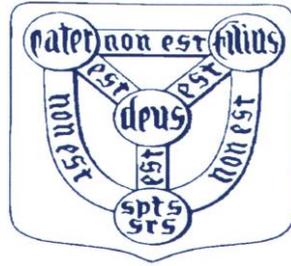


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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## *Value for the next two weeks: Belonging and Community*

The golden way is to be friends with the world and to regard the whole human family as one.

**Mahatma Gandhi**

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Marlow who has joined our team and has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant in Class 2. There are many exciting events taking place for the children and for parents over the coming weeks. The whole school will be raising money for Children in Need, taking part in Anti-Bullying Week activities, visiting the Watermill Theatre to see The Wizard of Oz and celebrating Christmas – it's a busy term!

### **PRAYER SPACE**

Earlier this week BeSpace and the Uffington Benefice of Churches organised a **Prayer Space** in St Faith's Church to give the children an opportunity to experience prayer in a personal way. We were very grateful to the volunteers and for everyone's hard work in providing this experience for the children.

The children made pipe cleaner figures of a pearson who supports them and also wrote a wish for someone who is important to them.



At the end of this newsletter, I have included a revised list of diary dates for this term, however, please continue to read our fortnightly school newsletters and check email correspondence regularly as event information may change.

## **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

Our **Act of Remembrance** is next **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am in St Faith's church**. The service is also open to parents and we hope you will be able to join us for this occasion. The Royal British Legion will be in attendance. As a mark of respect, we invite any children who are part of the Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Beavers, Scouts or Sea Cadets to wear their uniform. We will be continuing to collect for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal next week and hope you will support them. Every poppy shows that you care about the lives of our Armed Forces Community.

## **RE AND WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES FOR PARENTS**

All church schools receive an inspection to evaluate how well the school's Christian ethos and values impact on the development and achievement of the children which it serves. In our most recent review of the effectiveness of our school as a church school, we were judged as 'Outstanding' in all areas. As part of our ongoing evaluation, one important aspect is to seek your views on our school as a Church of England school.



I know we are approaching a busy time of year, but I would very much appreciate it if you could give some time to reflect on the attached questionnaire. We have also put a copy of this questionnaire in the children's book-bags. Please complete and return to the School Office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## **Further reminders, requests and information for the next few weeks ahead:**

### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023: 'REACH OUT - 13<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Anti-Bullying Week takes place in schools across England each November. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is '**Make A Noise About Bullying.**' On the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November we would like everyone to wear odd socks as this easily demonstrates that we are all different. The whole school will gather for a special assembly to introduce Anti-Bullying Week. Over the week the children will use role play scenarios to discuss and practice how to be assertive, the role of the bystander and how to support someone being bullied.

Our Anti-Bullying Policy is written in accordance with OCC guidelines and can be found on our school website.

### **CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL 2023: RUN WITH PUDSEY - FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Mrs Sucksmith and Miss Long are organising our fundraising event this year. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we are going to put on our walking clothes and wellies to take part in an exercise challenge across the fields. We kindly ask for a donation of £1.00 minimum per child which will go to Children in Need. Let's hope the weather is on our side!

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

The Governing Body is looking to appoint a Parent Governor. Parent Governors must be elected, and we are inviting nominees to submit their application by 12noon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. A separate email with detailed information was sent to all parents earlier today. The governing body has an extremely important role in a school. It is responsible for its strategic direction working in partnership with the Headteacher. All new governors receive training to support them in their role. If you would like to know about becoming a governor please come and talk to me, or get in touch with Mrs Kathryn Buratta who is a Parent Governor.

## **TAKE ONE PICTURE**

Our school has entered The National Gallery's Take One Picture programme. Primary schools nationwide have been invited to complete cross-curricular projects based on Henri Rousseau's 'Surprised!' The National Gallery selects a number of these projects for an exhibition at the gallery which we hope to be visiting as a whole school in the Summer Term.

**Classes 1, 2 and 3 produced artworks:**

**Class 1**



**Class 2**



**Class 3**



**Class 4 created a soundscape** and used a clip from a David Attenborough programme as the inspiration. They considered how to use natural materials, such as leaves, grasses and water, as well as their own voices and musical instruments, to create the sounds of the environments in which tigers hunt their prey. The children found out that monkeys alert deer to the threat posed by a stalking tiger and they composed the sound of the warning calls and the frantic responses.



## **HEALTHY SNACKS**

As part of our Food and Healthy Eating policy we encourage children to pursue a healthy and balanced diet. Children in Foundation and Key Stage One receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every school day at break-time through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme administered by the Department of Health. At lunchtimes our school meals provided by OCC comply with nutritional standards. Children opting for homemade packed lunches are also encouraged to bring in a healthy, balanced lunch. Sweets and chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches and crisps and biscuits are discouraged. Thank you.



A huge thank you for supporting the following fundraising events at the end of last term.

- ❖ **SMARTIE CHALLENGE - £252.50**
- ❖ **BINGO - £199.39**
- ❖ **NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY - £100.20**
- ❖ **BAG2SCHOOL - £109.00**
- ❖ **FOREST FABLES TRAIL - £125.00**

This means that an amazing total of £786.09 has been raised from all FoSS events since September.

### **POND PROJECT – GRAND OPENING – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 3.30PM**

FoSS have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months re-developing the pond area for the children to use. It is now completed and looks fantastic. The pond has been cleared of debris, a storyteller chair, stools and benches purchased, a storage shed and seasonal information boards installed which will be rotated throughout the year. A huge thank you from the school to Mrs Jo Perkins who instigated the project and to everyone who helped. Our thanks are also extended to the Tesco Community Grant Scheme, The Faringdon and District Rotary Club, WEBBS Building Merchants for the donation of cement, Tessa Bevan for the donation of plants, and Mr Rob Dorey for designing the information boards.

Please come down and look at the new pond area after school next Friday.

### **AUTUMN/WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS**

As the weather becomes wetter and colder, we require all children to have the appropriate outdoor winter clothing in school daily:

- A waterproof and windproof coat
- A warm hat, scarf and gloves
- A pair of wellington boots. These are essential! *\*Please note children are only allowed on the field in wellington boots. Wellies are also required for our outdoor curriculum activities.*
- A PE Kit. It is also useful to include in your child's PE bag *black or navy tracksuit trousers to wear for colder days and a spare pair of socks as most PE lessons are currently taking place outside.* (A plastic bag for muddy trainers is also a good idea!) Please be aware that for health and safety reasons, watches and earrings are not to be worn for PE and long hair must be tied back. Please provide a small box or envelope for your child to take out their own earrings or tape for us to cover them, as well as hair ties if this applies to your child.

Please check all clothing and footwear are clearly named to ensure any lost items can be returned. If any of the above items are not bought into school a reminder letter will be sent home to parents. Thank you.

With best wishes,  
Judith R Terrell

**DIARY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2023:**

<b>AUTUMN TERM TWO</b>		
<b>Week</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
1	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Term Two begins (School opens at 8.45am) Class 2: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons continue
	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Whole School Event: BeSpace at St Faith's Church
	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	FoSS: Bag2School collection day Photogenic Photography: Individual and Siblings photographs
	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November (pm weekly)	Class 3: 'Violin' Tuition' (Oxfordshire County Music Service) (pm) weekly
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	FoSS: Film Club (3.30 – 5.00pm)
	2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November (7.30pm)		FoSS: Events Meeting at the Horse and Jockey, Stanford in the Vale - TBC
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November (10.45am)		Whole School Event: Remembrance Service at St Faith's Church – all parents welcome FoSS: Pond Project – Grand Opening (3.30pm)
3	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Event: Anti-Bullying Week
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Event: Children in Need Walk
4	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Whole School Visit: Watermill Theatre 'The Wizard of Oz' FoSS: Christmas Wreath Workshop (6.30 – 8.30pm)
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly in the Community Hall – all parents welcome & FoSS Stall
	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November (10.00-12noon)	St Faith's Church Christmas Fayre
5	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Last week of After-School Clubs
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November (6.30pm)	FoSS: General Meeting (Class 4)
6	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (6.00pm)	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm)	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (all day)	SEN Parent Consultations
7	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (5.00pm)	Carols by Candlelight' at St Faith's Church
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Event: Christmas Lunch FoSS: Christmas Jumper Day
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Event: Christmas Service (led by Class 3) at St Faith's Church - all parents welcome (2.00pm) FoSS: Christmas Party (5.30 – 7.30pm)
8	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term Two (School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays)

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