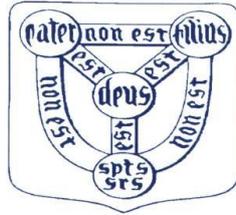


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

School Newsletter

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Value for the next two weeks: Obedience

If you love me, you will obey my commandments.

- John 14: 15-16

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Please read our current news, information and events planned for the remainder of this term.

HILL END RESIDENTIAL

'Class 3 went on a really exciting trip to Hill End Outdoor Education Centre. We did lots of activities with a leader called Charlie. The pond dipping was incredible. We had a BBQ in the evening which was amazingly delicious, and we then had S'Mores around the campfire which were phenomenal. The sleepover was really, really fun.'

Written by Bea and Alex.



ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – THURSDAY 9TH MAY – (2.00PM) at St Faith's Church

Ascension Day comes forty days after Easter and celebrates Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. It marks an important transition in the Church calendar and as a reference point for the faith of Christians. The feast day falls on **Thursday 9th May**, and we will be holding a service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford for children, staff and parents to reflect on the work of the Holy Spirit in people's lives today. We do hope you will be able to join us for this service.

ROOTS 2 FOOD WORKSHOP

Next Friday Roots to Food are returning to our school to deliver a cooking workshop. Each class will be involved in a hands-on practical cooking session focusing on what makes a healthy and nutritious meal, how to prepare different foods and the principles of food safety and good hygiene.

FOREST SCHOOL

How we deliver Forest School will be changing next academic year. We are really excited to be able to deliver all-year-round Forest School provision to all year groups across the school. During Summer Term Six, Class 3 will be taking part in six preliminary sessions with Mrs Merritt and Mrs Carter who will deliver the sessions going forward to the whole school. Further information will follow via the School Office for Class 3 parents.

MARY ARDEN'S FARM – WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT

We are taking the whole school to Mary Arden's Farm to conclude our William Shakespeare work from last term. Please access your School Gateway account by **Wednesday 22nd May** to give consent and make payment for your child to participate. Thank you.

ANNUAL PARENT AND PUPIL QUESTIONNAIRES FEEDBACK

Many thanks to those parents who kindly responded to the questionnaire. We had responses from 41 of the 66 school families. We are just delighted by the positive responses, including the fact that 100% of the responses indicated that you would recommend this school to another parent.

In addition, 100% agreed that their child is well looked after at school and that the school responds well to any concerns raised. Overall 90% of responses are entirely positive and we were particularly pleased that 98% of children are happy at school.

Whilst this is all very positive we are as a school constantly looking to move forward and develop further:

A few responses suggested returning to face-to face Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTIs). The decision to move to telephone consultations arose from the pandemic and many parents preferred the convenience of a telephone appointment which can take place from home / work. Currently, the school offers one face-to face appointment in October and one telephone appointment in February to accommodate all parents. We will continue to review and consider the structure of the PTIs in the future.

The majority (98%) felt they were kept informed of their child's learning, 95% also felt that parents receive helpful information from the school about their child's progress. We try to keep parents regularly informed of their child's progress and we are keen for parents to be involved in their child's education. Please do not feel you have to wait for a questionnaire to forward your views, if you have any concerns at all we hope you can come and talk to us as we want to address any issues immediately.

We also endeavour to keep parents fully informed of school events and dates are published at the start of each term in the school newsletter.

Please remember that our school website is updated regularly with diary dates, newsletters, policies and other key information about the school for parents to access.

The full feedback from the 2024 parent and pupil questionnaire are attached to this newsletter and will be available on the school's website.



FILM NIGHT - FRIDAY 10TH MAY (3.15 - 5.15PM)

- We will be showing the film 'Wish'. £4.50 per child which includes pop-corn, fruit snack and squash.

GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY (6.30 - 8.00pm) in Class 4

- All parents are invited to attend. We are always pleased to receive any support and help in organising upcoming events.

GROUND FORCE AFTERNOON AND PICNIC AT THE POND - SUNDAY 19TH MAY (2.00 - 4.00pm)

- Please come and help us tidy up the pond area. This is a family event.

CRAZY HAIR DAY - FRIDAY 24TH MAY

- £2.00 per child or please bring a donation of sweets for the Sweet Tombola Stall at the Fun Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Please support our big fundraising event

FUN DAY - SATURDAY 15TH JUNE (11.00 - 300PM)

MATHS OPEN MORNING FOR PARENTS – TUESDAY 21ST MAY (9.00 – 9.30am)

Parents are invited to come into classes on the above date to experience Maths learning in action! We hope that this will give you a taster of the kind of activities and games you could do to support your children at home.



NETBALLERS!

Last Friday, seven Class 4 pupils participated in a Netball Festival at Faringdon Community College. During the festival the pupils had the opportunity to play High-5 netball matches against other local primary schools, as well as doing a variety of netball skills-based activities. Every pupil demonstrated our PE '**HEART**' values brilliantly (**H**onesty, **E**ffort, **A**spiring to do their best), and especially their **T**eamwork and **R**espect for the other schools, the organisers and the referees.

Finally, just a reminder that the term finishes on Friday 24th May. Term 6 begins on Tuesday 4th June.

With very best wishes to you all,

Judith R Terrell