

Shere CE Infant School & Fox Cubs Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

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

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Summer Term

April

23rd
Earth Day (all)

24th
SPAG Test (Y2)

May
8th
River Field Trip (all)

10th
Spectrum Athletics (Y1)

16th
Bedtime Story (all)
5pm – 6pm.

21st
River Catastrophe (all)

28th
Half Term

June
8th
World Oceans Day (all)

11th
Phonics Screening Week
(Y1)

Children's Art Day (all)

15th
Cobwebs Sports Day
(Reception, Y1 & Y2)

19th
Royal Wedding Lunch

29th
INSET (Nursery Closed)
Tillingbourne Move Up

Dear Families,

First an apology for the late arrival of our newsletter, last week was very full but well worth it for a number of amazing experiences for the children in school. Our trip to the aquarium was glorious, the weather just perfect for a day by the sea. It was great to see the children so engaged with the creatures; the rays and otters being particular favourites. The aquarium staff were fantastic and shared their considerable knowledge, which the children lapped up! What a great day.

Today, as part of our Earth Day focus, Year One and Two have taken part in an assembly all about plastic in the oceans. It was very timely after seeing all the creatures last week and the children were shocked by the amount of rubbish that gets into our oceans. Reception and Nursery have also talked about this with their teachers. This would be a great message to reinforce at home should you wish to.

Welcome to our new governors:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of two new members of the Board of Governors. We welcome Mr Paul Bridges, who joins us a parent governor. Paul is Dad to Libby in Fox Class and Immy in the nursery. He brings significant educational experience as well as school leadership expertise and will be a great asset to our team. Our second appointment is Mr Ken Mead, a well-known member of our community who brings estate management and building expertise to the board. In the new landscape of self-improving schools, this will be a most welcome skill set. A huge thank you to both our new governors for accepting this vital role in our school.

Year Two SPAG Test:

Those Year Two parents that attended the SATs Information Evening will already be aware that we have been selected for technical pre-tests of Key Stage One grammar, punctuation and spelling test materials. Participation in trialling is statutory and so we are obliged to take part in this assessment. Year Two children will sit the paper tomorrow with a member of staff from the National Foundation for Educational Research, however myself, Mrs Toone and Miss Scholes will be present to support the children.

As a school, we use formative assessment all the time to inform our planning and children's next steps. This is carried out in each and every lesson through direct questioning, careful listening, addressing misconceptions and marking and feedback. It is this assessment that enables us to pitch our lessons correctly ensuring all children make progress. Whilst we recognise the statutory nature of SATs, we do not support formal assessment in the form of testing for young children.

Day (Year 2)

July

2ND

INSET (Nursery Open)

5th

Grandparents Assembly
2pm

(Reception, Year 1 & 2)

Grandparents Morning
(Nursery)

12th

Sports Day
(All)

19th

Y2 Leavers Service

22st & 22nd

Holy Trinity Move Up Days
(Y2)

23rd

End of Term
Church 9.30am

Spring Sing:

On Friday, Year Two joined other local schools for our annual Spring Sing concert. Mrs Toone, myself and Mrs Westbrook went with them and spent the whole day bursting with pride. The children's behaviour was exceptional throughout and their performance was superb. For the smallest cohort in the building to raise the roof quite so brilliantly is a memory that will stay with me for a long time. Well done Year Two and Mrs Toone, and thank you to parents for transporting and supporting the children so enthusiastically.

Teaching Update:

We are all missing the lovely Miss Bailey but I am happy to say she is doing really well and was able to pop in to see us at school just before Easter. We hope to have her to visit again soon. It is likely that the current teaching structure will continue for this term with Mrs Toone remaining in Year Two and Mrs Brimicombe in Reception. I have had nothing but positive feedback with regard to this structure but should you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch – head@shere.surrey.sch.uk. My thanks to Mrs Toone, Mrs Hollis and Mrs Brimicombe for their help during Ms Bailey's absence.

Uniform:

A quick reminder about uniform in the Foundation Unit (Nursery and Year R). Children in these classes should be wearing the uniform outlined on the slide below. This uniform was selected as our little learners are incredibly active during the day, climbing, cycling, crawling and jumping. Skirts and dresses do not lend themselves to this sort of activity and cause accidents when children get their feet caught in the fabric or are unable to fully extend their legs because the skirt or dress is restrictive. Open toe shoes are also not suitable for nursery or reception. In hot weather shorts can be worn, as specified.

Messy School

Foundation Unit Uniform
Red Shere School polo shirt
Red Shere School t-shirt/shorts
Black trackswear (jackets/leggings/shorts)
Black, navy or grey socks
Black, navy or grey trainers

PL Kit
Red shorts
White Shere School t-shirt
Black plimsolls
PL Diag

Forest School
Wellington boots (keep in school)

Red waterproof jackets and fleeces are optional and can be purchased from the school office.



PTA Update:

As I write this the sun is out and it is pretty darn hot so there is only one thing to start planning, Summer parties! This year Shere School and Nursery will join forces with Shere Trek Hire and join them at the annual running races that are held on Saturday 7 July. The school will be providing lots of entertainment from games for the children, a BBQ for everyone and we are looking to secure a few stalls from local businesses to match what we did at our Christmas Fayre - hopefully with a lot better weather! I will be coming round to see you all soon to ask you to get involved and I will keep residents informed of what they can expect on the day!

This is a great opportunity to hold a Summer Party for the school and nursery as we near the end of Term and another school year for the children. Each month we will be updating you with all the latest news and additions to the day. This is another great opportunity to get the whole community involved and enjoy a day welcoming back the runners from their races and take part in some activities themselves. Keep the date free in the diary! **Claudia Brightman Chair of the PTA.**

Tillingbourne Moving Up Day:

We have just been informed that the Year 2 'move up' day for Tillingbourne Junior School will be the **29th June**. Unfortunately this falls on one of our INSET days, which are set a year in advance. I have spoken to Tillingbourne but they are unable to change the date. Transition is a very important process and move up days are proven to be of great benefit therefore, even though Shere will be closed to pupils I would urge you to attend this event. I am hoping to receive further details from Tillingbourne in the near future and will pass these on as soon as I am able.

Finally, as a school we seek to be innovative and forward thinking. The educational landscape continues to change at a rapid rate and it is our aim to be one step ahead, with the best interests of our children at heart. If you want to understand more about how school works there are always plenty of ways to get involved. Speak to any member of the team to find out more.

Best Wishes

Vicky Voller
Headteacher