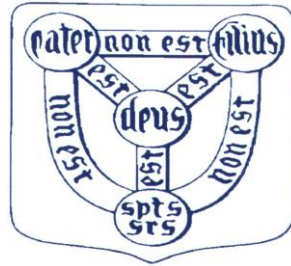


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

Spring Term Four 2022 - Issue 3

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Value for the next two weeks: Spirituality

Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

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Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to Spring Term Four. We hope that you and your family have managed to have a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

We have started off the term by celebrating World Day yesterday and as usual we were highly impressed with the array of costumes and book characters. We have spent the last four days focusing on books and a love of reading with different classroom activities running throughout the day for the children. One of the activities has been 'The Masked Reader'. We recorded members of staff reading a short section from a favourite book through a filter which added a different face and voice. The children then had to write down their guesses with the adults being 'unmasked' on Friday! Schools across the country have also once again been given £1.00 Book Tokens to distribute to children. These book tokens can be swapped completely free for one of the World Book Day books or used to get £1.00 off any full price book. Tokens are valid up until Sunday 27th March.



READING, PHONICS AND SPELLING: PARENTS PRESENTATION – 16TH MARCH (7.00 – 8.00PM)

A reminder that Mrs Roberts will be giving an online TEAMS presentation for parents on how we teach reading, spellings and phonics across the school and how parents can best support their child/ren in these areas at home.

[This presentation will focus on each year group and is applicable for all children in Early Years, Key Stage One \(Years 1/2\) and Key Stage Two \(Years 3, 4, 5 and 6\).](#)

We would like to encourage all parents to attend.

A link to join the presentation will be emailed to all parents on Tuesday 15th March.

Annual Parent Questionnaire

At this time in the school year, we often send out a questionnaire. Over the last two year's we have asked for feedback on our remote learning policy. However, as schools are now beginning to resume some of their more normal activities, we would like to hear your current views. We are constantly seeking to improve the school and your feedback is very important to us. We would be very grateful if you could complete the attached Parent Questionnaire and return it to Mrs Ashdown in the School Office by Monday, the 14th March. We will also be sending a paper copy home next week via the children's book-bags. The results will then be analysed and shared with you. Thank you.

Reminders - we would also appreciate your help and support with the following:

School Uniform

We quite often receive comments from visitors on how smart the children look, and we would like to thank you for ensuring the children arrive at school looking clean, tidy and wearing the correct uniform! However, we have noticed recently that some items are being worn which are not part of our school Uniform Policy. Please can I remind you that friendship bracelets, wristbands, necklaces, boots or trainers are not to be worn at school and socks and hair accessories need to be either grey, black, blue or white in colour. Long hair also needs to be tied back.

Notification of After-School Collection Arrangements

We ask all parents to notify Mrs Ashdown in the School Office by 1.00pm, ideally via email, of any change in person who will be collecting your child/ren at the end of the school day (unless in an event of an emergency). Please read the separate email sent at the end of last term.

Packed Lunches

Children opting for packed lunches are encouraged to bring in a 'healthy, balanced lunch'. Please note that sweets, chocolate are not allowed, and crisps and biscuits are discouraged. Thank you.

Driving and Parking through the Village

I have recently received reports from concerned parents and visitors to the school regarding the driving and parking of vehicles at the start of the school day. We all want our children to arrive safely at school. Parking is difficult so allow ample time to bring children into school for 8.45am and **please watch your speed as your drive through the village.**

Please can we remind you about the following issues involved with the amount of traffic in the village and ask you to work with us:

- Parking further along Church Street away from the school will help alleviate congestion by the Nursery and avoid potential accidents. Be aware of leaving sufficient access to residents' driveways and 'keep clear' markings near farm entrances.
- Car-sharing with other families, even just once a week to help reduce the number of vehicles.
- **Do not park on the pavement** as this restricts access for pedestrians and makes it very difficult to cross the road due to reduced vision up and down the street. This is particularly dangerous for the younger children walking to school who cannot be seen by drivers' due to the parked cars. **Pedestrians please supervise your children carefully and be aware of moving vehicles.**
- **Do not use the green area in front of the school** for dropping off, picking up or parking as this is the school's main access for emergency services. The safety of our children is paramount. Only designated taxis and mini-buses are permitted to use area. This is also a private road.

These initiatives will only work if we **all** try to change our habits and consider the needs of others. Thank you.



We've received some fabulous news! Earthline has donated £5,000 and David Wilson Homes has donated £1,000 to FoSS. These generous donations will sponsor the Spring Ball and purchasing of iPADS for the children.

✚ **BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION** – is Wednesday 16th March

Please sort out any secondhand adults or children's clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, belts, scarves, ties, soft toys and bring into school on the above collection date.

Thank you for your support.

✚ **MINI-SPRING BALL** - is Friday 18th March 5.30 – 7.30pm

Children's Disco, food and drink, face paints, glitter tattoos, fun and games, £5.50 per child / food is £1.50 per child.

An updated list of diary dates for this term is included below. Further information on events will follow over the coming weeks.

With best wishes,
Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:

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)
3	Tuesday 15 th March (6.30pm)	Year 6 SATS Meeting – for parents via TEAMS
	Wednesday 16 th March	FoSS: Bag2School collection day Parents TEAMS Presentation (7.00 - 8.00pm): Reading, Phonics & Spelling
	Friday 18 th March	School Council Meeting (pm) FoSS: Mini-Spring Ball - Children's Disco (5.30pm)
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
	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)

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