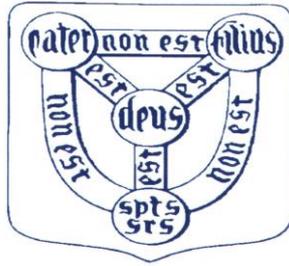


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Patience & Tolerance

Be kind to one another.

Ephesians 4:32

Dear Shellingford School Family,

This week we have been celebrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in school. Within their mixed age family groups, the children have taken part in a number of practical activities and challenges using many different STEM skills whilst also focusing on our values for the week 'Patience and Tolerance.'

Hurricane Proofing a House



Posting a Pringle



Teddy Bear Assault Courses

Handheld Mazes



Our Year 3's also went to Faringdon Community College (FCC) to take part in a STEM activity where they designed a Ball Bearing Maze with another local primary school.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) – TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS (3.30 – 6.30pm)

- **Class 3 & 4: Wednesday 31st January & Thursday 1st February**
- **Class 1 & 2: Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th 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.

It is very important that we talk to all parents about their child/ren's progress and overall wellbeing. If you are not able to attend the PTIs then please email the School Office to make an alternative mutually agreeable date for a telephone consultation.

Please remember all After-School Clubs are not taking place week commencing Monday 5th February (as previously informed).

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – Monday 5th – Friday 9th February

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. During this week we will be encouraging the children to use their voices, share what matters to them and to hear each other's voices.

SAFER INTERNET DAY is also on **Tuesday 6th February** and this year's global theme is: **Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and changes online.** It focuses on smaller changes that can happen online and on devices every day, such as a screen pop-up, a familiar character looking different or a video clip change. We will be discussing with the children the importance of keeping safe and who to talk to if they have an online safety concern.

SPRING TERM 4 – SCHOOL LUNCH BOOKINGS for Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March

An email was sent on Monday 15th January notifying all parents that school lunches can now be booked for next half-term.

Please note the deadline to book your child/ren's lunches is MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

Please ensure that you leave plenty of time to get to school in order for your child/ren to be in class promptly by 8.55am as this is when lessons begin.

Late arriving pupils disrupt lessons, and miss important teaching and instructions for the day. It can also be both embarrassing and unsettling for the child and the rest of the class.



WEAR SOMETHING PINK OR RED – Friday 9th February

We will be holding a non-school uniform day to raise money for FoSS. We ask children to wear **something pink or red** (no football kits) and request £1.00 for your child/ren to take part.

FILM CLUB – 'Elemental' Friday 23rd February (3.15 – 5.15pm)

£4.50 per ticket. Bookings can be made via the FoSS Facebook page.

PARENTAL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to inform the School Office if any of your contact details have changed. This includes telephone, email and postal address for yourselves as well as any nominated emergency contacts.



WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT: 'STAND BY ME' CHARITY LAUNCH – Wednesday 21st February

We are excited to now have a link to Bethany School in Ethiopia. Throughout the year we will be exchanging communications with Bethany School and fundraising for them. Our first event is on **Wednesday 21st February** where each class will research and talk about their projects and plans to raise money.

This day will also be a non-school uniform day and we ask for a minimum donation of £1.00 per child and for everyone to come to school dressed in the colours of the Ethiopian flag. Thank you.

Please read the separate email sent to all parents earlier this week.



With Best Wishes,

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