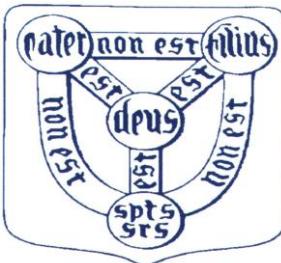


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

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Value for the next two weeks: Perseverance

Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

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Dear Shellingford School Family,



The whole school had great fun exploring world rhythms such as Latin, Samba, African, Caribbean with **Bassistry Music** this week. The day was interactive and energetic and involved using percussion, body rhythms, dance and song. The following day Class 3 and 4 used music software to compose and learn using popular and world music styles. We would like to say a huge thank you to FoSS for financially covering the cost of both these days for the children.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (PTIs) – TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS (3.30 – 6.30pm)

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

It is very important that we talk to all parents about their child/ren's progress and overall wellbeing. If you are not able to attend the PTIs then please email the School Office to make an alternative mutually agreeable date for a telephone consultation.

Please remember all After-School Clubs are not taking place week commencing Monday 9th February (as previously informed).

PARENTAL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to inform the School Office if any of your contact details have changed. This includes telephone, email and postal address for yourselves as well as any nominated emergency contacts.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the many parents who have offered to support the school and help with our Forest School sessions and volunteering to hear children read. This is very much appreciated by the staff and makes such a difference to have extra hands helping in school.

We are still in need of parent helpers especially for Classes 2 and 4 Forest School sessions in order for these to run. Please let Mrs Ashdown know if you are able to offer any help (see email sent today).

SPRING TERM 4 – SCHOOL LUNCH BOOKINGS for Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

An email was sent on 14th January notifying all parents that school lunches can now be booked for the next half-term.

Please note the deadline to book your child/ren's lunches is MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY.

CLASS 3 – HILL END PARENT MEETING – Wednesday 28th January at 3.30pm

We are holding a meeting next week for Y3/4 parents regarding the Hill End Residential (21st & 22nd April). At this meeting we will be discussing details and requirements for the residential and do hope that all parents will be able to attend. Please note that this is a **parents only** meeting.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT: CLASS FUNDRAISING WEEK



Monday 2nd - Friday 6th February

STANDBYme is a small Christian charity that supports children in a handful of schools and communities across the world. Our school has a link with Bethany School in a town in Ethiopia.

Recently, a representative from the charity visited the school to talk to the children about their work.

This year, the children in each class will be taking ownership to plan and carry out their own fundraising to help raise money towards toys and equipment being provided for the pupils at Bethany School.

Please look out for more details.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026 – Tuesday 10th February

This year's global theme is: **Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI** with a focus on making safe choices when using smart technology. During the day, we will be discussing how AI can be used for good, but safely and responsibly.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – Monday 9th – 13th February 2026

This year's theme is '**This is My Place**' and we will be helping the children to belong as individuals, in friendships, in school and in our wider communities.



FILM CLUB – Trolls Band Together – Friday 30th January

3.15 – 5.15pm - £5.00 per child – please book via the FoSS Facebook Page

WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE – Friday 13th February

We will be holding a non-school uniform day to raise money for FoSS. We ask children **to wear something they love** and request £2.00 per child to take part.

Final a reminder that this term finishes on Friday 13th February and we return to school on Monday 23rd February.

With Best Wishes,

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