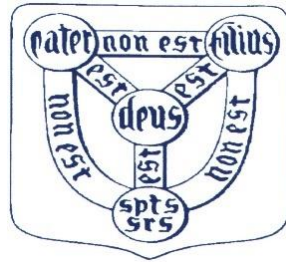


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.

Romans 15:13

Dear Shellingford School Family,



We are busy preparing for Christmas in our hearts and minds during our daily Collective Worship when we are reflecting upon Advent and the coming of Christ. Our Christmas tree has now arrived, and the children are clearly beginning to get excited! Next week Class One and Two are performing '**ROCK THE BABY.**' At this time of year we like to support a children's charity and we have decided to collect for **Play2Give's Christmas Appeal 'Sleigh2Give.'** This charity provides presents to children in hospital, low income families, vulnerable children and those with disabilities throughout Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Berkshire. We will be holding this collection outside of the school gates during the last full week of term and ask kindly for donations to support this very worthy cause. Thank you.

The children also have their **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** to look forward to on **Wednesday 13th December.** We also will be holding our **CHRISTMAS SERVICE** at St Faith's church on **Thursday 14th December** at 2.00pm. Class 3 will be helping us to lead the service and we do hope that parents and family friends will be able to join us; this service is always such a joyous occasion.

Thank you for supporting the **CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on Saturday. The Class Stalls raised £198.00, FoSS Stalls £269.00 and Church Stalls £860.00. St Faith's **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is on **Sunday 10th December** at 5.00pm. Our School Choir will be performing, and we do hope you will find the time to join us.

Our School Choir visited **FEREDUNE COURT CARE HOME** earlier this week in Faringdon, to perform a Carol Concert to the residents.

We have just received acknowledgement that our recent **POPPY APPEAL** raised **£204.05**. Thank you, without our generous donations The Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work to service men, women, and their families.



Christmas Events . . .

- ❖ **Thursday 14th December: Christmas Party (5.00 – 7.00pm)**
£5.00 per ticket, plus £2.00 for food. Children's games and disco. Father Christmas gifts.
- ❖ **Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Jumper Day** – wear your best Christmas Jumper to school (other than festive jumpers please wear normal school uniform) £1.00 donation (per child). Cash only please.

The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Party.
Tickets available at £1.00 each for your chance to win.

Thank you from the FoSS Committee.

SPRING TERM INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

Please remember to access your School Gateway account by the following deadlines to make meal choices and payments for School Lunches, and to book After-School Clubs.

✚ **SCHOOL LUNCHES: BOOKING DEADLINE – MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER**

✚ **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS: BOOKING DEADLINE – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

Please read the emails sent recently to all parents for further information. Thank you.

The children and staff had the most wonderful time at the Watermill Theatre last week watching the **WIZARD OF OZ**. We would like to say another huge thank you to FoSS for covering the cost of the coach transport to Newbury, without this, the cost for parents would have been significantly higher.

We break up for Christmas on Wednesday 20th December at 1.30pm. Term begins again on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 8.45am.

I would like to particularly thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication in continuing to ensure that our children are given the very best education and care. As well to the governors and FoSS for all the time they give voluntarily towards supporting our school. At the beginning of Advent, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy start to the festive season.

With Best Wishes,

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