

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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## November:

21<sup>st</sup>

Canon Nick Assembly

28<sup>th</sup>

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## December:

4<sup>th</sup>

Bishop Jo to formally open new nursery and buildings

7<sup>th</sup>

Reindeer Run – details to follow

13<sup>th</sup>

EYFS Nativity (nursery and reception) pm

14<sup>th</sup>

R, 1 and 2  
Wisley Christmas Trip

15<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Jumper Day  
EYFS Nativity (nursery and reception) am

19<sup>th</sup>

KS1 Nativity pm

20<sup>th</sup>

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School Christmas Lunch

21<sup>st</sup>

Last Day of Term  
Church @ 9.30  
Break Up @ 1.30

## Dear Families,

Your lovely children really are on top form at the moment with their behaviour, manners and hard work. As the term progresses and everyone settles in little personalities really start to shine, senses of humour show themselves and new friendships are forged. It really is a pleasure to be part of.

## School Grand Opening:

So much has happened in the last few months at Shere and we have much to be thankful for, A brand new classroom for Year Two and a wonderful nursery for our youngest learners. In order to celebrate these achievements and to thank everyone for their support we will be holding a grand opening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Bishop Jo will be joining us along with all those who have contributed by volunteering their time or making a financial donation.

All school and nursery families are invited to join us for this special event which will begin at 9.30am. If you don't wish to wait in the cold Governors will be providing hot drinks for parents in the Village Hall so please make your way across the road after morning drop off. After the Bishop has opened the buildings the children will entertain us with their wonderful singing and there will be another opportunity to tour the new spaces if you have not already had the pleasure.

To give us an idea of numbers please let Mrs Snowden know if you are able to attend.

## Foxes go wild at Guildford Fire Station:

Fox Class had a great time visiting Guildford Fire Station this week. They came back with amazing stories of trucks, hoses and poles as well as two particular teachers covered in foam and climbing ladders. Foxes have been learning all about people who help us so the fire station was a perfect destination. Learning back at school has been fantastic with some excellent early writing all about their visit. Many thanks to Samuels and Jackson's Dads and to all the firefighters who made us so welcome. If you know anyone who would like to come and talk to Fox Class about their role in the community, please get in touch.

## E-Safety Update:

E-Safety is a key part of our curriculum and we are committed to supporting your children to keep themselves safe online. One of our key messages, as previously discussed, is what to do should you see something you don't like or that makes you feel uncomfortable. At this young age it is easy for children to accidentally see something online that can be disturbing or upsetting.

One way we can help to prevent this is through appropriate filtering. At school we have very high protection and user based filtering to ensure what is viewed is age appropriate. At home installing family safety software may be a good idea. This software is becoming extremely advanced and can be a very effective way to control content. In addition, this software often allows you to manage your child's time online and enables remote monitoring and reporting giving you added peace of mind.

## Young Carers:

I went to a briefing recently about child wellbeing and came back with plenty of ideas and inspiration. As a result, we will be starting a drawing and talking group at lunchtimes in school. The idea of the group is to support children who have a caring role at home. Young carers are children under the age of 18 who help to look after someone in their family or a friend who is ill or disabled.

## **Star & Citizen of the Week**

### **Star's**

Harry Ford, Yr R

Ella Foster, Yr 1

Willow Dowson, Yr 2

### **Citizen's**

Samuel Cubitt, Yr R

Lewis Scott, Year 1

Darcie Bates, Year 2

This doesn't need to be physical care it could be that a child has to do a little bit more for themselves, exercise more patience than other children their age or simply help out more around the house. If you think your child would benefit from some additional quality time in a small group with other children carrying out a similar role then please email me at head@shere.surrey.sch.uk or complete the form included with this newsletter and return it to the school office.

### **Remembrance:**

Children from Owl and Hedgehog Classes visited the war memorial last Friday to remember the armed forces community. They were beautifully behaved and observed the silence respectfully. Well done children, you made us very proud.



### **A Huge Thank You!**

We are so lucky to have so many volunteers at Shere; they make such a valuable contribution and every child in the school benefits from their help and support. I thought it would be nice to share with you some examples of how volunteers make a difference and say a big thank you to them at the same time.

This week I would like to say thank you to Mrs Odhams, Mum to Eliza in Reception Class. Mrs Odhams is a teacher at The Royal Grammar School in Guildford and gives up lots of her valuable free time to come to school and work with our children. As I write this she is busy helping Fox Class with a computing activity and on Friday she will be accompanying a group of Scouts coming to tidy our grounds. So, a big thank you to Mrs Odhams from all of us at Shere.

Volunteers are always very welcome at Shere so if you or someone you know can give some time they will be put to very good use.

**Kind Regards**

**Victoria Voller**

**Headteacher**