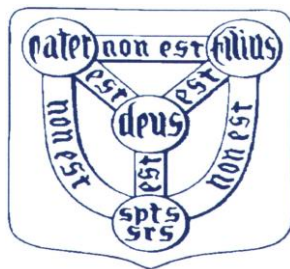


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Truthfulness

A lie has many variations, the truth none.

African Proverb

Dear Shellingford School Family,

The whole school have thoroughly enjoyed the **Printmaking Workshop** this week with Sophie Basilevitch. Sophie is an artist based in Oxford who is inspired by the simple but energetic images that can be created through relief printing. Throughout the week, she has taught a progression of printing skills across the school. Class 1 looked at colour mixing and block printing, Class 2 used mono-printing and drew animals. Class 3 learnt about polyblock printing using drawing, embossing and pressing. Class 4 have created their own nature images that they then used for lino printing. We are hoping that the final piece, created by Class 4, will be displayed in the school.



School Open Afternoon – Friday 7th February - 2.30 – 3.15pm

We are opening our doors to you and inviting parents and family friends to view the school as 'a working school'. Everyone is most welcome to come and look around the classes and to talk to the children and staff about their learning. The children always talk about how much they enjoy our school Open Afternoons and the opportunity to 'show off' their learning to their parents.

Please come and support them.

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 11th February** and this year's global theme is: **Together for a better internet** with a focus on online identity. During the day, we will be discussing what makes up your online identity, how others perceive and interact with you and how online services can identify you.

Please also make a note of the **Half-Term Disco** on **Thursday 13th February from 5.30 – 7.30pm** which FoSS are also organising. £4.50 entrance per child, food available at £2.00. There will be face painting, glitter tattoos, dancing and games!

500 Words Competition 2020

The 10th annual '500 Words' competition has now been launched by BBC Radio 2. If your child is interested in entering please follow this link for full information and instructions: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1> or search for '500 words 2020'.

Medical and Dental Appointments

Parents are kindly reminded that they should not be making dental or GP appointments for their child/ren within the school day unless emergency attention is required. We acknowledge that some hospital appointments and clinic times are such that absence from school is necessary in order to attend. Parents are asked to let the School Office know in advance and in writing the date and time of the appointment and when the child will be collected from and/or returned to school. The school may request a copy of the appointment details to verify the appointment. Thank you.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTI'S):

Our Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the last week of this term on:

- **Monday 10th February (3.30 – 6.30pm)**
- **Tuesday 11th February (3.30 – 6.30pm)**

Please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. If neither parent can attend the PTI's please make an alternative mutually agreeable appointment with your child's teacher.

Appointment sheets will be displayed in the School Office area from the beginning of next week.
This year we have also decided that October PTI's for Class 4 will be for parents only and we will not be asking for our Y5/6 pupils to attend. Please kindly note that we also request for children not to accompany parents to the Class 1 – 3 PTI's meetings as it is important for us to have an opportunity to speak with you separately about your child/ren's progress.

At the PTI's we ask that parents make their way to the Community Hall initially, where the children's work will be out for you to view. Teachers will then collect parents for their appointment directly from the hall. Thank you.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) consultations are scheduled for Thursday 23rd April and details of these meetings will follow after Easter, however, please do contact Miss Long (SENCo) or Mrs Davis (Assistant SENCo) in the meantime if you have any concerns.

Emergency School Closure Arrangements

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) 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: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/emergency-school-closures
Please see the separate email sent to all parents earlier this week, thank you.

With Best Wishes,
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