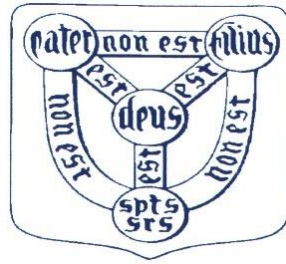


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all men.

Luke 2:14

Dear Shellingford School Family,

We are busy preparing for Christmas in our hearts and minds during our daily Collective Worship when we are reflecting upon Advent and the coming of Christ. Our Christmas tree has now arrived, and the children are clearly beginning to get excited! This week Class One and Two performed 'It's a Party!' It was such a joy to see our youngest children enjoying themselves.



As always, we like to support a children's charity at Christmas time and this year, we have decided to collect for **Rosie's Rainbow Fund** which is a charity that supports sick and disabled children in hospital, at school and in the community. In the John Radcliffe Children's Hospital Oxford, they have a therapeutic aromatherapy programme, for seriously ill, special needs, and premature babies and children. The charity also runs music therapy sessions at the JR Hospital, The Royal Berks Hospital in Reading and Stoke Mandeville Hospital, provides music therapy in the community and respite care for disabled children and their families. We will be holding this collection outside of the school gates during the last week of term and ask kindly for donations to support this very worthy cause. Thank you.

The children have their **Christmas Lunch** to look forward to next week. We also will be holding our **Christmas Service** at St Faith's church; however, we are sorry that 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 from COVID-19.

Our School Choir took part in **The Big Christmas Sing** last week in Oxford, an event organised by the County Music Service. We were extremely proud of the children and pleased that they were able to take part in this festive event.



FoSS EVENTS NEXT WEEK

- ❖ **Thursday 16th December: Christmas Party (5.00 – 7.30pm)**
£5.50 per ticket. Children's games and disco. Father Christmas gifts.
- ❖ **Friday 17th December:**
 - **Christmas Jumper Day** –wear your best Christmas Jumper to school (other than festive jumpers please wear normal school uniform) £1.00 donation (per child). Cash only please.
 - **Christmas Stall (1.30pm)** – on the village green. Please come and support us, there will be lots of festive goodies to purchase and consume!
- ❖ **The Christmas Hamper Raffle** will be drawn at the end of the term. **Tickets available at £1.00 each** for your chance to win.

Thank you from the FoSS Committee

SPRING TERM INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

Please remember to access your School Gateway account by the following deadlines to make meal choices and payments for School Lunches, to book After-School Clubs and to give consent and payment for the whole school trip to the Ashmolean Museum.

✚ **ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM: CONSENT AND PAYMENT DEADLINE – MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

✚ **SCHOOL LUNCHES: BOOKING DEADLINE – TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

✚ **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS: BOOKING DEADLINE – MONDAY 10TH JANUARY**

Please read the emails sent recently to all parents for further information. Thank you.

We break up for Christmas next Friday 17th December at 1.30pm. Term begins again on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 8.45am.

I would like to particularly thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication in continuing to ensure that our children are given the very best education and to the governors for all the time they have given this term towards supporting our school. May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas time, and to also thank you on behalf of the staff and governors for your continued support.

With Best Wishes,
Judith R Terrell

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