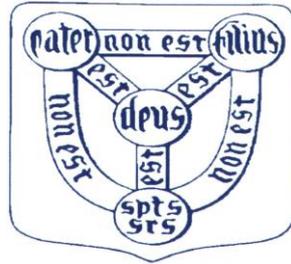


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School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Self-Esteem

When I am afraid I put my trust in you

Psalms 56:3

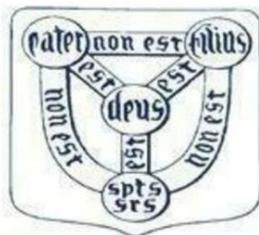
Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to Spring Term Four. We hope that you and your family have managed to have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We are also hoping that you have spent the night sleeping on the floor to raise money for the charity '**February on the Floor!**' The online [sponsorship link](#) will close on Sunday 5th March and we look forward to letting you know what we have raised.



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Our School pupils and families' February on the Floor

Sleeping on the floor to give children the best start to their day

£0 raised

The **Sculpture Workshop** planned for this week has unfortunately had to be rescheduled and will now take place later on this term (see diary dates below), so we will look forward to this event in due course.

World Book Day is next week on Thursday 2nd March and we are encouraging children to dress-up, or decorate a vegetable as a book character, and to bring in a favourite book to share. Throughout the week we will be focusing on reading for pleasure with different classroom activities running throughout each day for the children. One of the activities we are planning is 'The Masked Reader' which will involve our 'Reading Ambassadors' reading a short section from a favourite book through a filter which adds a different face and voice. The children then guess who they think is reading the book and will be 'unmasked' at the end of the week. Schools across the country have also once again been given £1.00 Book Tokens to distribute to children. These book tokens can be swapped completely free for one of the World Book Day books or used to get £1.00 off any full price book. Tokens are valid up until Sunday 26th March.

WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – Friday 3rd March (2.30 – 3.00pm)

Our next whole school Celebration Assembly this term is taking place next Friday at 2.30pm.

All parents are welcome.

Come and find out about World Book Day - the children often talk about being able to share their learning with everyone and we hope that you will be able to attend.

Please support the FoSS Easter Stall on the green after our Celebration Assembly.

Annual Parent Questionnaire

At this time in the school year, we often send out a questionnaire and we would like to hear your current views. We are constantly seeking to improve the school and your feedback is very important to us. We would be very grateful if you could complete the attached Parent Questionnaire and return it to Mrs Ashdown in the School Office by Friday, the 17th March. We will also be sending a paper copy home next week via the children's book-bags. The results will then be analysed and shared with you. Thank you.

Reminders - we would also appreciate your help and support with the following:

School Uniform

We quite often receive comments from visitors on how smart the children look, and we would like to thank you for ensuring the children arrive at school looking clean, tidy and wearing the correct uniform! However, we have noticed recently that some items are being worn which are not part of our school Uniform Policy. Please can I remind you that friendship bracelets, wristbands, necklaces, boots or trainers are not to be worn at school and socks and hair accessories need to be either grey, black, blue or white in colour. Long hair also needs to be tied back.

Notification of After-School Collection Arrangements

We ask all parents to notify Mrs Ashdown in the School Office by 1.00pm, ideally via email, of any change in person who will be collecting your child/ren at the end of the school day (unless in an event of an emergency).

Packed Lunches

Children opting for packed lunches are encouraged to bring in a 'healthy, balanced lunch'. Please note that sweets, chocolate are not allowed, and crisps and biscuits are discouraged.

We have pupils in the school who have potentially life-threatening allergy to nuts and peanuts.

For this reason, it is school policy that all snacks and all packed lunches DO NOT contain foods with nuts or nut ingredients e.g. Cereal bars. Thank you.

Driving and Parking through the Village

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.**
- **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.

Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting – CHANGE OF DATE

Please note we have moved the date of the Year 6 SATs meeting for Parents. The meeting will now be held on Tuesday 14th March at 6.30pm in Class 4.

Staffing Update

Miss Cooper who has been a TA has decided that she cannot carry on in her current role and will be moving to a school closer to home. We are sorry that she will be leaving us and as always I will keep you updated of any appointment made.



STALL ON THE GREEN - £90.00
WEAR RED AND PINK DAY - £138.35

Thank you for supporting these recent events.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION DAY – is Wednesday 8th March

Please sort out any secondhand adults or children's clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, belts, scarves, ties, soft toys and bring into school on the above collection date.

An updated list of diary dates for this term is included below. Further information on events will follow over the coming weeks.

With best wishes,
Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:

SPRING TERM FOUR		
1	Monday 20 th February	Spring Term Four begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	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) – The Horse & Jockey,
	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
	Tuesday 14 th March (6.30pm)	Year 6: SATS Parents Meeting (in school)
	Thursday 16 th March (5.00-7.30pm)	FoSS: Children's Easter Disco
	Friday 17 th March	Class 1 & 2 Visit: Cotswold Wildlife Park
5	Monday 20 th March	Last week of After-School Clubs this week EYFS & Year 6 - National Childhood Measuring Programme
	Tuesday 21 st , Wednesday 22 nd & Friday 24 th March	Whole School Event: Art Week – Sculpture Workshops
	Wednesday 22 nd March	FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Friday 24 th March	Whole School Event: RE 'Big Question' Day
6	Wednesday 29 th March	FoSS: Easter Hats
	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)

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