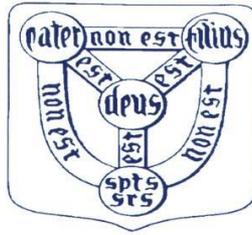


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

Summer Term Five 2024 - Issue 1

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Value for the next two weeks: Thankfulness

So much to be thankful for.

- Psalms 23

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope that you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. We would like to welcome Mr Joe Henry who has joined our staff team as a Teaching Assistant this term.

We were very impressed with the number of entries for the **Easter Bonnet Competition** and **Egg Head Competition** at the end of last term. Clearly much effort and creativity had gone into the designing and making:



There was a winner and runner-up for each year group for the Easter Bonnets and a winner per class for the Egg Head Competition:

Year Group	Easter Bonnets		Egg Heads
	Winners	Runner Ups	Winners
6	Evan	Henry M	Zak
5	Ella	Lucius	
4	Alex K	Seth	James
3	James	Bea	
2	Sophie	Mia	Sophie
1	Holly	Theo	
EYFS	Darcie	Jacob	Lara

We have started the new term thinking about the importance of being **thankful** and not taking things for granted. During our daily school Collective Worship we will be remembering to let other people know when we are thankful and reflecting on practical ways of showing gratitude.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS AND SUPPORT AT HOME

Attached is a Curriculum Newsletter for each class from your child/ren's Teacher. This will give you an overview of the work being covered this term, along with a list of activities you can do at home to support your child/ren's learning. Each class has chosen the following learning focus:

Class 1 Long Ago / Travel around the World	Class 2 Shellingford Through the Ages
Class 3 Mummies Unwrapped	Class 4 Invasion! (Anglo-Saxons and Vikings)

We are always looking for additional resources or expertise to enhance curriculum topics; please let us know if you can offer anything to help as we would be most grateful.

Homework will continue on a regular basis for all classes. We ask all children from Reception to Year 6 to be in the habit of reading or sharing books regularly throughout the week. This is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REMINDERS

We would appreciate your support with the following:

Please ensure that children bring to school daily the appropriate school PE kit (in a drawstring bag), an art apron and a book-bag (containing reading book, home-school diary and homework) to support curriculum activities. We understand that occasionally these items are forgotten but when frequently left at home it makes it difficult for the children to fully access the curriculum. Please remember that we cannot accommodate ruck-sacks at school due to limited cloakroom space in each classroom. Thank you.

Water bottles are also a vital item which must be brought into school every day. Bottles can be purchased from FoSS at a cost of £3.00 for 1 or £5.00 for 2. Spare lids are available at 60p per lid. Please speak to a member of the FoSS committee.

TOYS

Children must not bring toys of any description into school. This includes fidget toys. Over recent months we have seen an increase in numbers of children bringing in fidget toys and this is proving distracting to the children within the classrooms. The school provides children with suitable learning aids when there is a specific identified need.

SUN CREAM AND SUN HATS

We always aim to use our wonderful school grounds and to take learning outdoors throughout the school year. Please ensure that the children now bring a sun hat (clearly named) to school every day. Sun-cream should be applied before school. If in exceptional circumstances sun-cream needs to be reapplied during the school day the children need to do this themselves. Please provide labelled sun-cream which can be kept in school. Thank you.

SUMMER TERM - AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS (REMINDER)

Start week commencing: Monday 29th April

(except Gym Club which started this week and finishes on the 20th May)

The last week for all other clubs is: Monday 24th June

DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

I have included some key dates at the end of this newsletter, details of which will follow as the term progresses. Our Ascension Day Service will also take place at 2.00pm in St Faith's Church on Thursday 9th May. Class 3 are also getting excited about their residential to Hill End Outdoor Education Centre!

EYFS TIME CAPSULE!

You will be aware that we had some flooring work carried out in Class 1. Just before Easter the contractors found the time-capsule which we buried when the classroom was built in 2011! On the last day of term Mrs Setchell opened the capsule in front of the whole school to discover messages and pictures from pupils and staff. To our delight there was a poem written by Miss Marlow (Teaching Assistant) who used to be a pupil at the school. Miss Marlow read her poem to the school and we showed everyone a photograph of her when she was a pupil in Class 2! We have now buried the time-capsule once again and added to it recent pictures and news about the school.



SAVE THE DATE!

FUN DAY – SATURDAY 15TH JUNE (11.00AM – 3.00PM)

Please support our big fundraising event!

Finally our first **Celebration Assembly** this term is **next Friday 26th April (2.30 – 3.00pm)** followed by a **FoSS Stall** on the green at the end of the school day. It would be lovely to see everyone and we do hope you can support these events.

With Best Wishes,
Judith R Terrell

DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM:

SUMMER TERM FIVE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Monday 15 th April	Summer Term Five begins
		Class 3: TA Sports Stars (weekly)
	Tuesday 16 th April	School Council Meeting
	Thursday 18 th April	SEN Consultations (all day)
		Class 3: OCMS Violin lessons (weekly)
Friday 19 th April	Whole School Event: RE 'Big Question Day' Stand by Me	
2	Tuesday 23 rd & 24 th April	Year 3 & 4 Residential: Hill End Outdoor Educational Centre
	Friday 26 th April	Y5/6 Netball Festival – TBC
		Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall (2.30 – 3.00pm)
3	Monday 29 th April (pm)	After-School Clubs begin (for 8 weeks until 28 th June)
	Tuesday 30 th April	All Classes: Faringdon Tennis Club sessions (weekly)
	Wednesday 1 st April	EYFS: Vision Screen (NHS Oxford University Eye Hospitals)
	Thursday 2 nd May	No school lunches (Local Elections / Community Hall in use)
		'FoSS Events Meeting (7.30pm) – venue TBC
4	Thursday 9 th May (2.00pm)	Ascension Day Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford
	Friday 10 th May	Whole School Event: Roots to Food Workshop
		FoSS: Film Club (3.15 – 5.15pm)
	Saturday 11 th May (2.00 – 4.00pm)	St Faith's Church Spring Fayre (in the Community Hall)
5	Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATS week
6	Sunday 19 th May (2.00-4.00pm)	FoSS: Ground Force Afternoon and Picnic at the Pond

Monday 20 th May (am)	Year 6: Junior Citizens programme (Oxford)
Wednesday 22 nd May	Photogenic Photographers: Whole School photograph & Year 6 Leavers' Photograph
	FoSS: General Meeting (6.30pm) in Class 4
Wednesday 22 nd May - Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Bikeability (Cycling Proficiency)
Friday 24 th May	FoSS: Crazy Hair Day
	End of Summer Term Five

SUMMER TERM SIX		
1	Tuesday 4 th June	Summer Term Six begins (school opens at 8.45am) All Classes: Faringdon Tennis Club sessions (weekly)
	Wednesday 5 th June	New Parents meeting for September 2023 Reception children (3.30 – 4.30pm)
	Thursday 6 th June	Class 3: OCMS Violin lessons (weekly) FoSS: Events Meeting (7.30pm) – venue TBC
2	Monday 10 th June (pm)	Class 3: TA Sports Stars (weekly)
	Tuesday 11 th June	Whole School Event: ShWimbledon Tennis Tournament School Council Meeting
	Wednesday 12 th June (all day)	Whole School Visit: Mary Arden's Farm, Wilmcote - TBC
	Friday 14 th June (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
	Saturday 15 th June (11.00 – 3.00pm)	FoSS: Fun Day
3	Wednesday 20 th June (3.30-4.30pm)	Yenworthy Parents Meeting (for Year 4 & 5 pupils)
	Wednesday 19 th June (pm)	New Reception children visit FoSS: Annual General Meeting (6.30pm)
	Monday 24 th June	Last week of After-School Clubs
4	Tuesday 25 th June (pm)	New Reception children visit and FoSS teas
	Friday 28 th June	Annual Reports sent out to Parents
5	Wednesday 3 rd July (pm)	New Reception children visit and school transition session
	Thursday 4 th July	SEN Consultations (all day)
6	Monday 8 th July (6.15pm)	KS2 Summer Production
	Tuesday 9 th & Wednesday 10 th July	Year 6: FCC Transfer Days
	Tuesday 9 th July	KS2 Summer Production (6.15pm)
	Wednesday 10 th July (pm)	New Reception children visit and school transition session
7	Thursday 11 th July	Y5: FCC Flight Day
	Monday 15 th July (1.15pm)	KS2 Sports Day
	Tuesday 16 th July (1.15pm)	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day
8	Friday 19 th July (12noon – 1.00pm)	FoSS: Year 6 Leavers BBQ
	Tuesday 23 rd July (2.00pm)	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford
	Wednesday 24 th July	End of school year (school closes at 1.30pm for the summer holidays)

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