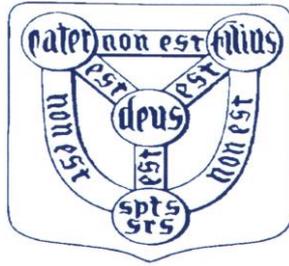


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Trust

'As soon as I saw you, I knew an adventure was about to happen...'

AA Milne, Winnie the Pooh

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The staff wish to express their sincere thanks for your generous gifts and cards which we received at the end of last term. It is always very much appreciated, thank you. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Jane Merritt who has joined our staff team as Class 3's Teacher and to Miss Nicole Cooper as Teaching Assistant in Class 1. Miss Alice Walsh will also be supporting the children in Class 4 this term.

We were able to take the whole school to the **Ashmolean Museum** earlier this week. The children had the most wonderful time exploring and enjoying the museum's collections. Our younger children focused on Chinese history, culture and art, whereas our children in Key Stage Two looked at Japanese military armour and learnt about the Samurai.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Every term each teacher will issue a Curriculum Newsletter (see attachments). This will give you an overview of the work covered in class, along with a list of things you can do at home to support your child's learning. **Our theme this term is 'Take One Picture.'** Teachers are always looking for additional resources or expertise to enhance curriculum topics; if you can offer anything to help, we would be most grateful.

DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

At the end of this newsletter, I have outlined some initial dates of events due to take place in the Spring Term. Some of these dates are provisional and further details will follow as the term progresses.

On Thursday 20th January it is '**Wear Green to keep the Planet Green**' to engage the children in environmental issues and to be proactive in improving the school environment and in raising awareness nationally and globally. We would like the children to wear a **green** item on their school uniform to support the Bin Twinning project. We are also aiming to hold our **Arts Week** for the whole school this term, a **Safer Internet Day** on 8th February, and after half-term a **World Book Day Celebration** and school focus on a **Religious Education Big Question Day** in March.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our Spring Term After-School Clubs begins next Monday 17th January. Clubs will run for 5 weeks this term (unless otherwise notified) and after-half-term for 4 weeks. Please remember that after half-term clubs will not begin again until Monday 7th March (week 2).

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES PROCEDURES

We will endeavour to keep the school open at all times. However, if for example snow falls overnight or flooding occurs, and local conditions make the journey to Shellingford for pupils, parents and staff too risky, the Headteacher may take the decision to close all or part of the school. The decision will be made early in the morning and published on our website (www.shellingford.oxon.sch.uk) and broadcasted on local radio stations (BBC Oxford VHF/FM 95.2 and Heart (Thames Valley) VHF/FM 102.6 and 97.4/102.9/103.4 or Jack FM VHF/FM 106.8 and its sister station 107.9. A list of 'Emergency and Planned School Closures' can be found on the [Oxfordshire County Council website](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk). Please see the separate email sent to all parents earlier this week, thank you.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) – TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held as telephone appointments this term from **3.30-6.30pm** on the following dates:

- **Class 2 & 4: Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th February**
- **Class 1 & 3: Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th February**

We will therefore need to cancel After-School Clubs taking place on Wednesday 16th February (as well as Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February as already informed.)

Each Telephone Consultation will last for 10 minutes. Your child's Class Teacher will ring you at the time of your appointment on the telephone number linked to your School Gateway account.

We will be sending out information on how to book an appointment in the next couple of weeks. **Please look out for an email notification from the School Office giving booking instructions.**



SPRING BALL: WRAG BARN GOLF CLUB, HIGHWORTH – Saturday 2nd April 2022

Tickets are still available for the Spring Ball at £45 per ticket. This is a great night with good food, dancing and full of fun. Full details can be found on the FoSS Facebook page or please speak with a member of the FoSS Committee or the School Office for more information.

Please show your support by joining us.

Our Christmas cards raised £145.70 – thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Please make a note of the forthcoming FoSS events listed below in the Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2022.

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DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:

SPRING TERM THREE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Wednesday 5 th January	Spring Term Three begins (School opens at 8.45am)
2	Monday 10 th January	Class 1 & 2 Visit: Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
	Tuesday 11 th January	Class 3 & 4 Visit: Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
	Thursday 13 th January (pm)	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly) FoSS: Events Meeting (7.30pm) – venue TBC
	Friday 14 th January (pm)	School Council Meeting
3	Monday 17 th January	After-School Clubs begin for Y1-6 (for 9 weeks until 31 st March)
	Wednesday 19 th January (am)	EYFS: Vision Screening
	Thursday 20 th January	Whole School Event: Non-School Uniform Day ‘Wear Green to keep the Planet Clean’
4	Friday 28 th January (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
5	Friday 4 th February	FoSS: Temple Spa Event
6	Tuesday 8 th February	Whole School Event: Safer Internet Day
	Wednesday 9 th February (6.30pm)	FoSS: General Meeting – venue TBC
	Friday 11 th February (3.15 -5.15pm)	FoSS: Film Club (3.15 – 5.15pm) - TBC
7	Monday 14 th & Tuesday 15 th February (3.30 – 6.30pm)	Class 2 & 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) – Telephone Consultations
	Wednesday 16 th & Thursday 17 th February (3.30 – 6.30pm)	Class 1 & 3 Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) – Telephone Consultations
	Friday 18 th February	FoSS: ‘Wear Something Pink or Red’ End of Spring Term Three (School closes at 3.15pm)

SPRING TERM FOUR		
1	Tuesday 1 st March	Spring Term Four begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	<i>Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd March</i>	<i>*No After-School Clubs this week (clubs resume again on Monday 7th March)</i>
	Thursday 3 rd March	Whole School Event: World Book Day Celebrations Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly) FoSS: Events Meeting (7.30pm) – venue TBC
3	Tuesday 15 th March (6.30pm)	Year 6 SATS Meeting – for parents
	Wednesday 16 th March	FoSS: Bag2School collection day
	Friday 18 th March	School Council Meeting (pm) FoSS: Mini-Spring Ball - Children’s Disco (5.30pm) - TBC
4	Wednesday 23 rd March (7.30pm)	FoSS: General Meeting – venue TBC
	Friday 25 th March (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly
5	Monday 28 th – Thursday 31 st March	Whole School Event: PE Workshop & Sponsored Event - TBC
5	Thursday 31 st March (all day)	SEN Consultations: Telephone Appointments
	Friday 1 st April	Whole School Event: RE ‘Big Question’ Day
	Saturday 2 nd April (7.30pm)	FoSS: Spring Ball, Wrag Barn Golf Club, Highworth
6	Thursday 7 th April (2.00pm)	Easter Service at St Faith’s Church, Shellingford (led by Class 3)
	Friday 8 th April	End of Spring Term Four (School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays)