

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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Autumn Term

September

10th

Book Focus – The Gruffalo

13th

Year One Meet the Teacher
3.15 in Year One

Mrs Voller visiting ex Shere children at Tillingbourne

20th

Year One Forest School

27th

Year Two Forest School

October

1st

Book Focus
The Gruffalo's Child (EYFS)
The Magic Paintbrush (KS1)

3rd

Year One Forest School

8th

Attendance Officer Register Check

British Schools Fire Safety Week

10th

National Day of China
Parent Governor Forum
7pm

11th

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to you all as we begin a new school year at Shere School and Fox Cubs Nursery. It has been lovely to see all the children eager and excited to return to school, the teachers have commented on how enthusiastic and ready for learning each class has been. It really has been a lovely few days.

Our Fox Cubs are also back with a bang! As always, they light up the school with their smiles and playfulness. We have been very pleased at how quickly our new nursery children have settled, making their first transitions with confidence – well done to all.

Mrs Hollis and Mrs Brimicombe have had a very busy first week, visiting all the new Fox children at home before we welcome them next week. Home visits are such an important part of transitioning to 'big school' so a huge thank you to parents for allowing us the privilege of visiting you all. It is easy to underestimate transition, especially when your child has been with us at nursery. However, research into the importance of processes such as home visits and a part time start highlights just how necessary it is to get this first transition right. It will set you child up for positive transitions throughout school and into adult life.

School Development Planning:

The school has undergone some big changes in the last few years and we have completed many of the key objectives on our School Development Plan. Since 2015 we have:

- **Improved outcomes for children in mathematics so that more children achieve or surpass the expected level.**
- **Improved outcomes for children in writing so that more children achieve or surpass the expected level (and achieve greater depth).**
- **Developed the outdoor area to enhance pupils' play and outdoor learning experience.**
- **Improved site security to further ensure pupils' safety and wellbeing.**
- **Maximised the impact of the pupil premium through timely and effective intervention.**
- **Secured the sustainable future of this village school.**

I am thrilled with all that we have achieved and would like to acknowledge the

International Day of the Girl
Year Two Forest School

15th
The Big Draw

18th
Year One Forest School

17th 4.30 – 6.30
Whole School and Nursery
Parent Consultation

18th 3.30 – 5.30
Whole School and Nursery
Parent Consultation

19th
Children's Individual
Photos

22nd
Half Term

29th
INSET Day Whole School

30th
Back to School
Book Focus
Room on the Broom

November

1st
Year Two Forest School

5th
Bonfire Night

7th
Diwali

8th
Year One Forest School

10th
World Science Day

15th
Year Two Forest School

14th
Bedtime Story &
Curriculum Evening

16th

huge body of work by the whole school community, including staff, children, governors, parents and the wider community.

Whilst we still have some finishing touches to add to our previous objectives it is now time for us to work together to set the strategic development of our school going forward. I have spent the summer researching, reading widely and planning our next steps. I have many ideas but I would love to hear yours. With this in mind our annual Parent and Governor Forum will focus on School Development Planning, this will be an important meeting that I would encourage you to attend.

Our Latest Topic:

At Shere we learn through whole school topics. This is a great way to inspire and engage learners as the whole school is inspired by a new topic each term. Learning together in this way helps us to promote creativity, team working, the sharing of ideas and gives us the opportunity to work as one in a learning community. This term our topic is 'I Opened a Book' and has a literacy theme. Our author of choice is the prolific Julia Donaldson who's entertaining and well written stories provide us with rich material to use in our teaching. You will notice the Book Focus notes (in green), in the dates section. Hopefully you can use this to support discussions and activities with your children at home.

Staffing Updates:

We are thrilled to welcome Carolyn Clarke and Bella Harbutt, experienced Teaching Assistants, who have joined our team this September. These appointments are as a result of two voluntary redundancies last term. Bella and Carolyn joined us for our INSET on the natural pedagogies and immediately fitted in. They have been an instant hit with the children too!

We are also very pleased to announce that Mrs Lagar has been appointed as lead practitioner in the nursery; a well-deserved promotion – congratulations.

Forest School:

Please note the Forest School dates in the adjacent column. Forest School is an integral part of our curriculum at Shere and we are incredibly lucky to have use of private forest land around Shere Manor House. Miss Bailey and Mrs Parker are Level 3 Qualified Forest School Instructors and each of them plans and delivers Forest School Sessions for our children. Children should come to school in their kit on Forest School days. Please ensure they are wearing long sleeved tee shirts, long trousers and sturdy footwear. As the weather gets colder please send them in layers and a warm, waterproof coat.

In order for Forest School sessions to run as effectively as possible, we rely on the help of volunteers. In the past parents, grandparents and friends have been wonderful helpers and have had a great time too! Volunteering is a great opportunity to get to know the children in your child's class and watch their interactions and learning. Mrs Snowden will be coordinating the Forest School volunteers so please come to the school office and sign up.

Values:

At Shere we believe in educating the whole child, this is known as a holistic

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

19th

Book Focus
There's an Owl in my Towel (EYFS)
The Owl and the Pussycat (KS1)

21st

Road Safety Week

22nd

Year One Forest School

29th

Reindeer Run Assembly
Year Two Forest School

30th

Christmas Tree Assembly

December

3rd

Book Focus
Stick Man

6th

Reindeer Run

12th

KS1 Nativity pm

13th

KS1 Nativity am

14th

Christmas Jumper Day

19th

9.30 Church
1.30 End of Term

Citizens of the Week:

Arthur Graham
James Gould
Kimonas Toksvig

education approach and involves emotional and physical wellbeing alongside academic progress and attainment. Through our assemblies, guidance on the playground, PSHE and RE lessons we focus on Christian values. This half term we will be focusing on kindness with lots of lovely stories and activities to promote kind thoughts and deeds.

Best Wishes

Vicky Voller
Headteacher