

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 20th July 2018

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Don't Forget:

Monday 23rd July –
Church at 9.30 – all
welcome.

School finishes at
1.30pm

Tuesday 4th September
INSET

Wednesday 5th
September
Autumn Term starts ☺

Dear Families,

It's shaping up to be an emotional end of term, saying goodbye is hard and transition brings out mixed feelings in all of us. However, there is a great buzz of celebration in the air at school with all of us feeling incredibly grateful to work and play together in this special place. Memorable moments in the last weeks have included a lovely leaver's party for Owl Class and two fun-packed trips to the seaside for Fox Cubs and the main school.



Families Questionnaire:

Thank you to those families who have returned the questionnaires enclosed with your child's school report. We will provide detailed feedback on this after the summer. We are pleased with the results across the school, which are overwhelmingly positive. Your feedback will now inform our school development plan, which sets the strategic direction of Shere School for the next five years.

Lunches:

In the past children at Shere School have been able to bring a packed lunch to school instead of eating school lunches. However, over the last few years school lunches have radically changed for the better and are now delicious, nutritious and enjoyed by all. Our wonderful cook Laura has made the dining hall a classroom and many of you will have heard her talk about food and the importance of socialising at mealtimes. Not all school cooks demonstrate this level of professionalism and passion. As a result, we have made the decision that all children must have school lunches, and only in very exceptional circumstances, agreed in advance will packed lunches be allowed.

All children are encouraged to try different foods and are never, ever forced to eat something they don't want to. We will work with you if we think your child has any issues at lunchtime.

Within our school family we have an increasing number of children with severe allergies to food. There is always a risk with packed lunches that nuts or other foods causing reactions will be brought into school. By insisting on school lunches for all we can avoid this danger. We very much hope that you will work with us to support healthy, sociable and adventurous eating.

Update from the PTA:

Firstly a massive thanks to all the children, parents, teachers and governors who have supported the PTA this year. It has been an eventful year but one I look back on and feel proud that the new playground was finally in place before the Year Two children left and with just a few finishing touches to go. We aim to get these things finished during the Summer holidays and after the Albury Produce Show on Saturday we will add up all the funds and fingers crossed we have enough to crack on!

I have unfortunately found it quite hard to engage people in the PTA more than ever before and perhaps the days of baked cakes and fairs are not as popular as they used to be, but I would really appreciate some feedback before we start planning for 2018/19 school year. It will be my last year on the PTA and I want to finish on a high! I have had some comments regarding more notice on events so during the first week of term in September I will look at the calendar with the staff and pick the events we want to do and advertise them nice and early. I will also make it clear what we need from you on each of these events so you can choose which ones you can help with.

It's not always about raising money either, these events give us a chance to involve the community and teach the children how we help each other and how a small school like ours is helped by the parents and governors. The funds we raise will always have a focus on benefiting the children in one way or another and I don't think any of us would like to see the school trips cancelled or facilities not being improved due to lack of funds.

I wish you a fun Summer and thanks again for your support, please do look to help again next year and I promise to make the events fun, simple and socially possible when I know there are so many people who work and have other commitments.

Claudia Brightman – PTA Chair

Massive thanks to Claudia for her efforts this year; she has been an absolute pleasure to work with. I cannot stress enough how much our school needs your support; as a small school, we face severe financial challenges and without the PTA contribution making ends meet would be an impossible task.

Finally, a huge thank you to our whole school community; you are a wonderful group of people to work with from staff, to children, governors and parents. I am blessed to be the headteacher of Shere! Have a fab summer and we will see you in September 😊

Vicky Voller
Headteacher