



Shelley First School Newsletter

November 2021

Care, fairness and respect... No barriers to learning... Celebration and joy

November is here...

It has been a busy old time...



During November lots of great learning has taken place. In assemblies we have considered the theme of light via 'Guy Fawkes' (linked to Bonfire Night safety and the rule of law), Diwali as a festival of celebration (linked to diversity and the values of respect and tolerance) and consent (using a fabulous book entitled 'no means no!'). We have held our Remembrance service and in the next 2 weeks we will consider respect for all/valuing diversity as well as considering the PREVENT agenda (radicalisation). This is discussed within the context of feeling like you belong and being strong enough to question what is presented to you.



We had a History Week this week...this has included Ancient Greeks, Ancient Egyptians and the Stone Age. Thank you to the lovely grandparents who have visited our younger children this week and shared their memories with us.

Also coming up later on in November we have another science week. The children tell us that they enjoy this experience previously – particularly when it involves experiments! Younger children really enjoy learning about plants and animals in our lovely outdoor area.

Our School Council has met to plan 'Children in Need' and we hope to get our 'Looking for Learning' council and our 'Health and Safety' Council started very soon. Year 4 have had 'Restorative Practice' training and are now fully fledged 'RP Legends'. They support any child who needs help, support or advice to try to resolve issues themselves if they can.



School Council news

The Council has met to discuss Children in Need, which is on **FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER**.

They would love everyone in school to enjoy the day by wearing spots/Pudsey ears etc. We also would love to spend the day in our pyjamas!

Please be aware that the children will still be outdoors at break times so they will still need their shoes on and not slippers.



We are encouraging everyone at school to donate to the charity and so if you wish to, please [donate online](#) here, where all donations will be sent directly to the Children in Need account. Our children do not need to bring cash to school on the day.

Friends of Shelley School (FOSS)

The **Christmas Fair** will be taking place on **FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER** from 3:30 - 5:30pm.



FOSS will be sending home all the information about this. To try to stay safe we will operate a one way system in the building—details to follow.

Many thanks for your support - it really is appreciated.

Just a reminder, that there are a number of payment items on your PPay account for fun activities taking place over December, organised by FOSS. Please sign up before the deadlines to support FOSS. They prepare in line with the number of children signed up for an activity.

Reindeer run

Once again, we are supporting the Kirkwood Hospice charity by running around dressed as reindeer! We will be sending home sponsorship forms and every child will receive a pair of antlers and a red nose.



We will walk around the village on **MONDAY 6th DECEMBER**. We will send the timings for each class and the route home to you and hopefully some of you can come and cheer us on. Children should wear warm clothing, appropriate to being outdoors. We will walk whatever the weather and so please wear coats with hoods.

Christmas Performances - Important Information

The Christmas performances for **Y1– Y5** will take place on *Tuesday 14th (AM and PM) and Wednesday 15th December (AM only)*. Admission is by ticket only - please remember to bring your tickets with you. Due to fire regulations, numbers in the school hall are strictly limited **to 2 tickets per family (over all performances)**. **Tickets will be live on Parentpay from 22nd November**. Tickets will be 50p each this year, just to cover the cost of the charges we incur for ParentPay. IF you wish to make a contribution to school, we will have a collection bowl at each of the performances. However, this is not an expectation.

The play has been written in class scenes without the usual Year 5 parts throughout. In this way, if Covid prevents the performance we can aim to stream class sections.

Reception children will perform some Xmas songs for parents on **8th and 9th DECEMBER PM's**. We will send details home to you about the timings.

We have arranged for the play to be filmed. Please note that the school does not make any profit from this. Don't forget, you can pre-order a DVD of the performance via ParentPay **from Friday 19th December** for a cost of £10 per DVD.

Teachers will send home details of any costumes required for the performances - please check with your child to see if they need one.



It will be lovely to be together at Christmas with our families after the past 2 years.

Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER**. Children may wear Christmas themed clothing if they wish. We kindly request a £1 donation on this day. Please check that your child has handed in their donation as donations have been lower than expected at recent non-uniform events. Thank you.

Pantomime

We are very excited to be hosting a professional pantomime in school. A Christmas Carol will be performed to the children on **22nd JANUARY 22**.

In order for this to go ahead, we kindly request a donation of **£6** per child. This cost covers the panto and a snack/drink whilst watching the show.

Please make payment via your ParentPay account from Friday 19th November.

How is my child getting on at school?

We know that parents want to know how their child is getting on at school and we appreciate all of your support in this.

We have returned to our usual way of sharing information which is via termly parent's evenings. This term we have conducted appointments via telephone due to Covid but we very much hope to resume face to face meetings in the Spring and Summer terms.

After Xmas, we will send home a brief update regarding your child's progress and behaviour. Please note that teachers are still very much 'plugging gaps' post Covid and that the vast majority of children are behind where we would usually expect them to be.

At Easter we will send home a written report regarding your child's attainment and achievements.

Teachers will be in touch if they have any concerns about your and please do let the teacher know if you have any worries at all.



If you would like to donate to the food bank in the run up to Christmas, you can find information about specific Christmas shortages and details of local collection points by visiting the website at the following address:

Dates for your diary....

19/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Need - PJ Day 	14/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1-5 Christmas Performance A - 9:15am Y1-5 Christmas Performance B - 2pm
03/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Fayre - 3.30-5pm FOSS Decorating craft (Sign up via PPay) 	15/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1-5 Christmas Performance C - 9.15am
06/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirkwood Reindeer Run 	17/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break up for Christmas holidays 3.30pm Non-uniform day School closes 3.30pm
07/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOSS Christmas Treasure Hunt (pay via PPay) 	04/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY
08/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Christmas Performance - PM session 	22/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pantomime in school
09/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Christmas Performance - PM session FOSS Movie Night - wear Pj's after school 		