

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: Encouragement

When the world says, 'Give up', hope whispers "Try it one more time.'

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Dear Shellingford School Family,

Some wonderful costumes were worn by the children and staff on **World Book Day** recently – see if you can spot who's who in the photographs below!



We also had a fabulous day with **Sarah Roberts** last week, author of '**Who Swallowed Stanley**'. Sarah's enthusiasm and life experiences of travelling around the world and her interaction with various wildlife was an inspiration to us all. Sarah talked about the impact of plastic pollution on our planet and what we can do to protect the ecosystem.

Year 3 also enjoyed their visit to FCC last week to take part in a **Ball Bearing Maze** challenge with other local schools.

A hearty congratulations to **the Year 5/6 Hi 5 Netball Team** who participated in the Faringdon Partnership Tournament on Wednesday. They were really determined throughout the competition and the scores were tight! The first game was 2:1 to the opposition, the second 2:0 to the opposition, the third game was 2 nil to us, the fourth a 2: 2 draw and the fifth and final game was 2:0 to the opposition. A special mention goes to Grace's amazing goal from the outer edge of the 'D'! Due to the team's fantastic efforts and being classed as a small school, we now qualify for the next level of competition, the Vale Small Schools Tournament.



I would like to draw your attention to the following events taking place over the next couple of weeks:

FoSS are holding their next **General Meeting** on **Wednesday 18th March at 6.30pm** in **Class 4** and all parents are invited to attend. We are always pleased to receive any support and help in organising upcoming events.

We also hope that you will be able to come along to the **Easter Beetle Drive** on **Saturday 28th March** from **4.00 – 6.00pm. £2.00** entry on the door (which includes one bingo book). A **children's buffet of £2.00 per child** is also available. There are many prizes to be won and this will no doubt be a fun family event for everyone!

On **Wednesday 25th March at 6.30pm** there is also a **SATS Information Evening** for Year 6 Parents in Class 4 to discuss the statutory end of Key Stage Two tests in May.

Spring Term After-School Clubs:

Finally, a reminder that the **last week of After-School Clubs for the Spring Term is the week of Monday 23rd March**. There will be no clubs during the last week of the term except for 'Relax Kids' on Wednesday 1st April (please see the separate email sent to parents).

School Lunches - Summer Term 5 and 6

Lunch options and booking of school meals for the Summer Term has been set up for parents to make their choices. The deadline for meal choices and payment is Monday 30th March 2020 and changes can not be made after this date. We would appreciate a timely response. Please note there will be no school lunches on Thursday 7th May due to Police Commissioner elections taking place in the Community Hall, so all children will be required to bring a packed lunch to school on this date. Friday 8th May is also a Public Bank Holiday.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As you will all be aware, the situation surrounding the COVID-19 is changing rapidly, and as a school we are monitoring the advice provided by Public Health England and Department of Education on a daily basis. For the most up to date details please click [here](#). Please also find attached a poster for parents and schools which accompanies this guidance.

Driving and Parking through the Village

I have recently received further specific reports from concerned parents regarding the driving and parking of vehicles at the start and end of the school day. We all want our children to arrive safely at school. Parking is difficult so allow ample time to bring children into school for 8.45am and **please watch your speed as your drive through the village.**

Please can we remind you about the following issues involved with the amount of traffic in the village and ask you to work with us:

- Parking further along Church Street away from the school will help alleviate congestion by the Nursery and avoid potential accidents. Be aware of leaving sufficient access to residents' driveways and 'keep clear' markings near farm entrances.
- Car-sharing with other families, even just once a week to help reduce the number of vehicles.
- Do not park on the pavement as this restricts access for pedestrians and makes it very difficult to cross the road due to reduced vision up and down the street. This is particularly dangerous for the younger children walking to school who cannot be seen by drivers' due to the parked cars. **Pedestrians please supervise your children carefully and be aware of**

moving vehicles. Drivers please be aware of surface water when driving and parking adjacent to the Nursery and be considerate to pedestrians walking into school.

- Do not use the green area in front of the school for dropping off, picking up or parking as this is the school's main access for emergency services. The safety of our children is paramount. Only designated taxis and mini buses are permitted to use area. This is also a private road.

These initiatives will only work if we **all** try to change our habits and consider the needs of others. Thank you.

With best wishes,

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