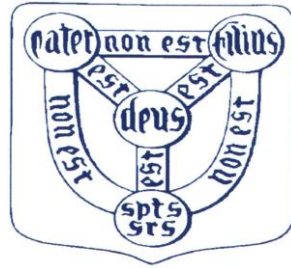


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Truthfulness

The truth will set you free.

John 8:31-32

Dear Shellingford School Family,

As part of our whole school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) this week we welcomed Bright Sparks into our school to lead some hand-on science activities linked to this term's curriculum. Workshops included Seasonal Changes, Animals & Humans, Rocks, Fossils & Volcanoes and Living Things and Habitats.



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) – TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS (3.30 – 6.30pm)

- **Class 1 & 2: Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February**
- **Class 3 & 4: Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th 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.

It is very important that we talk to all parents about their child/ren's progress and overall wellbeing. If you are not able to attend the PTIs then please email the School Office to make an alternative mutually agreeable date for a telephone consultation.

Please remember all After-School Clubs are not taking place week commencing Monday 10th February (as previously informed).

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to have appointed two Teaching Assistants who will be starting after the February half-term, Mrs Elizabeth Macdonald and Mrs Holly Walker-McClimens. We will also be very sad to say farewell to Mrs Sherwood at the end of this term and we would like to thank her for all she has done for the school. We wish her all the very best.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

There are a number of road works in the local area currently.

Please ensure that you leave plenty of time to get to school in order for your child/ren to be in class promptly by 8.55am as this is when lessons begin.

Late arriving pupils disrupt lessons, and miss important teaching and instructions for the day. It can also be both embarrassing and unsettling for the child and the rest of the class.

PARENTAL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to inform the School Office if any of your contact details have changed. This includes telephone, email and postal address for yourselves as well as any nominated emergency contacts.

SPRING TERM 4 - SCHOOL LUNCH BOOKINGS for Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

An email was sent today notifying all parents that school lunches can now be booked for the next half-term.

Please note the deadline to book your child/ren's lunches is MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY.

YEAR 6 SATS MEETING - Tuesday 28th January at 6.30pm

The Year 6 SATs Parents meeting will be taking place in Class 4 next Tuesday and will be led by Mrs Sucksmith. Please note this meeting is for **parents only** and not for the children to attend.

CLASS 3 - HILL END PARENT MEETING - Wednesday 29th January at 3.30pm

We are also holding a meeting next week for Y3/4 parents regarding the Hill End Residential (29th & 30th April). At this meeting we will be discussing details and requirements for the residential and do hope that all parents will be able to attend. Please note that this is a **parents only** meeting.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - Monday 3rd - 7th February 2025

This year's theme is '**Know yourself, grow yourself**'. During this week we will be aiming to equip and empower the children to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025 - Tuesday 11th February

Is on **Tuesday 11th February** and this year's global theme is: **Too good to be true? Protecting yourself online**. We will be focusing on how children can protect themselves and others, and who to talk to if they have any online safety concerns.



GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday 5th February at 6.30pm in Class 4

All parents are welcome to attend.

FAMILY BINGO: Sunday 9th February (4.00-6.00pm) in the Community Hall

£4.00 per adult and £2.00 per child. £3.00 per person for chilli and sides.

WEAR SOMETHING PINK OR RED - Friday 14th February

We will be holding a non-school uniform day to raise money for FoSS. We ask children **to wear something pink or red** (no football kits) and request £2.00 per child to take part.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the many parents who have offered to support the school and help with our Forest School sessions and volunteering to hear children read. This is very much appreciated by the staff and makes such a difference to have extra hands helping in school.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT: HALF TERM SPONSORED CHALLENGE

'February on the Floor'



STANDBYme is a small Christian charity that supports children in a handful of schools and communities across the world. Our school has a link with Bethany School in a town in Ethiopia.

Last year we raised nearly £1,000 towards toys and equipment being provided for their pupils.

We are inviting the children to give up their cosy bed for one night and to **sleep on the floor**. As this is a sponsored event we will be sending out a link to our donation page on the Charity's website. Please look at for more details.

Final a reminder that this term finishes on Friday 14th February and we return to school on Monday 24th February.

With Best Wishes,

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