

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 3rd November 2017

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November:

3rd

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

7th

Canon Nick Assembly

10th

Remembrance Day
Children's Service 10.45
Shere War Memorial

12th

Family Remembrance
Service @St James Church

13th

Reception Class Trip to
Guildford Fire Station.

14th

Canon Nick Assembly
Mrs Lagar – First Aid
Training

16th

Main School - nasal flu
immunisation

First Beginner Recorders
after school 3.00 – 3.45.

21st

Canon Nick Assembly

28th

Canon Nick Assembly

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school, after what I hope has been a wonderful half term with your children. We have swung back into action and teachers are bracing themselves for glue and glitter season. In truth this term with children is a wonderful experience and we can't wait to get stuck in to our nativity rehearsals and Christmas crafts.

Remembrance:

Every year in school we take time to remember the sacrifice made by the Armed Forces community, past and present. We appreciate that this can be a hard concept for some children and take time to explain what we are doing and why in simple terms. Relationships based on mutual respect are the basis of our behaviour ethos at Shere and this is an opportunity for children to show their respect in remembering this important aspect of our shared heritage.

This year Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday, so we have arranged to visit the memorial at the front of St James Church on Friday 10th November. We will congregate with members of the clergy at 10.45 and you are very welcome to join us in what will be a short child focused service.

Canon Nick also invites all families to attend the Remembrance Service at Church on Sunday 12th November. This is not a school service but one for the whole community which you are invited to attend as a family.

PTA Update from Claudia Brightman:

Happy Friday everyone and for those who don't know me I have taken on the role of Chair of the PTA for 2017/18 following the brilliant work that Gillian and her team have done to date. We decided to move back to the name PTA to avoid any confusion that came about from the name FOSSA and help include the new Fox Cubs nursery parents. We very much include and welcome all parents as members of the PTA, everyone should have a voice in what we spend the money on and see the end result. My job will be to put on a few big events through the year that everyone feels part of and can get involved in without impacting on the little time we all get to spend with family and friends.

The first event will be the Christmas Fair on Sunday 10 December between 10am-2pm in the school grounds. We are looking to hold a market style fair providing you all with lots of lovely stalls where you can do some last minute Christmas shopping! We have local businesses and big brand names providing the stalls including gifts, books, home-ware, candles, beauty products and lots more and we hope to secure over 25 different businesses which we are well on our way to doing! For the children we will have lots of fun games and chances to win prizes, Santa's Grotto and two films on show. There will be an U5's film and over 5's so the kids are kept busy whilst the parents shop! We'll have some Christmas music provided and food and drink! Lots more detail to follow but please keep it free in the diary and if you know of someone that may like to have a stall then please do let me know.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions then please do email me on claudiabrightman@hotmail.com. I am a Year 1 parent and in the school playground most days for drop off and pick up. I have been involved with Shere School for nearly 5 years now as a Mum and more importantly for most of those 5 years I was the working mum who felt guilty for rarely getting involved. Whilst I have more time now I know how hard it is to help out so I will be providing lots of different ways that parents can get involved without feeling like you need to commit to the whole PTA committee. And not just the mums either, I have some ideas up my sleeve for you dads too! We can all do something to help raise money to improve the already amazing environment our children have. Look out soon for some artwork on the playground walls that will start to show our fundraising targets! Have a great weekend.

Main School Trip to Wisley:

On the 14th December children in Fox, Hedgehog and Owl classes will be venturing out on a school trip to Wisley Gardens. This is a Christmas themed visit and we will be exploring the different plants that grow at Wisley and their significance, taking part in Christmas crafts, taking a magical walk and enjoying a Christmas story under the trees. We are all really looking to this trip; look out for letters in book bags with further details. Many thanks to Mrs Webb for her excellent organisational skills.

Beginner Recorders:

We believe that music has a huge impact on the progress children make at school. Research highlights the importance of involvement in music and sport in aiding children's learning and wellbeing. With this in mind Mrs Webb still has a few places for children in Years 1 and 2 who would like to learn the recorder. This club runs on a Thursday after school (3.00 – 3.45). Mrs Webb asks that families purchase a descant recorder, school will order the music books required. Please call the school to book your child's place on a first come first served basis.

December

4th

Bishop Jo to formally open new nursery and buildings

7th

Reindeer Run – details to follow

10th:

PTA Christmas Fair

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

E-Safety:

This week's E-Safety update comes from an article I have been reading called 'Just One Thing.' E-Safety experts were asked to give parents one piece of advice to keep children safe online. Here are some of their suggestions:

"There are no set guidelines for how much screen time is appropriate for children, but there needs to be a balance. Don't be afraid to have rules, like 'no tablets at the dinner table.' For younger children use tech to help: the Forest app lets you grow a beautiful forest the longer you leave your device alone. And lead by example – make time to be a gadget-free family."

"From time to time, sit down with your children, gather in all their devices and ask them to take you through every app explaining why they do, who they speak to or connect with and which websites they visit. If your parental antennae start to tingle, delve deeper."

"Parents need to know the modern troubles today's kids face. So, get out there and explore the sites and apps your kids use. If you know nothing of Snapchat or 4chan you won't be

Breakfast Club Success:

Our new delicious hot breakfasts are proving incredibly popular and we are so pleased at how well the new arrangements are working.



Can you help?

We are looking for a small under-counter style freezer for Breakfast Club use. If you know of anyone with one to spare please contact the School Office.

Name that T-Rex:

You may have noticed the rather impressive T-Rex by the side of the road on your way through Gomshall recently. Paul from the Coach House has invited children at the school to guess the dinosaur's name. To take part families are asked to like and share the Coach House Surrey Facebook page. You should then send the name, classification and species of dinosaur to the Coach House Surrey via Messenger. All correct entries will be entered into a draw with the prize for the winner - £100 to spend at the Coach House and £20 to spend at Shere Delights.

Nursery Success:

Finally, huge congratulations to the Nursery Team who were audited this week. Michelle Beavon from Surrey Early Years spent the morning going through policies and procedures with me and observing in the nursery. We received excellent feedback and Michelle commented that she couldn't believe the outstanding practice that is taking place after such a short time. Well done to Angela, Alison and Georgia on their dedication and care for our youngest pupils.

Kind Regards

Victoria Voller

Headteacher