

Shere CE Infant School & Fox Cubs Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

Our Vision: A first class education in a small village school.

Friday 13th October 2017

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October:

17th

Canon Nick Assembly
For Year 1&2 children

Foundation Unit Parent
Consultations
3.30 – 5.00pm

18th

Foundation Unit Parent
Consultations
4.30 – 6.30pm

KS1 Parent Consultations
4.30 – 6.30pm

19th

Individual School Photos

KS1 Parent Consultations
3.30 – 5.30pm

Wb 23rd

Half Term

30th

Back to School

November:

3RD

Deadline for nursery January
intake and any changes to
existing hours.

7th

Canon Nick Assembly

14th

Canon Nick Assmebly
Mrs Lagar out – First Aid
Training

16th

Dear Families,

It was lovely to see many of you at our Governor Parent Forum last week. We encourage you to take every opportunity to get involved in school life as we know the many benefits it can bring when we all work together and contribute to our school community. As usual your feedback was very useful and has been fed into our school development plan.

PTA News:

The PTA is a group of volunteers made up of parents, staff and friends of the school. Its purpose is to raise much needed funds for us and to encourage links between families and the community. All parents of children at Shere School are members of the PTA and we would love everyone to be involved.

I know many of you attended the PTA's cinema night last week and by all accounts a good time was had by all. I know you will join me in thanking our outgoing chair-person, Gillian for organising the evening. I would also like to thank her on behalf of everyone involved in the school for all her hard work as chair and for all she does for our school.

A very warm welcome to our new chair Claudia Brightman. The whole school is hugely excited that she has volunteered for the role; she already has a number of exciting projects and plans and will need your help in making these ideas a reality. Next week Claudia and I will be writing to you in response to many new parents who have asked how they can help the school.

Finally, please save the date – 10th December – when Shere School will be hosting our wonderful Christmas Market with plenty of fun activities for children and adults alike. More information to follow 😊

E-Safety:

In my last newsletter I highlighted the importance of helping our children to stay safe online. In school we have been thinking about digital resilience, this is a part of your personality that develops from spending time online and facing the challenges the internet can bring. It means that you recognise when you're at risk online and know what to do. A resilient child is more likely to stay safe if anything bad happens and benefit from the opportunities the online world provides. The best thing parents can do is to set boundaries so that children know what they can do and what they can't – and then let them explore. They will make mistakes, but to learn they need to take risks. When they get into scrapes it's essential you let them learn from them and help them recover. Then let them try again.

I found the following case study really helpful when exploring this idea:

A Worrying Image:

Jacqui noticed that her eight year old, Tiana, had become withdrawn – she left the room when the news came on and didn't look at her phone as much as normal. Jacqui asked what was wrong, and Tiana said she'd seen a photo of an elephant being shot online and she was upset and scared to log on. Jacqui talked to Tiana about how she felt and about ways to avoid it happening again, such as using Google SafeSearch and using more relevant words when searching online. Jacqui let Tiana know it's important that she feels someone in the future if anything upsets her and encouraged her to go back online when she felt ready.

Diwali:

Next Friday the school will be celebrating the festival of Diwali. A group of Mums has got together to organise this event for our children and we feel blessed to have such proactive parents in our school. Tushna, Sunny

Main School - nasal flu immunisation

21st

Canon Nick Assembly

28th

Canon Nick Assembly

December

4th

Bishop Jo to formally open new nursery and buildings

7th

Reindeer Run – details to follow

13th

EYFS Nativity (nursery and reception) pm

14th

R, 1 and 2
Wisley Christmas Trip

15th

Christmas Jumper Day
EYFS Nativity (nursery and reception) am

19th

KS1 Nativity pm

20th

KS1 Nativity am

21st

Last Day of Term
Church @ 9.30
Break Up @ 1.30

and Jenna and have organised cooking, crafts and traditional dancing for the children which will take place in the village hall. The whole school from nursery to year two will be involved and we are all looking forward to an exciting afternoon.

School Places:

Our school tours for prospective parents have been more popular than ever this year and I have been very pleased with the number of visitors who have told me recommendations from current parents have prompted them to come for a visit. Thank you to all those who have recommended the school. We do have limited places across our school so please keep up the good work with family and friends.

Breakfast Club:

The School Breakfast Club is becoming very popular and to accommodate this we are making some exciting changes. After half term Breakfast Club will be held in the School Hall so parents will need to drop children off by walking around to the back of the school and through the hall door. We have employed our wonderful school cook Laura to cater for our Breakfast Club children each morning. This will mean that we are able to offer a greater range of hot and cold breakfast choices. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club then please speak to Mrs Jupp or Mrs Snowden in the school office.

Door Entry System:

As part of our School Development Plan we have been focusing on ensuring our school is as safe as it can be. With this in mind we are making alterations to our front door. This week contractors have fitted a door entry system which we hope will be up and running next week. This means that when the children are in the building you will need to buzz to be permitted entry through the front door. There is a family focused school and you will always receive a warm welcome, however safeguarding is our key priority and we believe that this will make our school a safer place to learn.

Reading Helpers:

Finally a request for reading helpers in Year One. Our other classes are up and running with a helper each day to assist with reading. Year One are one morning short and one volunteer would make all the difference. If you are able to help or could twist the arm of a friend or neighbour we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Mrs Matthews or Mrs Webb if you can assist.

Kind Regards

Victoria Voller

Headteacher