

Shere Church of England Infant School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Friday 23rd September 2016

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Diary of Events September

Monday 26th

Book Focus – Jack and the Flum Flum Tree
British Food Fortnight
Cooking at the Dabbling Duck

October

Sunday 2nd - 10.00am

Harvest Festival in Church

Monday 3rd

Book Focus – The Magic Paintbrush

Thursday 13th

The Big Draw Art Project

Monday 17th

Book Focus – Room on the Broom

Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Y1&2)

Tuesday 18th

Rev'd Nick Assembly

Full Governors Meeting

Friday 21st

INSET Day

24th – 28th

Half Term

Dear Families,

We are having a fantastic time learning through our book focus this week. The children are enjoying the collaborative aspects of this book and are putting their learning skills to good use to work as a team.

Academic Excellence:

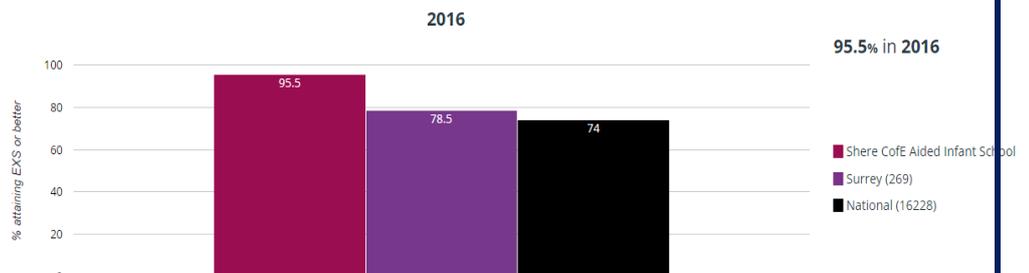
We have made a lot of changes to our curriculum in the last academic year. As a team we were confident of the benefits of our hands-on, child focused approach. During this time the government implemented new national expectations which many professionals feel mark a significant increase in the standard expected of children in infant schools.

I must admit it was a challenge, as a headteacher, to be faced with such high academic targets whilst, at the same time, implementing a practical creative curriculum. I can now admit to many sleepless nights, worrying if the current educational climate was the correct time at which to introduce radical change in our little school.

I am so pleased that we stuck to our philosophy and can now share with you how our children performed in these high level national tests.

95% of our Y2 children met the expected standard in reading. This compares with 78.5% in Surrey Schools and 74% nationally.

Reading - attaining EXS or better



Monday 31st
Back to school

Focus – Festivals of Light

November

Tuesday 1st 3.30-6pm
Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 3rd 5–7pm
Parent Teacher Consultations

Saturday 5th November
Open Morning for prospective families

Monday 7th
Book Focus – The Smartest Giant in Town
Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 8th
Rev'd Nick Assembly

Thursday 10th
School Photos

Friday 11th
Remembrance Day

Monday 21st
Book Focus – Cave Baby

Tuesday 29th
Rev'd Nick Assembly

December

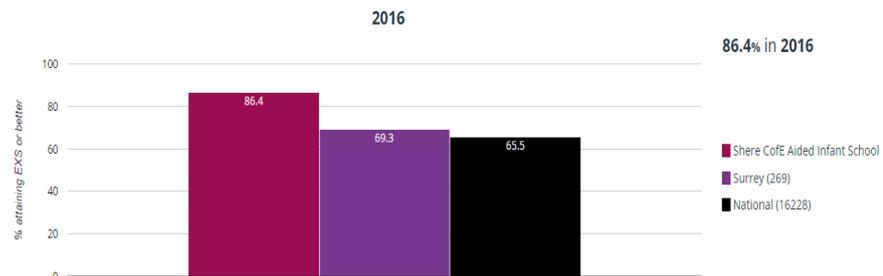
Thursday 1st
Christmas Tree Assembly

Saturday 3rd
FOSSA Christmas Fair

Monday 5th
Book Focus – The Gruffalo

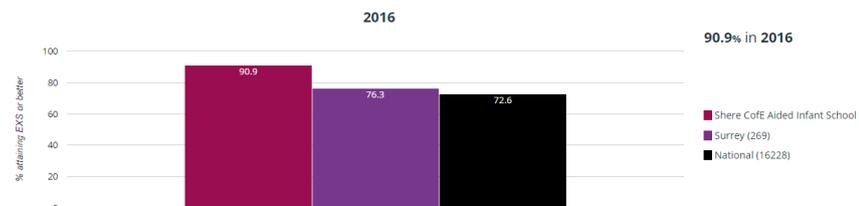
86% of our Y2 children met the expected standard in writing. This compares with 69.3% in Surrey Schools and 65.5% nationally.

✍ Writing - attaining EXS or better



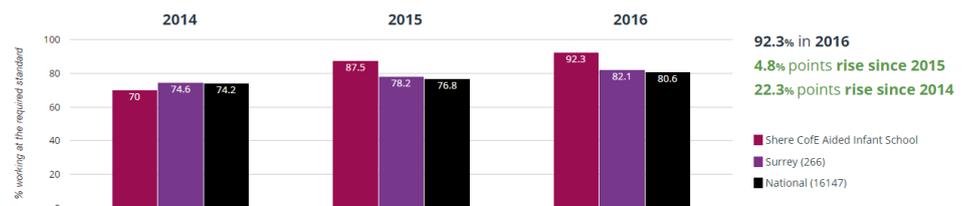
90% of our Y2 children met the expected standard in mathematics. This compares with 76.3% in Surrey Schools and 72.6 nationally.

➕ Maths - attaining EXS or better



92% of our Y1 children passed the phonics screening check last year. This compares with 82% in Surrey Schools and 80.6 nationally.

📖 Year 1: Working At



80% of our EYFS children attained a good level of development last year, compared with 75.9% in Surrey Schools and 69.3% nationally.

Huge congratulations to all our hardworking children, teachers and teaching assistants on such fantastic results and a big thank you for supporting your children at home. Please spread the word about our excellent outcomes with family and friends.

Tuesday 13th @ 1.45
Whole School Nativity
Production in the Village
Hall

Wednesday 14th @ 1.45
Whole School Nativity
Production in the Village
Hall

Tuesday 20th
Last day of Autumn Term
and Christmas Service
School ends at 1.30

Shere School Celebrates



Star of the Week
Darcie Bates

Citizen of the week
Lulu Bennett



Star of the Week
William Batlin

Citizen of the Week
George Moulden

British Food Fortnight:

Our story for the next week is all about a little boy who travels far and wide to find food to make his poorly Granny better. In assemblies we have been celebrating British Food Fortnight with a focus on food that grows in our country. Each morning a group of children from Year One and Two will be visiting the Dabbling Duck to find out about British food and to cook delicious flapjacks. Look out for these delicious treats in book bags!!

Specialist Teaching:

I am pleased to announce that we have now begun our specialist teaching at Shere on a Wednesday afternoon. All year groups are involved and are benefiting from direct teaching sessions in computing, music and physical education. The sessions ran smoothly and the children seemed to enjoy each activity.

We warmly welcome Sam our new PE coach who will be delivering high quality sports coaching for all our children.

E-Safety:

E-safety remains high on our agenda at Shere and we will be reinforcing these key concepts again this term. These concepts will include assessing how skilled our young learners are online as the websites they access are wide and varied. It can be really helpful if you can reinforce the key messages at home. Please find a copy of the poster we use in school in your child's book bag.



Stick Man:

The children had a wonderful time watching Stick Man at G-Live. It was an excellent performance that brought the story to life in a new and exciting way. It has certainly resulted in some excellent writing outcomes back at school. The value of trips and shared experiences has a huge impact on children's learning - thank you for supporting us in getting your children out and about!

Best Wishes.
Vicky Voller