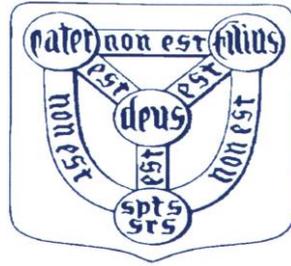


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Courage

'Be strong and courageous.'

Joshua 1:6

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The staff wish to express their sincere thanks for your generous gifts and cards which we received at the end of last term. It is always very much appreciated, thank you. We collected a magnificent **£230.78** for **Ronald Macdonald Houses** following our Nativity performances 'Born in the Barn.' We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Harriet Broomfield who has joined our staff team as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS AND SUPPORT AT HOME

Attached is a Curriculum Newsletter for each class from your child/ren's Teacher. This will give you an overview of the work being covered this term, along with a list of activities you can do at home to support your child/ren's learning. Each class has chosen the following learning focus:

-  Class 1 – Chinese New Year / Grow, Grow
-  Class 2 – Carnival
-  Class 3 – Poles Apart
-  Class 4 – Pedal Power and Beyond / Fair Food

We are always looking for additional resources or expertise to enhance curriculum topics; please let us know if you can offer anything to help as we would be most grateful.

Homework will continue on a regular basis for all classes. We ask all children from Reception to Year 6 to be in the habit of reading or sharing books regularly throughout the week. This is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning.

DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

At the end of this newsletter, I have outlined some initial dates of events due to take place in the Spring Term. Some of these dates are provisional and further details will follow as the term progresses.

On Tuesday 31st January we have organised a **Junk Percussion Workshop** for the Whole School, **Children's Mental Health Week** is the week of Monday 6th February and we also have a **Safer Internet Day** planned for 8th February. After half-term we are aiming to hold our **Art Week** for the whole school, a **World Book Day Celebration**, and school focus on **British Science Week** and a **Religious Education Big Question Day** in March.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our Spring Term After-School Clubs begins on Monday 16th January. The deadline for booking clubs is this Monday 9th Monday. Clubs will run for 3 weeks this term (unless otherwise notified) and after-half-term for 5 weeks. Please remember that there will no clubs the week of Monday 6th February as the Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTIs) will be taking place.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES PROCEDURES

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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk). Please see the attached information , thank you.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) – TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held as **telephone appointments** this term from **3.30-6.30pm** on the following dates:

- **Class 2 & 4: Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th February**
- **Class 1 & 3: Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th 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.

We will be sending out information on how to book an appointment in the next couple of weeks. **Please look out for an email notification from the School Office giving booking instructions.**



Thank you for supporting our Christmas events, we raised:

- 🎪 **Celebration Assembly Stall – £188.90**
- 🎪 **Nativity Performance Refreshments and Raffle Tickets - £271.50**
- 🎪 **Film Club - £198.00**
- 🎪 **Christmas Cards and Children's Party – amount to be confirmed shortly**

Please make a note of the forthcoming FoSS events listed below in the Diary Dates for the Spring Term. More information will follow in due course.

With Best Wishes,

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DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:

SPRING TERM THREE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Tuesday 3 rd January	Spring Term Three begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	Thursday 5 th January	FoSS: Events Meeting – The Horse & Jockey, Stanford in the Vale
2	Thursday 12 th January	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
3	Monday 16 th January	After-School Clubs begin for Y1-6 (for 8 weeks until 23 rd March)
	Tuesday 17 th January	School Council meeting (pm)
4	Wednesday 25 th January	Class 3: Hill End Parent Meeting (3.30pm – 4.30pm) FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Thursday 26 th January	Whole School – Class Photos
	Friday 27 th January (2.30-3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
5	Tuesday 31 st January	Whole School Event: Junk Percussion Workshop
6	Monday 6 th – Thursday 9 th February	<i>*No After-School Clubs this week (clubs resume again on Monday 20th February)</i>
	Monday 6 th February	Whole School Event: Children’s Mental Health Week Class 2 & 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) 3.30 – 6.30pm - telephone consultations
	Tuesday 7 th February	Class 2 & 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) 3.30 – 6.30pm – telephone consultations
	Wednesday 8 th February	Whole School Event: Safer Internet Day Class 1 & 3: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) 3.30 - 6.30pm – telephone consultations
	Thursday 9 th February	Class 1 & 3: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI’s) 3.30 - 6.30pm – telephone consultations
	Friday 10 th February	FoSS: ‘Wear Something Pink or Red’ End of Spring Term Three (School closes at 3.15pm)

SPRING TERM FOUR		
1	Monday 20 th February	Spring Term Four begins (School opens at 8.45am) Whole School Event: Art Week - TBC
	Thursday 23 rd February	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
	Friday 24 th February	FoSS: Film Club ‘Sing 2’
2	Tuesday 28 th February	School Council Meeting (pm)
	Thursday 2 nd March	Whole School Event: World Book Day FoSS: Events Meeting (7.30pm) - TBC
	Friday 3 rd March (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
3	Wednesday 8 th March	FoSS: Bag2school Collection Day
4	Monday 13 th March	Whole School Event: British Science Week
	Wednesday 15 th March (6.30pm)	Year 6: SATS Parents Meeting (in school)
	Friday 17 th March (5.00-7.30pm)	FoSS: Children’s Mini Spring Ball
5	Monday 20 th March	Last week of After-School Clubs this week EYFS & Year 6 - National Childhood Measuring Programme
	Wednesday 22 nd March	FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Friday 24 th March	Whole School Event: RE ‘Big Question’ Day
6	Thursday 30 th March (2.00pm)	Easter Service at St Faith’s Church, Shellingford (led by Class 4)
	Friday 31 st March	End of Spring Term Four (School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays)