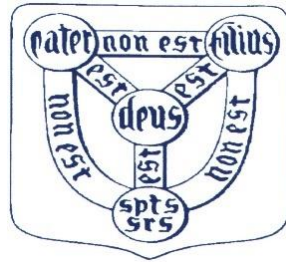


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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For unto us a Child is born.

Isaiah 9:6

Dear Shellingford School Family,

We are busy preparing for Christmas in our hearts and minds during our daily Collective Worship when we are reflecting upon Advent and the coming of Christ. Our Christmas tree has now arrived, and the children are clearly beginning to get excited! Next week Class One and Two are performing '**BORN IN A BARN.**' At this time of year we like to support a children's charity and we have decided to collect for **Ronald MacDonald House** which provides accommodation near to specialist children's hospitals (including Oxford) which is invaluable to families at a critical time in their lives. We will be holding this collection outside of the school gates during the last full week of term and ask kindly for donations to support this very worthy cause. Thank you.

The children also have their **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** to look forward to next week. We also will be holding our **CHRISTMAS SERVICE** at St Faith's church on **Thursday 15th December** at 2.00pm. Class 3 will be helping us to lead the service and we do hope that parents and family friends will be able to join us; this service is always such a joyous occasion.

Thank you for supporting the **CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on Saturday. St Faith's **CAROLS BY CANDLEIGHT SERVICE** is on **Sunday 11th December** at 5.00pm. Our School Choir will be performing, and we do hope you will find the time to join us.

Our School Choir took part in **THE BIG CHRISTMAS SING** earlier this week in Oxford, an event organised by the County Music Service. We were extremely proud of the children and pleased that they were able to take part in this festive event.



We have just received acknowledgement that our recent **POPPY APPEAL** raised **£232.09**. Thank you, without our generous donations The Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work to service men, women, and their families.



Christmas Events . . .

- ❖ **Thursday 15th December: Christmas Party (5.00 – 7.00pm)**
£5.00 per ticket, plus £2.00 for food. Children's games and disco. Father Christmas gifts.
- ❖ **Friday 16th December: Christmas Jumper Day** – wear your best Christmas Jumper to school (other than festive jumpers please wear normal school uniform) £1.00 donation (per child). Cash only please.

The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Party.
Tickets available at £1.00 each for your chance to win.

Thank you from the FoSS Committee

SPRING TERM INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

Please remember to access your School Gateway account by the following deadlines to make meal choices and payments for School Lunches, and to book After-School Clubs.

- ✚ **SCHOOL LUNCHES: BOOKING DEADLINE – MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER**
- ✚ **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS: BOOKING DEADLINE – MONDAY 9TH JANUARY**

Please read the emails sent recently to all parents for further information. Thank you.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a permanent Teaching Assistant (TA) Miss Harriet Broomfield for Class 4. Mrs Sherwood will be supporting the children in Class 1 and Miss Cooper will be supporting the children in Class 2. As Mrs Davis will be working one day a week as an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, Miss Harris will be our Assistant SENCo. We have done everything possible to continue the best education and care for the children and are extremely thankful to Mrs Sherwood and Miss Cooper for their flexibility and commitment to this. These changes will take effect from January.

We break up for Christmas on Tuesday 20th December at 1.30pm. Term begins again on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.45am.

I would like to particularly thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication in continuing to ensure that our children are given the very best education and to the governors for all the time they have given this term towards supporting our school. May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas time, and to also thank you on behalf of the staff and governors for your continued support.

With Best Wishes,

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