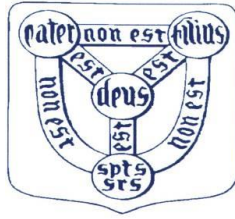


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

Summer Term Five 2022 - Issue 1

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Value for the next two weeks: Thankfulness

In everything give thanks.

- Thessalonians 5:18

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to the summer term! I trust you all had a relaxing holiday and a happy Easter. It was good to see the sun shining too and we were blessed with some warmer days so let us hope it continues! We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Cristina Villar and Mrs Sarah Sherwood who have joined our team this term. Miss Villar will be teaching the children in Class 1 and Mrs Sarah Sherwood has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4. We wish Mrs Elliott well as she begins her maternity leave, and we look forward to receiving her news in due course.

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the FoSS Easter stall at the end of last term. We were also very impressed with the Easter Hats and clearly much effort had gone into creating these. Here are some photographs of the winning entries:



We begin the new term thinking about being 'Thankful' and not taking things for granted. In our daily Collective Worship, we will be reflecting on ways to show gratitude to others and how it feels when someone thanks you!

Curriculum

Our whole school topic this term has a focus on History, hence Class 3 and 4's visit to Warwick Castle and Class 1 and 2's visit to The Vale and Downland Museum earlier this week. Please read the relevant Curriculum Newsletter for your child/ren which our teachers have prepared to give you an overview of work covered in each class, along with a list of things you can do at home to support your child's learning (see attachments.)

There will also continue to be an emphasis on developing the children's Growth Mindset and 'can do' attitude, as well as encouraging them to be independent and think for themselves. These are ongoing areas which we have found particularly noticeable since the pandemic. As a whole school we talk about our 'Shellingford School Learning Culture' approach during lessons to enable the children to be successful learners. We would appreciate anything you can do to promote this at home, such as modelling getting things wrong sometimes and showing how you learn from it! Our Learning Culture is on our [school website](#) for you to look at.

Diary Dates for the Summer Term

I have included some key dates at the end of this newsletter which you may like to add to your diary, details of which will follow as the term progresses. We will be celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee the week before the May half-term to mark Her Majesty's historic reign of 70 years of service. We also have our Science Week to look forward this term, followed by a Dance Workshop, Skip2BeFit day and ShWimbledon. Cotswold Forest Schools will also be working with each class again throughout the Summer Term.

School Uniform and equipment reminders

We would appreciate your support with the following:

Please ensure that children bring to school daily the appropriate school PE kit, art apron and book-bag (containing reading book, home-school diary and homework) to support curriculum activities. We understand that occasionally these items are forgotten but when frequently left at home it makes it difficult for the children to fully access the curriculum.

Water bottles are also a vital item which must be brought into school every day. Bottles can be purchased from FoSS at a cost of £3.00 for 1 or £5.00 for 2. Spare lids are available at 60p per lid. Please speak to a member of the FoSS committee.

Requests and Deadlines

There are a number of events taking place in the Summer Term and it is important for your child to be able to participate in these, but they can only do so if consent and payments have been made by the deadline specified. Deadlines are in place for a reason, and we cannot extend deadlines set.

We would appreciate if parents could continue to check emails regularly to ensure information and deadlines are not missed. If you think you are not receiving correspondence from the school, then we ask that you please ring the School Office to confirm your correct email address. Thank you.

MATHEMATICS AND CALCULATION STRATEGIES: PARENTS PRESENTATION – 8TH JUNE (7.00 - 8.00PM)

We will be giving an online TEAMS presentation for Parents on how we teach mathematics and calculation strategies 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.](#)

Sun-Cream and Sun Hats

We always aim to use our wonderful school grounds and to take learning outdoors throughout the school year. Please ensure that the children now bring a sun hat (clearly named) to school every day. Sun-cream should be applied before school. If in exceptional circumstances sun-cream needs to be reapplied during the school day the children need to do this themselves. Please provide labelled sun-cream which can be kept in school. Please can the children continue to have wellington boots in school every day - just in case the weather is not on our side! Thank you.

Sponsored Sunflower Challenge for Ukraine

Finally, we hope you have had an opportunity to plant your sunflowers over Easter and have managed to get some sponsors! We would like families to sponsor their child/ren's sunflower height; either per 10cm of growth or a one-off donation for the total height (a copy of the sponsorship form is attached).

Children need to take the final measurement of their plant on TUESDAY 21st JUNE (Mid-Summer's Day) and collect and return their sponsorship monies to the School Office by **FRIDAY 24th JUNE**.

Don't forget to keep watering your sunflowers!

The competition for the tallest sunflower has begun - we would love to see photographs!

Thank you everyone.

With Best Wishes,

Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM:

SUMMER TERM FIVE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Monday 25 th April	Summer Term Five begins
	Tuesday 26 th April	Classes 1 & 2: Vale and Downland Museum Classes 3 & 4: Warwick Castle
	Thursday 28 th April	Photogenic Photographers: Whole School photograph FoSS Events Meeting (7.30pm)
	Saturday 30 th April (2.00 - 4.00pm)	St Faith's Church - Spring Fayre (and FoSS stalls)
3	Thursday 5 th May	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
4	Monday 9 th - Thursday 12 th May	KS2 SATS week
	Wednesday 11 th May	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
5	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th May	Whole School Event: Science Week
	Wednesday 18 th May	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
		EYFS and Year 6 pupils: National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP)
		Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly (2.30 - 3.00pm) & FoSS Stall
Saturday 21 st May (4.00 - 6.00pm)	FoSS Event: Bingo	
6	Tuesday 24 th May	Whole School Event: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Community Picnic
	Wednesday 25 th May	FoSS: General 'Virtual' Meeting (6.30pm)
	Thursday 26 th May (2.00pm)	Ascension Day Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford
	Friday 27 th May	End of Summer Term Five

SUMMER TERM SIX

1	Tuesday 7 th June	Summer Term Six begins (school opens at 8.45am)
		Whole School Event: Dance Days Workshop
	Wednesday 8 th June	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
		New Parents meeting for September 2022 Foundation children (3.30 – 4.30pm)
		Mathematics and Calculation Strategies: Parent Presentation (7.30pm)
Thursday 9 th June	Photogenic Photographers: Y6 Leavers photograph FoSS: Events Meeting (7.30pm)	
Friday 10 th June	FoSS: Crazy Hair Day	
2	Monday 13 th June (pm)	New FS children visit and school transition session
	Thursday 16 th June	Whole School Event: Skip2BeFit Workshop
	Saturday 18 th June (11.00 – 3.00pm)	FoSS: Fun Day
3	Monday 20 th June	Whole School Event: ShWimbledon
	Wednesday 22 nd June (pm)	New FS children visit and school transition session
	Friday 24 th June	Sponsorship competition deadline for 'Sunflower for Ukraine'
		Whole School Event: ShWimbledon Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly (2.30 – 3.00pm) & FoSS Stall
4	Monday 27 th June (pm)	New FS children visit and school transition session
	Tuesday 28 th June	Whole School Event: ShWimbledon
	Wednesday 29 th June	Whole School Event: ShWimbledon
		FoSS: Annual General Meeting (6.30pm)
	Thursday 30 th June	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
	Friday 1 st July	Whole School Event: ShWimbledon Competition Day Annual Reports sent out to Parents
5	Tuesday 5 th July (pm)	New FS children visit only (no school transition session) KS2 summer production (6.15pm)
	Wednesday 6 th July	Whole school summer production (6.15pm)
	Thursday 7 th & Friday 8 th July	Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency
	Thursday 7 th July	SEN Telephone Consultations (all day)
	Friday 8 th July	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
6	Monday 11 th , Thursday 14 th & Friday 15 th July	Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency
	Monday 11 th July (pm)	KS2 Sports Day
	Tuesday 12 th July (pm)	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day
	Tuesday 12 th & Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6: FCC Transfer Days
	Friday 15 th July (12noon – 1.00pm)	FoSS: Year 6 Leavers BBQ
7	Tuesday 19 th July (2.00pm)	Year 6 Leavers Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford
	Wednesday 20 th July	End of school year (school closes at 1.30pm for the summer holidays)