

# 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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## October:

1<sup>st</sup>

Harvest Festival 10am  
St James Church Shere

3<sup>rd</sup>

Canon Nick Assembly  
For Year 1&2 children

4<sup>th</sup>

Governor Parent Forum  
7.00 – 8.30

9<sup>th</sup>

Emma Dodd Author Visit

17<sup>th</sup>

Canon Nick Assembly  
For Year 1&2 children

Foundation Unit Parent  
Consultations  
3.30 – 5.00pm

18<sup>th</sup>

Foundation Unit Parent  
Consultations  
4.30 – 6.30pm

KS1 Parent Consultations  
4.30 – 6.30pm

19<sup>th</sup>

Individual School Photos

KS1 Parent Consultations  
3.30 – 5.30pm

Wb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Half Term

30<sup>th</sup>

Back to School

## Dear Families,

We have had a busy couple of weeks since I last wrote to you, all our new children have settled beautifully and its very much business as usual, a hive of activity and learning. A huge thank you to those of you who attended our Curriculum Evening earlier this week, I hope that you found it useful. Gaining an understanding of the curriculum at your child's school should give you an insight into their day to day experiences and help you understand how best to support at home. I appreciate that lots of meetings at school may seem a big ask when we are all short of time, but I would always urge you to attend if you are able.

## Safeguarding:

Last Friday I attended Safeguarding Update Training; as the designated safeguarding lead at school it is vital that I keep up to date with recent developments. I would like to remind you that in all organisations **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility** and as a parent body you can do a great deal to help keep all children safe. If you ever have concerns about a child in our school, or indeed in the wider community, you can report this to me or Mrs Webb (Deputy Safeguarding Lead) and we will act in accordance with our policy (which can be found on our website). Something that can seem insignificant to you can provide the missing link and help to keep a child safe.

## E-Safety:

The internet is a wonderful resource and one that all children can benefit from with the right supervision in place. On my training last week it struck me how more and more cases of abuse and bullying begin online. It is vital that we train our young children to keep safe when using technology. With this in mind I will be sharing e-safety updates with you via this newsletter in each edition. This week I want to remind existing parents and share with our new families the internet rules that we teach the children. I find these 4 simple messages are easily understood and seem to stick with the children. Please look out for a copy of this in your child's book bag, please reinforce these rules at home and remember that supervision is the best way to keep your child safe.



## Harvest Festival:

Please join us in church this Sunday for our Harvest Festival; everyone is welcome from nursery through to Year Two. St James is a lovely family church and you will be made to feel welcome. Our service starts at 10am and the children have been learning songs to celebrate Harvest. Please can children wear smart school uniform and could nursery children please wear their red sweatshirts. If you would like to donate an item of food then tins, jars and dry foods such as pasta are most useful as the food is donated to local food-banks. During the service the school usually sits at the front of the church, nursery children are welcome to sit here but if they are a bit unsure please keep them with you. There are currently no toilets in Church, a visit to the loo beforehand may be advisable, otherwise you will need to use the toilets in the centre of the village a short walk away.

### Attendance:

School attendance has a direct correlation to your child's academic outcomes; a day missed without very good reason is a day too many. Recent research has highlighted the impact of attendance on a child's progress and I wanted to share with you the following points:

- A child who is absent for one day a week misses an equivalent of two years in their school life.
- 90% of young people with attendance rates below 85% fail to achieve 5 or more good grades at GCSE and a third achieve no GCSEs at all.

GCSE's may seem a long way off for your child but all absence at any stage can lead to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- Mean that they fall behind in their learning
- Affect their motivation
- Affect their enjoyment of learning
- Lead to poor behaviour
- Affect their desire to attend school regularly
- Affect their confidence in school
- Affect their ability to make or keep friendships

Please work with us to maintain your child's attendance this year. If your child is too unwell to attend school you must notify the school office as soon as possible and by 9am at the latest. If we do not hear from you and are unable to make contact to establish the whereabouts of your child this can be classed as a safeguarding concern. If you send your child into school and they become ill during the day we will always contact you so that they can be collected.

### Clubs:

The school offers a range of extra-curricular clubs after school and at lunchtime.

Day	Club	Time	Who For
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	3.00 – 4.00	Everyone
Wednesday	Production Bugs	3.00 – 4.15	Year 1 and 2
Thursday	French	Lunchtime	Year 1 and 2
Thursday	Multi Skills Sports	3.00 – 4.00	Everyone
Friday	Planet Soccer	3.00 – 4.15	Year 1 and 2

Although there is cost involved, these clubs do offer good value for money and the sessions I have observed have been well planned and great fun. We are able to support families eligible for the Pupil Premium with the costs of these activities, so please come and speak to me if you think this may apply to you. At the moment only one family has signed up for Tag Rugby so this will not go ahead without more interest.

In addition I would really like to promote our new after school care provision. Pleiades provide a range of fun activities, trips to the local park and a real family feel in their sessions that run from 3.00 – 6.00. Brad, who runs these sessions, is amazing! As our regular sports coach the children know him well and have an absolutely super time. Children getting the bus from Tillingbourne are also welcome to join the club 😊

Finally, please don't forget our Governor Parent Forum next week (4<sup>th</sup> October); this is another opportunity to have your say about our school's direction. Again all parents are welcome, including nursery families.

**Kind Regards**

**Victoria Voller**

**Headteacher**