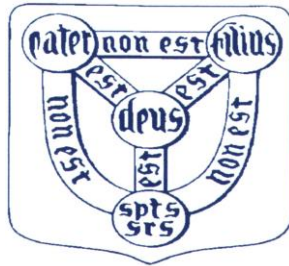


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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## *Value for the next two weeks: Spirituality*

'But the fruit of the spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.'

**Galatians 5: 22-23**

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The staff wish to express their sincere thanks for your generous gifts and cards which we received at the end of last term. It is always very much appreciated, thank you. At the end of last term, Mrs Anna Marlow stepped down as our Chair of the Governing Body after 8 plus years in this position. Anna has been a tremendous support to the school and I cannot express my thanks and gratitude enough for all the time she has volunteered and devoted to this role. We are delighted that Anna will remain on the Governing Body and continue to support Shellingford. Mrs Jane Samways has been appointed as Chair from January.

### **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 – Chinese New Year / Grow, Grow, Grow
- ✚ Class 2 – Traction Man is Here! / Shakespeare
- ✚ Class 3 – Nature Explorers / Shakespeare
- ✚ Class 4 – A Ramble in the Rainforest / Shakespeare

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 SPRING TERM**

Although this term is a particularly short term there are a number of events due to take place. Please make a note of the dates listed at the bottom of this newsletter. Some of these dates are provisional and further details will follow as the term progresses.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

Our Spring Term After-School Clubs begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs will run for 3 weeks this term (unless otherwise notified) and after-half-term for 5 weeks. Please remember that there will no clubs the week of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES PROCEDURES**

We will endeavour to keep the school open at all times. However, if for example snow falls overnight or flooding occurs, and local conditions make the journey to Shellingford for pupils, parents and staff too risky, the Headteacher may take the decision to close all or part of the school. The decision will be made early in the morning and published on our website ([www.shellingford.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.shellingford.oxon.sch.uk)) and broadcasted on local radio stations (BBC Oxford VHF/FM 95.2 and Heart (Thames Valley) VHF/FM 102.6 and 97.4/102.9/103.4 or Jack FM VHF/FM 106.8 and its sister station 107.9. A list of 'Emergency and Planned School Closures' can be found on the [Oxfordshire County Council website](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk). Please refer to the email sent to all Parents earlier this week, thank you.

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) – TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS**

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held as **telephone appointments** this term from **3.30-6.30pm** on the following dates:

- **Class 3 & 4: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**
- **Class 1 & 2: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Each Telephone Consultation will last for 10 minutes. Your child's Class Teacher will ring you at the time of your appointment on the telephone number linked to your School Gateway account.

We will be sending out information on how to book an appointment in the next couple of weeks. **Please look out for an email notification from the School Office giving booking instructions.**



Thank you for supporting our events leading up to Christmas. The Christmas Wreath Workshop raised £230.00 and the children's Christmas Jumper Day £54.10.

Please make a note of the forthcoming FoSS events listed below in the Diary Dates for the Spring Term. More information will follow in due course.

With Best Wishes,

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**DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:**

SPRING TERM THREE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term Three begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
2	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	After-School Clubs begin for Y1-6 (for 8 weeks until 21 <sup>st</sup> March)
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 4: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
3	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Event: STEM Week
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January (am)	Year 3: Ball-Bearing Maze Event – at FCC
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January (am)	EYFS / Year 6: National Child Measurement Programme
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3: Hill End Parent Meeting (3.30pm – 4.30pm) FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January (2.30-3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
4	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January & Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Class 3 & 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) 3.30 – 6.30pm – telephone consultations
5	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	*No After-School Clubs this week (clubs resume again on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February)
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Event: Children's Mental Health Week Class 1 & 2: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) 3.30 – 6.30pm - telephone consultations
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Event: Safer Internet Day
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	FoSS: Wear Pink or Red (non-school uniform day) End of Spring Term Three (School closes at 3.15pm)

SPRING TERM FOUR		
1	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Term Four begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 4: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Whole School Event: Stand by Me Launch
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
2	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February (3.15 – 5.15pm)	FoSS: Film Club
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 & 2: Sutton Courtney Environmental Centre School Council Meeting (pm)
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February (7.30pm) Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March (2.30 – 3.00pm)	FoSS: Events Meeting – venue TBC Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
3	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March (6.30pm)	Year 6: SATS Parents Meeting (in school)
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: World Book Day
4	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: Sublime Science Workshop
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March (5.30 – 7.00pm)	FoSS: Children's Disco - TBC
5	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	*Last week of After-School Clubs Whole School Event: Shakespeare Week
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 & 4: Finding the Will (Shakespeare) Workshop FoSS: Bag2School Collection
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Friday (am)	Y5/6 Netball Competition at FCC - TBC
6	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	FoSS: Easter Bonnet Competition & Easter Stall
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (2.00pm)	Easter Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford (led by Class 4)
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Spring Term Four (School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays)