

# Shere Church of England Infant School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

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## Dairy of Events

### December

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Christmas Tree Assembly

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mufti Day – Home Produce

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

FOSSA Christmas Fair

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Book Focus – The Gruffalo

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Reindeer Run

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1.45**

Whole School Nativity Production in the Village Hall

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1.45**

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**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Last day of Autumn Term  
Christmas Service at 9.30am  
School ends at 1.30

## Shere School Celebrates

### Stars of the Week

**Hugo Lloyd, Robins**

**Alfie Byrom, Wrens**

**Poppy Mortimer, Owls**

**Dear Families,**

Glue and glitter season is upon us and the Christmas spirit is tangible in school. The children are so excited and enjoying all of our Shere Christmas traditions. It is a lovely time to be part of a school. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair tomorrow, we meet outside the church – by the war memorial at 11.45 for the star procession. Don't forget your stars 😊

### **Advent and Christmas Trees:**

We have celebrated the beginning of the festive period with a range of assemblies in school. Cannon Nick visited us on Tuesday and talked to the children about advent and waiting. He gave us a lovely advent candle that we have been using in assemblies this week. On Thursday Mrs Webb held our traditional Christmas Tree Assembly; the children sang beautifully and hung their decorations on the tree. We welcomed little visitors from the nursery school.

### **Maths in Focus:**

Our school development plan includes a focus on maths this year. We are aiming to build on the strong results of last year by ensuring even more of our children achieve or surpass the expected standard in this subject.

Our Maths subject leader, Mrs Toone, introduced new documents to the whole staff in September, including Progression in Calculation and Mastery exemplars. Teachers have worked hard to implement new planning formats and progression models and I am pleased to say that expectations in lessons and books are considerably raised this year.

Over the past two weeks I have observed maths lessons throughout the school and have been very impressed at the level of planning and teaching, your children are making excellent progress.

Many thanks to all staff for their hard work in this area.

### **Christmas Jumper Day:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is National Christmas Jumper Day. All children are invited to come to school in their Christmas Jumpers in exchange for a £1.00 donation to FOSSA. Mufti can be worn with the Christmas Jumpers for a winning festive look.

### **FOSSA:**

Thank you to all of you who attended our FOSSA meeting last week. It was fantastic to see so many of you and between us we managed to address many of the issues that have made it so challenging for FOSSA

**Citizen of the week**

**Poppy Case, Robins**  
**Charlie Snowden, Wrens**  
**Theo Odhams, Owls**

in recent years. We now have a full FOSSA committee with two news chairs ready to start in January. A big Shere welcome to Gillian Akroyd and Fiona Knowlton - a formidable team I am sure you will agree.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Ariane on behalf of the whole school community. Your dedication and tireless work are very much appreciated, thank you for all you have done for the school.

**Governors:**

The Governors of Shere School are seeking a clerk to the governing body. This role involves attending four full governing body meetings a year, setting the agenda with the headteacher and chair and the taking and distribution of minutes. It would be lovely if this position could be filled by someone within our school or village community. Training is available; please contact the school office if you are interested.

Best Wishes,  
Vicky Voller