



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 1st December 2017

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December:

4th

Bishop Jo to formally open new nursery and buildings 9.30
Hot drinks from 9am in the Village Hall.

7th

Reindeer Run – details to follow

10th

Shere School Christmas Fayre

11th

Mural Painter Visit

12th

Year Two to the Tillingbourne Nativity

13th

EYFS Nativity (nursery and reception) 2pm

14th

R, 1 and 2 Wisley Christmas Trip

15th

Christmas Jumper Day
EYFS Nativity (nursery and reception) 10am

19th

KS1 Nativity 1.45pm

20th

KS1 Nativity 9.45am
School Christmas Lunch

Dear Families,

December is here which means we can finally embrace glue and glitter season in school; at any one time at least one nativity song can be heard ringing out, children are bursting with excitement and if you stand still long enough you are likely to be decorated. It is a wonderful time to work with children.

Today we have held our annual Christmas Tree Assembly to celebrate the start of Advent. Each child from the nursery to Year 2 has hung their own decoration on our tree in the school hall. Christmas has certainly arrived in Shere ☺

Uniform:

We are very proud to belong to Shere Infant School, whether in the nursery or the main school. Uniform is an important aspect of our school identity but recently I have noticed a few items of clothing or footwear that are not school uniform. It is really important for children to feel smart and well prepared for each day at school. Here is our uniform list as a reminder:

The Foundation Unit incorporating Fox Cubs Nursery and Fox Class:

Shere School polo shirt
Shere School sweatshirt
Dark tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts (**black, grey or navy please**)
Dark trainers or doodle style shoes.
Wellington boots to be left at school.
A full water bottle.
A **robust** waterproof coat.
Nappies and wipes – if needed.
At least one full change of named clothing (more if toilet training).
Fox Class should also bring their school book bag with reading book and diary.

Key Stage One incorporating Hedgehog and Owl Class:

Shere School polo shirt
Shere School sweatshirt
Shere School cardigan
Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts
Red gingham dress (summer months)
White/grey socks or red/grey tights
Black school shoes – **not trainers**
A full water bottle.
A **robust** waterproof coat.
A school book bag with reading book and diary.
Trainers on a Wednesday & Friday

21st

Last Day of Term
Church @ 9.30 – all families
very welcome to come
along.
Break Up @ 1.30

Star & Citizen's of the week

Stars:

Teddy Lee, Yr R
Caleb McKay, Yr 1
Joel Girdler-Blount, Yr 2

Citizens:

Sasha Conseil, Yr R
Charlie Bex, Yr 1
Kaci White, Yr 2

We go outside an awful lot and a warm winter coat is essential at this time of year. We have noticed that some children's coats are very thin and are not up to job of keeping out the cold. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the weather. I appreciate that coats are expensive so please ensure they are named. If you are struggling financially especially at this time of year and cannot afford a coat, or any other item of uniform, then please speak to us in confidence as we may be able to help. We sell Shere School coats for £22.00 available from the school office.

Fox Cubs Communication:

As the Nursery becomes increasingly established I feel it is time to hand over weekly communication to the team. They are best placed to let you know what is going on day to day and I know you have been enjoying the addition of photos and anecdotes from the week. **This means that lots of key information you need about dates and school events will be included in this newsletter so please make the time to read it.**

Due to unprecedented demand for places in January we have been able to recruit two new members of nursery staff. We held interviews this week and are pleased to announce that Vicky Parker and Sophie Silvester will be joining us in the new year. We would like to congratulate Vicky and Sophie who were selected, from a very strong field, because of their warmth, expertise and experience. I know you will make them very welcome at Shere.

Nursery and Classroom Opening:

Don't forget to stay after drop off on Monday to welcome Bishop Jo to our school. Hot drinks will be provided from 9.00 in the Village Hall and the opening ceremony will begin at 9.30. The children will be singing so it would lovely if you could join us all as we celebrate our new venture.

Update from the PTA:

Ho, Ho, Ho and a very Merry Christmas!

As the countdown to Christmas officially begins today the official countdown to the Christmas Fayre also starts, just 9 days to go....

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for helping on the day, I know a lot of you thought I may have needed a lot more hands in the run up but to be honest I wanted to give you all a break from wrapping and baking so we are all organised and ready for a great day! We confirmed our 23rd stall yesterday which I think will be the last one as we will soon run out of space in the school grounds but I am so thrilled that we have secured this amount of local businesses. And I think we don't have two of the same, maybe similar but not the same. We have put up lots of posters, road signs, banners and requests to local radio and newspapers to advertise the fayre so we hope to get a big crowd down.

I still need a few more helpers on the day however so the official signup sheet is online, please see the link below for confirming a spot. If you are not able to log on for any reason then you can always email me on claudiabrightman@hotmail.com or my mobile is 07775 794175, just text me what slot you would like, 10-12 or 12-2.

<https://signup.com/Activities#/2127532/jobs/edit>

One for the Dad's, I really would appreciate a few strong men from 8-9am next Sunday to help put up the Gazebo's and get tables up and ready for the sellers, please get in touch if you are able to help my other half who is being dragged down there with me at 8am. I know it's early, sorry!

Santa's Grotto will be available from 11.30am. The traditional horse and carriage will bring Father Christmas through Shere after the Church Service finishes at 11am. The Choir from the Church will follow them through the village singing some festive carols. Father Christmas will then be dropped at Shere School where he will start his grotto and go through until 2pm. The grotto will be in the nursery classroom and the entrance and waiting area, in case it's wet and cold, will be in Reception classroom. The grotto will cost £2 and of course include a gift. I will be putting up a 'grotto time slots' sheet in the office from Monday, please do book in to avoid disappointment! We will keep a few slots for walk ups on the day.

We also have a special reveal on the day that I am keeping under wraps but will be an exciting addition to the playground! Over the past couple of years as you know we have raised a great amount of funds through FOSSA and at the Fayre we will be able to show you what your hard-earned money is being spent on. Look out for the images displayed at the Shere Stall for what the plans are.

I wish I could book the weather but of course this is beyond my control, we will carry on regardless of the weather and we have a Plan B in place for shelter should the heavens open. Let's keep everything crossed for a crisp winter day.

Thank you again for all your support, please do get in touch should you have any questions.

School Tours:

We have enjoyed showing record numbers of parents around our school this term and would advise anyone who might be interested in a place at Shere to come and visit. The Surrey Admissions Page is now open so a gentle reminder to those nursery parents or families with younger siblings to apply before the deadline in January.

The Reindeer Run:

On Thursday 7th December we are holding our annual Reindeer Run in support of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. This is a great fun, if slightly quirky event, that sees us galloping around the playground wearing reindeer antlers. The event starts at 9.30 on the Shere Recreation ground if you would like to come and join the fun! (Make sure children bring in wellies if they haven't already got them at school).

A Huge Thank You:

Hopefully you received our parentmail requesting help with moving furniture this week. I would like to extend my thanks to Amos Hill and Ben Bray who arrived to help us with the removal, even roping in friends to lend a hand.

Kind Regards

Victoria Voller

Headteacher