Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Forgiveness

'Without forgiveness there is no future... If you can forgive, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person'

Desmond Tutu

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.

As always there is much to look forward to this term. On Tuesday 27th February, **Classes 1 & 2** will be visiting **Sutton Courtenay Environmental Educational Centre** and **Classes 3 & 4** be involved in a **K'Nex** STEMWorks workshop. In March there are two whole school events planned, **World Book Day** and the **Sublime Science** workshop, followed by Shakespeare Week when KS2 will be taking part in a **Macbeth** workshop. Our Easter Service is on Wednesday 27th March!

This week, however, Mrs Setchell launched our first **Stand By Me** event. We have installed a sign-post on the field to direct our attention to the local area and to represent important people in our lives such as family and friends. It also sign-posts the direction of Bethany School in Ethiopia and their pupils and staff who will be in our hearts and minds going forward. The School Council have also written a School Prayer for the pupils and staff at Bethany School.

We are excited with this link and we will be exchanging communications, updates and photographs with Bethany School. We are very much wanting the children to take ownership of this project and each class will be planning and promoting fund-raising initiatives throughout the year to raise money for Bethany School. Thank you for your generous donations this week (£116.00 was raised) and everyone looked very colourful dressed in the colours of the Ethiopian flag!



WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - Friday 1st March (2.30 - 3.00pm)

Our next whole school Celebration Assembly this term is taking place next Friday.
All parents are welcome.

Come and find out what we have been learning in school - the children often talk about being able to share their work with everyone and we hope that you will be able to attend.

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

Annual Parent Questionnaire

At this time in the school year we often send out a questionnaire as 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 15th 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 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. 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 old Nursery and avoid potential accidents. Be aware of leaving sufficient access to residents' driveways and 'keep clear' markings near farm entrances.
- o Car-sharing with other families, even just once a week to help reduce the number of vehicles.
- On 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 $\underline{\mathbf{all}}$ try to change our habits and consider the needs of others. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Miss Bradley who has been working with us as a TA, has secured a Teaching position in another school. We are sorry that she will be leaving us and as always I will keep you updated of any appointments made.



WEAR RED AND PINK DAY - £87.75

Thank you for supporting this recent event.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION DAY - is Wednesday 20th 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.

WHITE HORSE LOTTERY

FoSS has signed up to the White Horse Lottery to help with fundraising for the school. Please read the email sent to all parents yesterday with further information and visit www.whitehorselottery.co.uk to search for Shellingford school.

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 19 th February	Spring Term Four begins
		(School opens at 8.45am)
		Class 4: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
	Tuesday 20th February	School Council Meeting (pm)+
	Wednesday 21st February	Whole School Event: Stand by Me Launch
	Thursday 22 nd February	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
	Friday 23 rd February (3.15 – 5.15pm)	FoSS: Film Club
2	Tuesday 27 th February	Class 1 & 2: Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre
		Class 3 & 4: STEM Works – K'Nex Workshop
	Thursday 29th February (7.30pm)	FoSS: Events Meeting – venue TBC
	Friday 1st March (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
3	Tuesday 5 th March (6.30pm)	Year 6: SATS Parents Meeting (in school)
	Thursday 7 th March	Whole School Event: World Book Day
4	Monday 11 th March	Whole School Event: Sublime Science Workshop
	Thursday 14 th March (5.00 – 7.00pm)	FoSS: Children's Disco
	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd March	*Last week of After-School Clubs
5		Whole School Event: Shakespeare Week
	Wednesday 20 th March	Class 3 & 4: Finding the Will (Shakespeare) Workshop
		FoSS: Bag2School Collection
		FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) - in Class 4
	Friday 22 nd Friday (am)	Y5/6 Netball Competition at FCC - TBC
6	Tuesday 26 th March	FoSS: Easter Bonnet Competition & Easter Stall
	Wednesday 27 th March (2.00pm)	Easter Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford
		(led by Class 4)
	Thursday 28 th March	End of Spring Term Four
		(School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays)

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