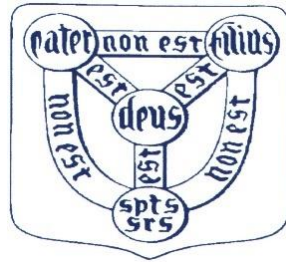


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all men.

Luke 2:14

Dear Shellingford School Family,

We are beginning to prepare for Christmas in our hearts and minds during our daily Collective Worship and reflecting upon Advent and the celebration of 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 'A MIRACLE IN TOWN.' At this time of year we like to support a children's charity and we have decided to collect for 'Helen and Douglas House.' This charity provides hospice care for babies and children in Oxfordshire and surrounding counties. 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.



Thank you for supporting the **CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on Saturday. The Class Stalls raised £109.68, FoSS Stalls £376.66 and Church Stalls £734.00. St Faith's **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is this **Sunday 8th December** at 5.00pm. Our School Choir will be performing, and we do hope you will find the time to join us.

The children have their **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** to look forward to on **Wednesday 18th December**. We also will be holding our **CHRISTMAS SERVICE** at St Faith's church on **Thursday 19th December** at 2.00pm. Class 4 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.

TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCIES

We are seeking to recruit staff who are dedicated to making a difference and inspiring children. If you are interested in becoming a Teaching Assistant, I would be delighted to talk to you. If you would like to join our team the job advert and application form can be viewed on our school website [here](#). The closing date for application is Monday 6th January.

POPPY APPEAL

We have just received acknowledgement that our recent **POPPY APPEAL** raised **£225.70** A huge thank you from The Royal British Legion Faringdon Branch and Shrivenham Sub-Branch, without your generous donations the RBL would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work to service men, women, and their families.

RE & CW QUESTIONNAIRES

I would like to thank those parents who very kindly responded to our Religious Education and Collective Worship questionnaires. We are just overwhelmed by the positive feedback. We are committed to all children achieving well within a strong Christian ethos where everyone is valued and cared for. We would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping us to achieve this.



Christmas Events ...

- ❖ **Friday 13th December: Christmas Party (5.00 – 7.00pm)**
- ❖ **Wednesday 18th 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.

Thank you from the FoSS Committee.

SPRING TERM INFORMATION:

- ✚ **SCHOOL LUNCHES: BOOKING DEADLINE – MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER**
Please access your School Gateway account by the above deadline to make meal choices and payments for School Lunches.
Please read the email sent to all parents today for further information. Thank you.

Please note that After-School Clubs for the Spring Term will be available for you to book next week. Please look out for a separate email notifying that club bookings are open.

We break up for Christmas on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm. Term begins again on Monday 6th January 2025 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 care. As well as to the governing body and FoSS for all the time they give voluntarily towards supporting our school.

At the beginning of Advent, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy start to the festive season.

With Best Wishes,

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