sunday 12 th December (5.00pm)	'Carols by Candlelight' at St Faith's Church - TBC
	Thursday 16 th December (2.00pm)	Whole School Event: Christmas Service (led by Class 4) at St Faith's Church - all parents welcome
	Thursday 16 th December (5.00–7.30pm)	FoSS: Christmas Party - TBC
	Friday 17 th December	End of Autumn Term Two (School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays)

Church Street, Shellingford, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, SN7 7QA
 Tel: 01367 710301 email: office.3853@shellingford.oxon.sch.uk
www.shellingford.oxon.sch.uk