



Shelley First School Newsletter

November 2022

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Headteacher Message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to Autumn term 2 with lots of exciting activities taking place. As always, I want to thank all our parents and carers for the continued support you offer. It is only by working together we can ensure that Shelley First is a place where all our children succeed.

I want to say a special thank you to FOSS for all their hard work. The funds that you raise are helping us provide our pupils with those additional extras that we as a school struggle to fund. We decided that we will aim towards raising enough funds to be able to install sheltered areas around school. Not only will they help our children during the rainy and warm weather, but will also provide parents with a useful space to wait under whilst waiting to collect their children when the weather is not so nice.

I also want to thank everyone who attended the FOSS AGM meeting where we recruited an additional two members to the committee and a further 5 volunteers.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year. As a school we raised £210.09 for this cause. Thank you to our Head Boy/ Girl and deputies for sorting out the stock to distribute to classes, and for selling them during break times. You did an amazing job, and worked so well together.



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Staff Changes

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Dent, our very loved Lunchtime Supervisor. Mrs Dent has been with us for a number of years and was a cleaner here during the pandemic. We will miss her very much. We wish her all the best in her new job.

We welcome Mrs Haigh who has joined us as a Lunchtime Supervisor. She is a familiar face in the playground at Shelley First School. We have already seen how quickly Mrs Haigh has settled into the role, and we are glad she is here!

We also welcome Mrs Hinchliffe who is joining us as an Teaching Assistant in KS2. Mrs Hinchliffe is no stranger to the school, and has been volunteering regularly for the last few years. We welcome her to Team Shelley from 28th November.



Twitter

If you haven't already please follow us on Twitter and Facebook!

Volunteer Readers

We would be grateful for anyone who could spare an hour or two a week to read with children to help to develop fluency in reading. Please contact the school office if you can help: 01484 604484; schooloffice@themast.co.uk

Personal Circumstances

We do have regular additional fundraising events / costs on offer to families, but there is no expectation for every child to participate in everything. We know that this is just not always possible. These events are optional.

We understand that on occasion personal circumstances can change and finances are tight for some families at the moment. We want to remind you that our door is open for you speak confidentially to a member of the Senior leadership team or office team either in person or over the phone.

If we are made aware of a change in circumstance we can support you in the best way available.

Foss



A gentle Reminder that FOSS are running a number of festive events over the next few weeks. If you would like to book your child onto any of these events, please ensure you do this by 25th November. Late requests cannot be accommodated due to the planning and organisation available to the FOSS team. Your support is really appreciated.

Thursday 2nd Dec - Santa visit / magic show / both - deadline to book is 25th Nov.

Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Movie Night - KS1 The littlest Reindeer and KS2 The Muppets' Christmas Carol.

Friday 9th December - Christmas Fayre (Further info below)

A big thank you to the members of FOSS for organising these events for the children to enjoy!

Message from FOSS - how you can help!

Christmas Fayre We are looking for donations for our Christmas Fayre stalls to raise funds to assist school.

Donations of bottles, teddies, toiletries etc. will be gratefully received.

We will also be running a nearly new stall if anyone has donations suitable for that. *Donations can be brought to the school office from Monday 28th November. Please ensure these are fit for purpose and clean.*

Calling all budding bakers too for our cake stall. If you can **donate any baking to our cake stall**, we would really appreciate it. *Please bring donations to school on Friday MORNING 9th December.*

We are looking for **volunteers** to assist in organising and looking after a stall at the event. If anyone is interested, please drop us an email.
Foss@shelleyfirstschool.co.uk

Fundraising Target

In this years heatwave, it became apparent that there was very little shelter for the children to get away from the sun. Therefore funds raised by FOSS will contribute to an outdoor undercover area for our children (and adults!)

What's been happening in Class?

Droplets:

Class Droplets have enjoyed the topic 'celebrations'. We have looked at Christian weddings and Islamic weddings and compared and contrasted what happens at these events. We have enjoyed designing our own religious wedding dresses using a variety of materials such as lace, sequins, tissue paper and felt.



Brook:

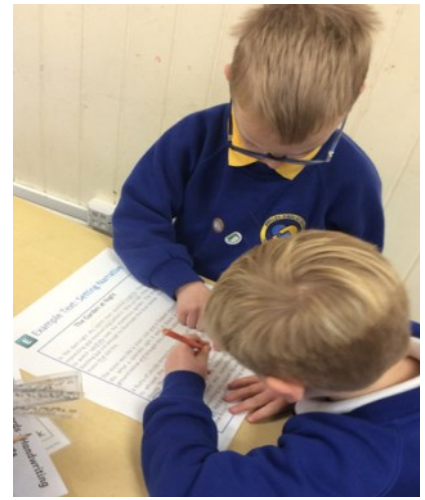
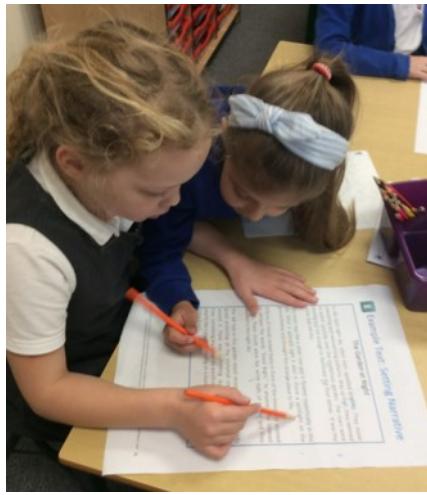
Class Brook have been carrying out lots of STEM challenges this half term. During one challenge the children worked in teams to build the tallest tower that they could from paper and sellotape. They were given the same resources per team to ensure the challenge was fair and were allowed the same amount of time to complete the challenge. The winning team managed to create a tower that was 117cm tall! Excellent team work Class Brook!



What's been happening in Class?

River

Class River has been looking at a WAGOLL (what a good one looks like) for our next big write which will be to write a setting narrative. We worked in pairs to look for examples of conjunctions, adverbs ending in 'ly', similes and alliteration, all of which we have been learning about.



Lake:

Children in class Lake have been investigating different types of rocks. Children tested the permeability, hardness and fizziness of rocks. They also looked closely at their appearance.

Through testing each rock, they could determine whether a rock was igneous, metamorphic or sedimentary.



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Sea & Ocean:

Our Year 4 & 5's were visited by Mark Eastwood, a local MP for the Dewsbury area. He came to speak to the children about what he does for his job and how parliament works. The children were also able to ask some very intriguing questions.



Congratulations

Mrs ward successfully passed her teacher qualifications earlier this year, however she has recently found out that she passed with a distinction!

We are so proud of her, and felt she deserved a 'star of the week' award! She worked so hard to achieve this.



Children In Need

Last Friday was Children in Need day, and we invited staff and pupils to come dressed up in pyjamas or non uniform. We raised £150 for this cause. Thank You to everyone who donated.



Christmas Tickets

'Tickets' go **on sale from 10am on Monday 28th November**. These are £1 each. To clarify, the tickets are limited to 2 per family in the first instance. However, if you have siblings in both the nativity and the carol concert then you can book 2 tickets for each of these concerts.

If there are any unsold seats on 7th December, we will notify parents via text and these will be released and sold on a first come first served basis.

The children have started to practice their concerts and we hope that you all enjoy them!

DVD/ Blu-ray are available to purchase at a charge of £11 (DVD) and £13 (Blu-ray) Please order these before 12th December.

Tickets and DVD/ Blu-ray orders can be placed via your PPay account.

A quick reminder of the concert times (doors will open 15 minutes before the start time)

Tuesday 13th Dec - Nativity - Rec/ Y1 - 9:30am and 2:30pm

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th Dec - Y2-5 - 9:30am and 2:20pm on each day.

Please show your receipt on arrival - this will act as your ticket. Thank you.



After School Clubs - Spring Term

The letter detailing the Spring term After School Club provision will be sent out to parents early next week.

We have some new clubs for Spring term and we hope they will be popular with the relevant year groups.

Any feedback re the Autumn term clubs is welcome - email the school office.

School Milk

If you would like to order milk for your child for the whole of the Spring Term 4th January until 31st March 2023, please make the payment via ParentPay before 9th December.

If you have already paid for Spring Term milk you will have received an email to explain an increase in the cost. Please ensure the additional £2.53 has been paid on top of the original payment. We can only order if the full amount has been paid.

Thank You in advance.



Dates for the Diary

| Date | Event |
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| 2nd December | FOSS Christmas events—Santa visit and Christmas Magic Show |
| 5th December | Reindeer Run Cancelled |
| 7th December | FOSS Christmas Film Night |
| 9th December | Christmas jumper day Christmas Pantomime (in school) FOSS Christmas Fayre |
| w/c 12th December | Christmas performances |
| 16th December | Christmas party day |
| 4th January | Return to school for Spring Term (After School Clubs start w/c 9th January) |

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HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE



Huddersfield Giants Junior Netball Club was formed in 2001 and is a fully inclusive local netball club. We offer both Performance and Development based sessions for girls in Year 3 through to Year 11.

All sessions are based at Huddersfield New College, HD3 4GL.



**U10's (Y3, 4 and 5)- Thursdays
5-6pm**

**U12's (Y6 & 7)- Thursdays
6-7:30pm**

Contact hgjncsecretary@gmail.com to book in for your free taster sessions today.

All sessions are run by England Netball qualified and DBS checked coaches.

