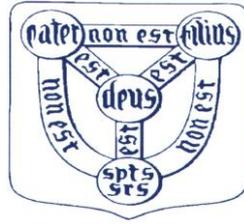


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



"Inspiring hearts and minds"

**School Newsletter**

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***Value for the next two weeks: Wisdom***

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

- Proverbs 2:6

Dear Shellingford School Family,

We have had an exciting couple of weeks! Please read our latest news and information:



## **SUBLIME SCIENCE**

For Science Week we welcomed Lesley Lightning from 'Sublime Science' for a series of workshops across the school. The children took part in a range of experiments and demonstrations, including slime making, forces investigations and 'climate chaos' experiments. They finished off the day with an amazing rocket show on the playground!

## **SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP**

As part of our Shakespeare Week celebrations this week, Classes 3 and 4 had the privilege of working with the company, 'Finding the Will'. During their workshop, pupils used a variety of visualisation and drama techniques to act out key scenes from the play Macbeth. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained an understanding of the plot, as well as having the opportunity to explore character at a very practical and relatable level. What a wonderful experience for all involved!



## **EASTER SERVICE - WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 2.00PM**

Easter is the most important Christian festival of the year when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Easter Service **is next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** in St Faith's Church, Shellingford. The service will be led by the children and staff in Class 4 and lasts approximately 30 minutes. We extend a warm invite to parents and family friends and we do hope that you will be able to join us for this occasion.

You are welcome to take your child/ren home after the service.



## **SCHOOL LUNCH BOOKINGS for SUMMER TERM 5: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

An email was sent on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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 this MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

## **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS - SUMMER TERM BOOKINGS**

**The deadline for booking After-School Clubs is also next MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

Our After-School Clubs are popular, and places do get booked quickly. We cannot admit children onto a club once it is started even if there are places available. Please only book your child/ren onto clubs they are interested in attending. Thank you for your understanding.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

Miss Marlow who has been working with us as a Teaching Assistant, has secured a job after Easter following her degree in Graphic Design. We are sorry that she will be leaving us. We are pleased to have appointed Mr Joe Henry who will be joining our staff team as a Teaching Assistant.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The Year 5 & 6 representatives from our School Council attended a meeting with the Faringdon Learning Trust schools last Friday. The topic of the meeting were the Six Pillars of Learning (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship) how they were used in each school. The children represented our school well and were a real credit to Shellingford.



## **EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS**

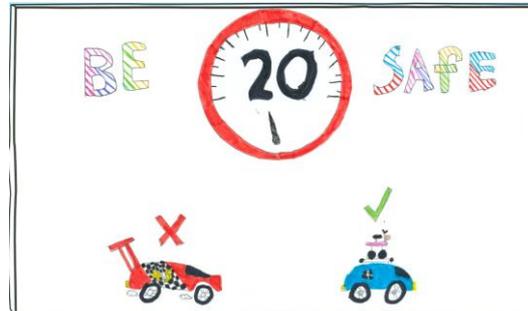
We always try our very best to respond to emails within three working days, however there has been occasions when the School Office has been unable to send or receive any emails. This happened recently and we did experience problems last week when the Summer Term Club list were due to be sent to parents. We apologise if this caused any concerns but this was out of our control.

## **OCC 20MPH POSTER CAMPAIGN**

In the Autumn Term you may recall the OCC campaign to design 20mph poster competition. Thank you for all the children who took part. We can now confirm the winners: Holly Rukin (KS1) and Imogen Cordy (KS2). Their designs will be made into road signs and put up in the local area.



Holly Rukin (KS1)



Imogen Cordy (KS2)

## **OXFORDSHIRE TERM DATES**

Schools are receiving requests for holidays during term times due to families not checking the term dates with the school prior to booking a holiday. Our term dates for this current academic year and the next academic year (2024-25) are published on our [website](#). If you require the term dates for 2025-26 it is important you contact the School Office who will be able to give you this information. Please also note that the term dates for Oxfordshire are quite often different to those of surrounding counties, for example Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. When booking a holiday please check that it does not clash with the school term. Thank you for your cooperation.

**EASTER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:  
EASTER BONNET & EGG HEAD COMPETITIONS AND EASTER STALL  
– TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



More fun and creative events for families!  
**We would like the children to make and bring an Easter Bonnet to school  
NEXT TUESDAY and to enter the Egg Head Competition**  
There will be prizes!

**VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE – the race begins at 6.00pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March!**  
It is easy to take part, please follow this link:  
[www.balloonrace.net/foss-](http://www.balloonrace.net/foss-)

Just a final reminder that we finish for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm and that the Summer Term begins on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you at our Easter events next week.

With best wishes,

Judith R Terrell