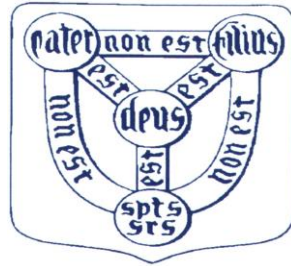


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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*Value for the next two weeks: Our School Values*

**Respect - Belonging - Creativity - Spirituality**

Dear Shellingford School Family,

## **CLASS VISITS AND RESIDENTIALS**



As part of **Class 3's** topic this term on 'The Windrush Generation' the children went to The Oxford Playhouse this week to watch a stage production of Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England'. What a fantastic way to kick-start the topic this term!

*"I couldn't take my eyes off it! Now I know why my mummy says Floella is her Hero!" Penny*

**Class 4** are heading off to **Yenworthy Lodge** on Exmoor for a week of surfing, rock climbing and other outdoor activities with Mrs Sucksmith, Mrs Carter and myself on Monday.

## **IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?**

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. If your child is feverish, vomiting or has diarrhoea where they must remain at home for 48 hours **after** these symptoms have subsided to prevent risk of infection spreading to others. We would encourage you to read the NHS guidance '[is my child too ill for school](#)' which has further information for parents.

## **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025-26**

The school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2025-26 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 2025-26 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.

## **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

Our whole school **Harvest Service is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at St Faith's church** and will be led by the children in Classes 1 and 2. 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 Fisherman's Mission** which is a national charity that works solely supporting fisherman and their families. All their work is based on the Christian faith, and they provide practical and emotional support to active and former fishermen. Each class will be learning about what it means to be a fisherman and the support the charity provides.

If you would like to find out more their website is: <https://www.fishermensmission.org.uk/>

We have decided to hold a **non-school uniform day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. We kindly ask that the children donate **£2.00** and **dress-up in the 'Colours of the Sea'** to help raise money for **The Fisherman's Mission**.

## **NATIONAL POETRY DAY - THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Children are welcome to bring a favourite poem or poetry book to school on this day. Each class will also be preparing a poetry performance to share with parents at our next Celebration Assembly (on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October).

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY**

If you are interested in joining our team as a Teaching Assistant, we currently have a position available. Details are on our school [website](#). If you would like further information please contact the School Office.

## **THE UFFINGTON BENEFICE OF CHURCHES - FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

- ✚ There is a Family Pet Service this Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> September) at 10.00am in Uffington which is designed for the whole Benefice.
- ✚ There is a Harvest Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.15am. This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Community Hall at 12.30pm. Tickets for the lunch cost £10 and proceeds will go towards the running costs of the church. Children and parents are most welcome. For catering services please contact Jane Mattingley (01367 710443) or Sue Terry (01793 784594).

## **COMMUNITY HALL BOOKINGS**

The Community Hall (attached to the school) is available for parties and events at weekends, during school holiday periods and after 5.30pm Monday to Friday during term-time. Bookings are managed by the Community Hall. If you are interested in using the Community Hall then please send a booking enquiry to the following email: [shellingfordhall@gmail.com](mailto:shellingfordhall@gmail.com)

Bookings support both the Community Hall and the school in maintaining the facilities.

## **TRAFFIC CONGESTION - CHURCH STREET**

A number of parents and residents in the village have expressed concern about traffic congestion along Church Street. **Please could vehicles entering the village give away to those leaving the school where possible. This will help free up parking spaces.**

Please allow sufficient time to travel and park in order to arrive at school on time.

Lessons start at 8.55am.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm (4.15pm for After-School Clubs).

We will also do our best to ensure the children are out on time at the end of the day.

Thank you everyone for your help.



### **FoSS GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Laura Bond (Chair) [friendsofshellingfordschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofshellingfordschoolpta@gmail.com) or speak to any other committee member to find out more about the work of Friends of Shellingford School.

### **Our fundraising events for this term are taking place on the following dates:**

- **Smarties Challenge (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October).** Keep your children busy running errands and fill the tube with 20p pieces or any loose change.
- **Bag2School (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October)** Please sort out any secondhand adults or children's clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, belts, scarves, ties, soft toys and bring into school by 9.00am on the above collection date.
- **Stall on the Green (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October)** at 3.00pm after the Celebration Assembly.

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

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs)**

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in-person this term from 3.30 – 6.30pm on:

- **Monday 21st October: Classes 1 & 2**
- **Tuesday 22nd October: All Classes**
- **Wednesday 23rd October: Classes 3 & 4**

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.

For the PTI's being held on the Monday and Tuesday we ask that parents make their way to the Community Hall initially, where the children's work will be out for you to view. On Wednesday we ask for Parents to make their way to Class 1 initially, where the children work will be out for you to view. Teachers will then collect parents for their appointment directly from the Community Hall or Class 1 respectively. Thank you.

**Appointment sheets will be displayed on the green outside the school from week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes.**

With best wishes,

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