



## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.

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