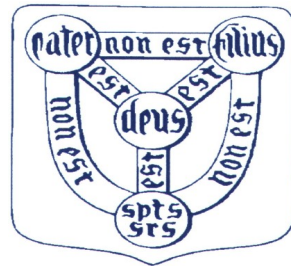


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

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Value for the next two weeks: Humility

Be Patient. Be Gentle. Be Humble. Be Loving.

Ephesians 4:2-3

Dear Shellingford School Family,

School Tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Over the last week the pupils and staff have been paying tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and reflecting on her life during Collective Worship and in lessons. We wanted to thank our late monarch for all the ways she served her country and those in her care. The children wrote personal messages and drew pictures to show their appreciation and on behalf of the school Miss Villar took them to London where these are now in the memorial garden at Green Park. Many people paused to talk to Miss Villar about the children's drawings and messages at Westminster Hall, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Seemingly our tribute was also visible when the Queen's hearse drove by as it was leaving London.



PRAYER SPACE

Earlier this week BeSpace and the Uffington Benefice of Churches organised a Prayer Space in St Faith's Church to give the children an opportunity to experience prayer in a personal way. We were very grateful to the volunteers and for everyone's hard work in providing this experience for the children. Here are some photographs of the activities which took place:



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our whole school **Harvest Service is next Friday 30th September at St Faith's church** and will be led by the children in Classes 1 and 2 and the Reverend Jeremy Goulston. Parents and family friends are very welcome to attend and we do hope you will be able to join us.

This year we would like to support **The Farming Community Network (FCN)**. The FCN is a voluntary organisation and charity that provides practical and pastoral support for farmers and farming families in England and Wales during times of need, anxiety and distress which stem from the farm business. If you would like to find out more their website is: www.fcn.org.uk

Next Thursday 29th September we have decided to hold a **non-school uniform day** and we kindly ask that the children donate **£1.00 to dress-up as 'Farmers or Farm Animals.'** Thank you.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY - THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER

We will be celebrating National Poetry Day across the school on the above date. We will be sharing our favourite poems and creating poetry of our own. Each class will also be preparing a poetry performance to share with parents at our next Celebration Assembly (on Friday 14th October).

PRIVACY NOTICE

We have updated how we use pupil information and this privacy notice can be read on the school's [GDPR webpage](#).

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023-24

The school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023-24 has now been agreed. Please see the attached information and make a note of these dates in your diary. Term dates for this current academic year as well as 2023-24 can also be found on the [school website](#). I would like to remind parents not to take their children on holiday during term time and authorisation for such requests will not be granted. We would be very grateful to parents for their co-operation in this respect. Thank you.



FoSS GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 5th October at 6.30pm

Please remember that we are holding our first General Meeting on the above date (here at school) and we will be discussing our events planner for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to attend, and your support would be very much appreciated. The FoSS Committee depend on the entire support of the school community to help raise money for the school and our children. If you would like to become involved, please contact Mrs Natalie Cocks (Chair) friendsofshellingfordschoolpta@gmail.com or speak to any other committee member to find out more about the work of Friends of Shellingford School.

Our first fundraising events are taking place on the following dates:

- **Children's Crazy Hair Day (Friday 7th October) - please bring a luxury item for the Christmas Hamper or £2.00 per child**
- **Family Bingo (Sunday 9th October: 4.00 – 6.00pm, in the Community Hall) - Entry tickets are £2.00 per person which includes a bingo book, plus £2.00 per person for the buffet. Games, fun and prizes – this is a great family event for both parents and children.**

The calendar of events for the the Autumn Term are also published on the [FoSS page](#) of the school website.

Finally, our Smarties Challenge...

Don't forget our Smarties challenge, keep your children busy running errands and fill the tube with 20p pieces or any loose change! **Remember to bring in your tubes on Friday 7th October!**

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs)

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in-person this term on:

- **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October: 3.30 – 6.30pm – Classes 2 & 4**
- **Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October 3.30 – 6.30pm – Classes 1 & 3**

These appointments are particularly important and we ask all parents to make an appointment with your child/ren's teacher(s).

Please kindly note that we also request for children not to accompany parents to these meetings as it is important for us to have an opportunity to speak openly with you about your child/ren's progress and overall wellbeing.

At the PTI's we ask that parents make their way to the Community Hall initially, where the children's work will be out for you to view. Teachers will then collect parents for their appointment directly from the hall. Thank you.

Appointment sheets will be displayed on the green outside the school from the beginning of next week. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes.

If you are not able to attend the PTIs please email the School Office to make an alternative mutually agreeable date. Thank you.

With best wishes,

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