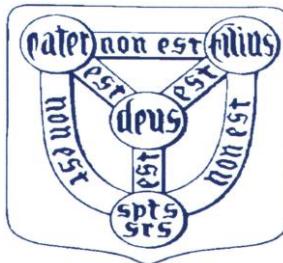


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



"Inspiring hearts and minds"

**School Newsletter**

**Spring Term Three 2026 - Issue 1**

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

'Be strong and let your heart take courage.'

**Psalm 27:14**

Dear Shellingford School Family,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The staff wish to express their sincere thanks for your generous gifts and cards which we received at the end of last term. Thank you also for supporting the 'Makaton Foundation'. £117.97 was collected at the Nativity performances.



## **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 – Ice and Fire / Grow, Grow, Grow
- ⊕ Class 2 – Traction Man to the Rescue! (toys past & present) / Shakespeare
- ⊕ Class 3 – Nature Explorers / Shakespeare
- ⊕ Class 4 – A Ramble in the Rainforest / Shakespeare

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.

## **DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM**

Although this term is a particularly short term there are a number of events due to take place. Please make a note of the dates listed at the bottom of this newsletter. Some of these dates are provisional and further details will follow as the term progresses.

## **FOREST SCHOOL - DATES**

All classes will continue to have Forest School sessions throughout the Spring Term.

Please refer to the email sent to all parents on 12<sup>th</sup> December with specific Forest School dates for each class. *Please also remember that the children must have their PE kit in school daily for curriculum PE. Thank you.*

## **WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT: BASSISTRY MUSIC & IT WORKSHOP**

We are delighted to welcome back Marcel Pusey from the award winning Bassistry Music. Marcel will be leading a whole school world music rhythm, song and dance workshop with all classes on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January Marcel will be working with Classes 3 and 4 to enable the children to compose music using an IT software program called O-Generator. We are extremely grateful to FoSS who have agreed to fund the full cost of both days and therefore there is no charge for parents.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

Our Spring Term After-School Clubs begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs will run for 4 weeks this term (unless otherwise notified) and after-half-term for 5 weeks. Please remember that there will no clubs the week of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES PROCEDURES**

We will endeavour to keep the school open at all times. However, if for example snow falls overnight or flooding occurs, and local conditions make the journey to Shellingford for pupils, parents and staff too risky, the Headteacher may take the decision to close all or part of the school. The decision will be made early in the morning and published on our [website](#) and broadcasted on local radio stations BBC Oxford VHF/FM 95.2 and Heart Oxfordshire VHF/FM 102.6 and 97.4. A list of 'Emergency and Planned School Closures' can be found on the [Oxfordshire County Council website](#). Please refer to the email sent to all Parents earlier this week, thank you.

## **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY (2.30 - 3.00pm)**

Please join us for our first Celebration Assembly of the New Year. The children always look forward to sharing their learning with everyone. FoSS will also be holding a stall afterwards on the green outside of the front of the school.



### **FoSS: TESCO BLUE TOKENS**

FoSS have been successful in securing one of the three charities in the Tesco Blue Token Scheme in the Faringdon store. Please look out and support FoSS box in the next few weeks.

## **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) - TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS**

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held as **telephone appointments** this term from **3.30-6.30pm** on the following dates:

- **Class 4: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Class 1 & 2: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Class 3 & 4: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Class 1, 2 & 3: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Each Telephone Consultation will last for 10 minutes. Your child's Class Teacher will ring you at the time of your appointment on the telephone number linked to your School Gateway account.

We will be sending out information on how to book an appointment in the next couple of weeks. **Please look out for an email notification from the School Office giving booking instructions.**

Best Wishes,  
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**DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:**

SPRING TERM THREE		
Week	Date / Time	Event
1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term Three begins (School opens at 8.45am)
		Class 1 & 2: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 / 4: Forest School / TA Sports Stars (pm) alt. weekly * <i>see email separate email sent to parents for dates</i>
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1 / 2: Forest School (pm) alt. weekly
2	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
		FoSS: Events Meeting (7.45pm) – The Old Crown Coaching Inn, Faringdon
2	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	After-School Clubs begin for Y1-6 (for 8 weeks until 19 <sup>th</sup> March)
3	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Whole School Focus: Space Makers Reflection
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Event: Bassistry Music - Rhythm, Song & Dance Workshop
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Class 3 & 4: Bassistry Music - IT Workshop 6.30pm: Year 6: SATS Parents Meeting (in school)
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January (2.30-3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Stall
4	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3: Hill End Parent Meeting (3.30pm – 4.00pm)
	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January (3.15 – 5.15pm)	FoSS: Film Club
5	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Event: Stand By Me 'Class Fundraising Week'
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February (pm)	School Council Meeting
6	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Whole School Event: Children's Mental Health Week
		*No After-School Clubs this week (clubs resume again on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February)
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) 3.30 – 6.30pm - telephone consultations
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Event: Safer Internet Day
		EYFS / Year 6: National Child Measurement Programme
		EYFS: Vision Screening
		Class 1 & 2: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) 3.30 – 6.30pm – telephone consultations
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3 & 4: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) 3.30 – 6.30pm – telephone consultations
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1, 2 & 3: Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI's) 3.30 – 6.30pm – telephone consultations
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	FoSS: Wear What You Love (non-school uniform day)
		End of Spring Term Three (School closes at 3.15pm)

## SPRING TERM FOUR

1	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Spring Term Four begins (School opens at 8.45am)
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 & 2: TA Sports Stars (pm) weekly Class 3 / 4: Forest School / TA Sports Stars (pm) alt. weekly * <i>see email separate email sent to parents for dates</i>
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 / 2: Forest School (pm) alt. weekly Class 3 & 4: 'Finding the Will' (Shakespeare) Drama Workshop
		FoSs: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3: OCMS Strings Music Tuition begins (weekly)
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February (3.15 – 5.15pm)	FoSs: Film Club
2	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: World Book Day & 'Pyjamas and Reading'
		FoSs: Events Meeting (7.45pm) – The Old Crown Coaching Inn, Faringdon
	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March (4.00 – 6.00pm)	FoSs: Family Bingo (Barber Rooms, All Saints Church, Faringdon)
3	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: British Science Week
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March (2.30 – 3.00pm)	Whole School Event: Celebration Assembly & FoSS Easter Stall
4	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Event: Stratford Upon Avon visit - TBC *Last week of After-School Clubs
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	FoSs: General Meeting (6.30pm) – in Class 4
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March (5.00 – 7.00pm)	FoSs: Children's Spring Party
5	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 and 4: Forest School
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	FoSs: Spring Art Competition
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March (2.00pm)	Easter Service at St Faith's Church, Shellingford (led by Class 2)
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Spring Term Four (School closes at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays)
<i>Easter Holidays</i>		FoSs: <i>Virtual Balloon Race &amp; Easter Trail</i>