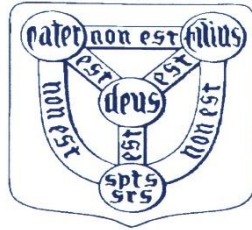


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Co-operation

Two are better than one.

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Thank you for supporting **THE POPPY APPEAL**; The Royal British Legion wish to send their heartfelt thanks for your very generous donations.

Our recent service of **REMEMBRANCE AND DEDICATION AT ST FAITH'S CHURCH** was a very poignant occasion for the school community. We would like to give a very special thanks to Mr Tom Scrivens, and Mrs Steve Cloete from The Royal British Legion who were in attendance and to The Reverend Max Young for leading the service. The school choir sang two moving songs, each class presented a wreath and poppies were laid as a mark of respect:



We all enjoyed our visit to the Watermill Theatre to see **RAPZUNEL**. It was a charming musical adventure full of surprises, laughter and wonder. The children are always captivated by the stage set, the actors and actresses in their wonderful costumes and all the different musical instruments that the cast play. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking FoSS for covering the cost of the coach transport for this event.

We have also had a very positive **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** which focused on this year's message of **'Reach Out.'** Across the school we have been delivering lessons, assemblies and different cross-activities to remind everyone whether it's in school, at home or in the community to reach out and show support to one another.

Thank you also for supporting our **'Walk and Talk' CHILDREN IN NEED** event yesterday. The children had a great time walking across the fields, talking and spotting the spots! We raised **£76.60** for the appeal, thank you.

CLASS VISITS AND WORKSHOPS

Here are some photographs of the children enjoying recent curriculum visits:



Coleshill (Class 4)



Great Fire of London (Class 2)

Thank you again to FoSS for helping off-set the costs of these enrichment activities.

Reminders and information for the next two weeks:

Y5/6 YENWORTHY RESIDENTIAL - Monday 21st – Friday 25th November

Class 4 are off to Devon for a week of surfing, kayaking, rock climbing and I hope to be joining them! Mrs Jane Merritt, Senior Teacher, will be leading the school in my absence.

SHELLINGFORD CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Saturday 26th November (10.00 – 12noon)

Do come along to support our community. The church together with the village, FoSS and the school will be running several stalls in the Community Hall. Classes 1,2 and 3 will also be making and baking products to sell.



FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY
Donations for the Christmas Chocolate Tombola or £2.00 per child.

Please remember that our **GENERAL MEETING at 6.30pm on Wednesday 30th November** here at school. Anyone is welcome to join the meeting. Please contact our Chair of FoSS, Mrs Natalie Cocks for more information: friendsofshellingfordschoolpta@gmail.com

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER– WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP (6.30pm) in the Community Hall
£30 a ticket includes all materials, mince pies and mulled wine.

Our recent Bag2School collection raised £192.40. Thank you for your support.

RE AND WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS

Please can I ask if you would kindly set aside a few moments to return our RE and CW questionnaire. All church schools receive an inspection to evaluate how well the school's Christian ethos and values impact on the development and achievement of the children. We would appreciate your views and welcome your suggestions. Please either email your completed questionnaires to the School Office or post them in the letter box by the main front door.

Thank you.

WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – Friday 2nd December (2.30 – 3.00pm)

Our next whole school Celebration Assembly this term is taking place on the above date.

Each class will be sharing some of their recent learning and all parents are welcome to attend.

Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have any COVID-19 symptoms

FoSS will be holding a stall on the green at the front of the school after our Celebration Assembly and selling home-made Christmas decorations, reindeer food, and other cakes & goodies, (cash or card payments only please).

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The last week of After-School Clubs is Monday 28th November. *There will be no After-school Clubs for the last three weeks of the term.*

EYFS and KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION – BORN IN A BARN

Our Nativity Play for parents of children in Class 1 and 2 on Tuesday 6th December (6.00pm) and Wednesday 7th December (1.30pm). Ticket information, GDPR Photograph and Video Consent has been sent to Class 1 and 2 parents earlier this week, and needs to be completed and returned by Wednesday 30th November. Thank you.

SPRING TERM - SCHOOL LUNCHES and AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be setting up the school lunches and After-School Clubs for the Spring Term for parents to book meals/clubs and make payments in the next couple of weeks.

SEPTEMBER 2023 FOUNDATION STAGE (RECEPTION) ADMISSIONS

Finally a reminder for anyone with siblings or anyone with pre-school children that we are taking appointments to view the school for September 2023 Foundation Stage (Reception) places. Please contact the School Office. Parents are required to complete an online application by the 15th January 2023 through the Oxfordshire Local Authority <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions> Shellingford is a very popular school and does get highly subscribed. Although there still appears to be a perception that there is a high demand for places this shouldn't put people off applying.

With best wishes,

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