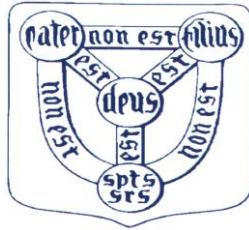


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

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Value for the next two weeks: Perseverance

You can't go back and change the beginning,
but you can start where you are and change the ending.

C.S Lewis

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Thank you for supporting **THE POPPY APPEAL**; The Royal British Legion wish to send their heartfelt thanks for your very generous donations. Our Remembrance Service was a very special occasion strengthened with the presence of three members of The Royal British Legion Faringdon Branch and Shrivenham Sub-Branch. Each class presented a wreath, and the school choir and staff sang 'We Will Remember.'



We all enjoyed our visit to the Watermill Theatre yesterday to see **THE JUNGLE BOOK**. It was a captivating musical performance of Rudyard Kipling's classic tale full of movement, laughter and wonder. A production the children will no doubt remember for a long time.

We have also had a very positive **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** which this year has focused on '**One kind word.**' Across the school we have been delivering lessons, assemblies and different cross-activities to encourage the children to think about how little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us.

Thank you also for supporting **CHILDREN IN NEED** today and this very worthy appeal. The children had a great time on their 'Lets Get Ready to Ramble' walk this afternoon. The staff and children would also like to thank FoSS for providing us with a well-received mug of hot chocolate when we got back to school.

Reminders and information for the next two weeks:

INDIVIDUAL AND SCHOOL SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS – DEADLINE MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Photographs were sent home via the children's book-bags at the start of this week. There is quite a short turn-around for orders and Photogenic Photography have requested for all photograph orders to be returned to the School Office by this Monday 22nd November. Thank you.

RE AND WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS

Please can I ask if you would kindly set aside a few moments to complete our RE and CW questionnaire (attached.) 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. We would appreciate your views and welcome your suggestions. Please either email your completed questionnaires to the School Office or post them in the letter box by the main front door.

Thank you.

SEPTEMBER 2022 FOUNDATION STAGE (RECEPTION) ADMISSIONS

A reminder for anyone with siblings or anyone with pre-school children that we are taking appointments to view the school for September 2022 Foundation Stage (Reception) places. Please contact the School Office. Parents are required to complete an online application by the 15th January 2022 through the Oxfordshire Local Authority <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions> Shellingford is a very popular school and does get highly subscribed. Although there still appears to be a perception that there is a high demand for places this shouldn't put people off applying.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The last week of After-School Clubs is Monday 29th November. There will be no After-school Clubs for the last two weeks of the term.

SPRING TERM - SCHOOL LUNCHES and AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be setting up the school lunches and After-School Clubs for the Spring Term for parents to book meals/clubs and make payments in the next couple of weeks.



Please remember that our **GENERAL MEETING at 6.30pm on Wednesday 24th November** 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

Dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 24th November – BAG2SCHOOL**
- **Friday 26th November – NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY (£2.00 per child cash only on arrival) or donations for the Chocolate Tombola / Christmas Hamper gifts.**
- **Thursday 2nd December – WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP (7.30pm) £30 a ticket includes soup, mince pies and mulled wine.**
- **Friday 10th December – FLIM CLUB 'The Grinch' (3.15 – 5.00pm) Bookings via FoSS.**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – Friday 26th November

We have decided to hold two separate Celebration Assemblies next Friday, in view of COVID-19 and the size of the Community Hall and space available for parents on:

- 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 selling cakes & goodies, also water bottles and second-hand uniform available to buy (cash or card payments please).

SHELLINGFORD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Saturday 4th December

St Faith's church are planning to hold a Christmas Fayre on the above date between 10.00am – 12noon. Sadly, this year, in light of the rise in COVID-19 numbers currently and space in the Community Hall we will not be having the Class stalls at this event in order to help keep the wider village community safe. However, your support would still be very much appreciated.

EYFS and KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION - IT'S A PARTY!

We are aiming to hold our Nativity Play for parents of children in Class 1 and 2 on Tuesday 7th December (6.00pm) and Wednesday 8th December (1.30pm). Please look out for further information over the next fortnight.

With best wishes,

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