

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 19th October 2018

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Autumn Term October

22nd

Half Term

29th

INSET Day Whole School

30th

Back to School

Book Focus

Room on the Broom

Spooky Mufti Day & Hocus

Pocus Party

3 – 5 pm

In the Village Hall

Children dressing up

November

1st

Year Two Forest School

2nd

Nursery admissions
deadline.

5th

Bonfire Night

7th

Diwali

8th

Year One Forest School

10th

World Science Day

15th

Year Two Forest School

14th

Bedtime Story &

Curriculum Evening

Dear Families,

Firstly, a big thank you to those who attended our community forum last week. We were overwhelmed with the support from the village with over 40 people in attendance. Some interesting conversations took place with plenty of ideas and suggestions as to how the community and school can work together to support the children. Subsequent feedback from parents who attended has been very positive and we hope to run similar events each academic year.

As I write, we are in the midst of our second evening of parent consultations. Thank you to everyone who attended. It is so important to discuss your child's school experience, attainment, progress and next steps with their teacher. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment to see the teacher after half term.

Fire Engine visit to Shere School:

Children were incredibly excited last week as we welcomed a fire engine to school. This was part of our Fire Safety week, which saw the children learning lots about fire prevention, what to do in a fire and fire alarms. I hope that they have been badgering you to test your alarms at home. Later in the week, we have been treated to some really wonderful fire engine pictures. Many thanks to all our fire-fighter parents for their time talking to the children; it was a very exciting day!

Harvest Festival:

Thank you to the many families who joined us for Harvest Festival on Sunday. The children behaved beautifully and were an absolute credit to their families. The service whilst interactive was quite long and we have given feedback to the church requesting a slightly shorter timeframe next time. Our thanks to Sarah Hutton for being so accommodating and lovely with the children.

Shere Advent Calendar:

Have you heard about our Shere living advent calendar? This community project is set to light up our beautiful village and demonstrate to the children how we can work together to create something special. Businesses and homes in the village have been given a number to mark each day in advent. They will decorate a window to represent what Christmas means to the people in that building. On the allotted day they will light their window and leave it lit until Boxing Day. The aim is to create a living advent calendar for children and adults to enjoy as they make their way around the village. We have about 4 slots left so if you live in the centre of Shere or know someone who does please ask them to email me to get involved.

16th
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

Netley House Shopping & Pamper Evening TBC

29th
Reindeer Run Assembly
Year Two Forest School

30th
Christmas Tree Assembly

December

3rd
Book Focus
Stick Man

6th
Reindeer Run

10th
Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Sing-song @ 9.30

11th
Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Sing-song @ 2pm

12th
KS1 Nativity pm

14th
KS1 Nativity am

14th
Christmas Jumper Day & Father Christmas ☺

19th
9.30 Church
1.30 End of Term

Nut Free School:

An important reminder that Shere Infant School and Fox Cubs Nursery are nut free zones. Please do not send any products containing nuts or traces of nuts into school. We do have children in school with severe allergies to nuts so it is vital that we all adhere to this rule.

Shere School Remembers:

This Remembrance Day marks 100 years since the end of the first world war and the children have been very taken with this idea. In past years we have talked to children about the importance of remembering and about saying thank you. This year the children would like to do some extra activities to commemorate this special time.

The School Council has collected ideas from children on the playground and have come up with the idea of a remembering station in the gazebo on the playground where they would like to make friendship bracelets. They have asked me to provide red, black and white wool for the following reasons: the red is for the poppies, the black for the soldiers and animals that died and the white for peace. Well, how could I possibly object to such a heart-felt and respectful idea; children never cease to amaze me with their depth and understanding.

All the resources will be in the gazebo after half term and you are welcome to access it before and after school if you wish. The children will be able to use it at break and lunchtime. I would really like this to be a space for reflection and respect so please encourage your child to use the resources considerately.

INSET Day:

Please remember that Monday 29th is an INSET day; this means that the school will be closed to all children, including Fox Cubs. The whole staff will be working with the team at Peaslake School on our mastery curriculum and we are all looking forward to some time for focused training and research.

Longacre Legends:

The Shere Eagles and Hawkes did us proud with their tremendous sportsmanship and the annual Longacre School U7 Football Tournament. Both teams played brilliantly and with such passion and were ably and noisily supported by their parents and grandparents! Our Shere teams placed second and third with equal points and only separated by goal difference were worthy winners of silver and bronze medals! Huge thanks to Jason Brightman for his terrific coaching skills!

Lunches Revisited:

Lunchtime in school is an incredibly important social experience for children and with increasing pupil numbers we want to ensure it remains a positive and happy one! We discussed this issue with the School Council who voted for two sittings at lunch to reduce crowding and noise.

We have trialled the new plan this week with Foxes and Hedgehogs eating first, followed by Owls. We added an extra challenge on Wednesday when Fox Cubs joined us all for lunch in the main hall. We needn't have worried as they were the

Coming up:

7th February

Year 2 Spectrum Athletics
Children will return to school at **3.30pm**

7th March

Year One Spectrum Athletics (am)

21st March

Year R Spectrum Athletics (am)

Stars of the Week:

Zahan Benford
Elyse Deacon
Leo Terret

Citizens of the Week:

Layla Bottomley
Libby Bridges
Jackson Knowlton

perfect dinner guest with lovely manners and some yummy looking packed lunches. Fox Cubs ate with Year Two and the older children were a great help.

Well done to the School Council on a brilliant suggestion and plan! They really are great little team.

Now that we can all fit in the hall I will be speaking to Surrey Commercial Services on the Thursday after half-term for a final decision on providing nursery lunches. Watch this space!

PTA NEWS:

Just before we break for half term I wanted to say a huge thanks to everyone who has bought tickets for the upcoming Hocus Pocus Party! We have sold **80** tickets who include 14 nursery children which is fantastic and wonderful to have everyone from the school involved. I am looking forward to planning our party over the half term.

For those who didn't make it to the School and Community Forum I updated everyone on why we have a PTA and what we manage to donate to the school. For those of you who are completely new to the school this year may not know that the Multi Use Games Area (mini football pitch) was built entirely from the PTA fund and the Sports Premium funding, before that existed we had 4 sheds in that area!

Whilst PTA events and volunteering is harder than ever to keep going, I wanted you to know that since **June 2018** we have raised over **£5000** for the school. It really does make a huge difference to a small village school who are constantly being put under budget pressures.

So well done all of you, the PTA is only possible with willing parents and carers to the children. We are so lucky to live in a community who also give back to us by allowing us to be part of the events that they hold in the area.

And as I said at the forum, whilst they will still get a fantastic education and start to school life at Shere, they now receive added benefits such as day trips, improvement to the playground, new books (which is our first purchase this year) and parties like the Hocus Pocus event. The children LOVE these events and deserve to have that element to their school life.

Have a lovely half term, and thanks so much again for your support.

Claudia x

Finally we are on the lookout (again) for an under counter fridge and freezer for breakfast club. If you know of someone who is looking to get rid of one or should you happen to see one on GU5 buying and selling please get in touch with me.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term and enjoy the beautiful autumnal weather and scenery.

Best Wishes

Vicky Voller
Headteacher