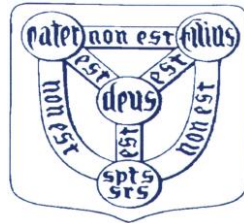


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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## *Value for the next two weeks: Forgiveness*

Judge not and you will not be judged; condemn not and you will not be condemned;  
forgive and you will be forgiven

Luke 6:37

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Our thoughts continue to be occupied by the conflict in Ukraine and the ensuing refugee crisis. Regular prayers for the people of Ukraine are being said during our Collective Worships and we have given the children opportunities to discuss the situation with their teachers if questions have arisen. We are keen to organise a series of fundraising events over the next few months, to support the Ukrainian refugees as best we can.

Our first event will be a '**Peace Day**', next **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** when the whole school will be thinking about '**What is Peace?**' Each class will be involved in a range of activities to develop their understanding of 'peace' and reflect on the current crisis in a meaningful and age-appropriate way. We will be sharing what we have learnt in our Celebration Assemblies at the end of this day (see information below).



We have sent home via the children's bookbags a small envelope and would be extremely grateful if all children could return this with a donation on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We want to begin to raise as much as we can for the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal.**

### **Some useful places for child appropriate information:**

[BBC Newsround](#) where videos and features are constantly being updated.

[Advice If You Are Upset By The News](#) is helpful.

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

We have had a very difficult two weeks in school, but we have managed to remain open despite high rates of staff (and pupil) absence and therefore challenging circumstances. We have really appreciated your support and I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding over the last fortnight.

## **ANNUAL PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES**

Thank you to those who have already returned their questionnaires. Now that schools are beginning to resume some of their normal activities, we would very much like to still hear your views. A paper copy of the questionnaire was sent home via the children's bookbags yesterday and we would be grateful if you would take a little time to complete and return it by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

I would like to draw your attention to the following events taking place over the next couple of weeks:

We are delighted that **Cotswold Forest School** have returned to work with the children this term. Forest Schools allow the children to engage in practical problem-solving and team-work activities in the outdoor environment and can help develop children's confidence and self-esteem. Please remember the children will need to have a waterproof coat and pair of wellington boots in school! A separate email has been sent to parents with session dates and further information.

### **FRIENDS OF SHELLINGFORD SCHOOL (FoSS)**



FoSS are holding their next **General Meeting** next **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm** online via TEAMS and all parents are invited to attend. We are always pleased to receive any support and help in organising upcoming events.

[Bag2School raised £107.60 – thank you everyone for supporting this fundraiser.](#)

### **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

We have decided to continue to hold TWO separate Celebration Assemblies particularly in light of the number of current COVID-19 cases in the school.

- 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 still 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 Assemblies. We do hope you will come and support this stall.](#)**

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES - SUMMER TERM**

Lunch options and booking of school meals for Summer Term 5 (25<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> May) has been set up for parents to make their choices. The deadline for meal choices and payment is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and changes cannot be made after this date. We would appreciate a timely response.

Please note there will be [no school lunches](#) on [Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April](#) as all classes will be out on trips on this date, so all children will be required to bring a packed lunch to school. The children will also be required to bring a packed lunch on [Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May](#) due to elections taking place in the Community Hall and on [Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May](#) when we will be having a whole school picnic in celebration of [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#). Thank you.

### **SPRING TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

Finally, a reminder that the **last week of After-School Clubs for the Spring Term is the week of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March.** We will endeavour to confirm our Summer Term After-School Clubs in the next fortnight.

### **SEN CONSULTATIONS – THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

SEN Consultations will be taking place in school on the above date for parents with pupils on the SEN register. A separate email has been sent to all relevant parents with a link to book their appointment time with our SENCo, Miss Long and your child's class teacher. This needs to be completed by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The School Office will then send a confirmation email of your appointment time. Thank you.

### **PHONICS, READING AND SPELLING PARENTS RESENTATION**

A huge thank you to Mrs Roberts for her presentation on Wednesday to parents. We have received lots of positive feedback saying how extremely informative and helpful the meeting was for parents. We appreciate that not everyone was able to attend so we have recorded the presentation and we plan to email this to all parents next week.

With best wishes,

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