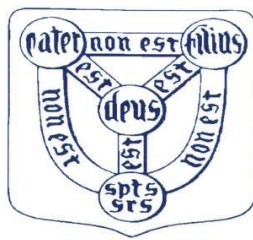


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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*Value for the next two weeks: Trust*

When I am afraid I put my trust in you.

- Psalms 56:3

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 Mrs Spencer who has joined our team. Mrs Spencer has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant in Class 2. Mrs Peacock will be teaching Class 4 for the summer term alongside Miss Hill.

Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a **Netball Festival** at the end of last term with other primary schools in the Faringdon Learning Trust. They did tremendously well and won 3 out of the 4 matches. We were very proud of them, and their team spirit and positive attitude was noted. Well done Shellingford!



We were also very impressed with the number of entries for the **Easter Bonnet Competition** and clearly much effort had gone into creating these. Here are the winning entries and runners-up:



On Monday we arranged for **Roots to Food** to deliver a cooking workshop. Each class was involved in a hands-on practical cooking session which focused on what makes a healthy and nutritious meal, how to prepare different foods and the principles of food safety and good hygiene. Here's what the children got up to!



We have started the new term thinking about the importance of **Trust** and building positive relationships with one another. During our daily school Collective Worship we will be reflecting on people who we know are trustworthy and thinking about practical ways we can show others that we ourselves can be trusted.

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 just in case the weather is not on our side!

### **CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS AND SUPPORT AT HOME**

Attached is a Curriculum Newsletter for each class from your child/ren's Teacher. This will give you an overview of the work being covered this term, along with a list of activities you can do at home to support your child/ren's learning. Each class has chosen the following learning focus:

Class 1 Long Ago / Travel around the World	Class 2 To Infinity and Beyond!
Class 3 Romans on the Rampage!	Class 4 Oxford: City of Spires

We are always looking for additional resources or expertise to enhance curriculum topics; please let us know if you can offer anything to help as we would be most grateful.

**Homework** will continue on a regular basis for all classes. We ask all children from Reception to Year 6 to be in the habit of reading or sharing books regularly throughout the week. This is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning.

### **DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

I have included some key dates at the end of this newsletter, details of which will follow as the term progresses. We will be celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen's Consort on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May and on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May we will be having a RE Big Question Day when the whole school will be thinking about 'What is faith?' Our Ascension Day Service will also take place at 2.00pm in St Faith's Church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Class 3 are also getting excited about their residential to Hill End Outdoor Education Centre!

### **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.

## **TOYS**

Children must not bring toys of any description into school. This includes fidget toys. Over recent months we have seen an increase in numbers of children bringing in fidget toys and this is proving distracting to the children within the classrooms. The school provides children with suitable learning aids when there is a specific identified need.

### **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

**Start week commencing: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**The last week of clubs is: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**



### **POND AREA PROJECT**

We are delighted that FoSS are re-developing the school's outdoor pond area. The pond is in desperate need of landscaping, signage, pond equipment / storage, and seating in order for the children to use the area as part of their learning. The project needs to be completed in the next few weeks in order for the children to start using the area during the summer months. We would be grateful if families could come and help on the following dates between 2.00 – 4/5.00pm:

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Mrs Jo Perkins is leading the project. If you can offer any time or resources with this project please contact Mrs Perkins on: [joannehill55@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joannehill55@yahoo.co.uk)

## **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. Thank you.

## **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.

Finally our first **Celebration Assembly** this term is **next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April (2.30 – 3.00pm)** followed by a **FoSS Stall** on the green at the end of the school day.

With Best Wishes,

Judith R Terrell

**DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM:**

SUMMER TERM FIVE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Five begins
		Whole School Workshop: 'Roots to Food' Cooking Workshop
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	SEN Consultations (all day) Class 3: OCMS Violin lessons (weekly)
2	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April (2.00 – 4-5.00pm)	FoSS: Pond Area Project
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	Class 2: TA Sports Stars (weekly) After-School Clubs begin (for 9 weeks until 29 <sup>th</sup> June)
		Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> April
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools FoSS Events Meeting (7.30pm) at The Horse & Jockey
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
3	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole School Event: RE Big Question Day 'What is Faith?'
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	No school lunches (Local Elections / Community Hall in use)
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Event: celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen's Consort
4	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council Meeting
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 (Year 6) SATS week
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (4.00 – 6.00pm)	FoSS Event: Bingo
5	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	FoSS: Pond Area Project
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Photogenic Photographers: Year 6 Leavers' photograph
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools Y5/6: Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service safety talk
		Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May (2.00pm)
6	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	FoSS: Pond Area Project
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May (am)	Year 6: Junior Citizens programme (Oxford)
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) in Class 4
		Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Summer Term Five

SUMMER TERM SIX		
1	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Term Six begins (school opens at 8.45am)
		Whole School Event: ShWimbledon (tennis )
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools New Parents meeting for September 2023 Reception children (3.30 – 4.30pm)
		Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	FoSS: Crazy Hair Day	
2	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June (pm)	Class 2: TA Sports Stars (weekly)
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June (11.00 – 3.00pm)	FoSS: Fun Day
3	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June (3.30-4.30pm)	Yenworthy Parents Meeting (for Year 4 & 5 pupils)
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June (pm)	New Reception children visit FoSS: Annual General Meeting (6.30pm)
		Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June

4	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Last week of After-School Clubs
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June (pm)	New Reception children visit and FoSS teas
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School: Cotswold Forest Schools
	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Reports sent out to Parents
5	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July (6.15pm)	KS2 summer production
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (pm)	New Reception children visit and school transition session KS2 school summer production (6.15pm)
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	SEN Consultations (all day)
6	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (1.15pm)	KS2 Sports Day: Commonwealth Games
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July (1.15pm)	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day: Commonwealth Games
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July (pm)	New Reception children visit and school transition session
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6: FCC Transfer Days
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (12noon – 1.00pm)	FoSS: Year 6 Leavers BBQ
7	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July (2.00pm)	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of school year (school closes at 1.30pm for the summer holidays)

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