

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 5th October 2018

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Autumn Term October

7th
Albury Teas
2pm – 5pm

8th
Attendance Officer
Register Check

British Schools Fire Safety
Week

10th
National Day of China
Parent Governor Forum
7pm

11th
International Day of the
Girl
Year Two Forest School

14th
Harvest Festival at St
James

15th
The Big Draw
Y2 Longacre Football
Tournament

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

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to everyone who has baked and provided cakes for Albury Teas this weekend. It really is great to see the school community pulling together to support the PTA. A big thanks also to those of you who have volunteered your time on Sunday – it really is very much appreciated. Look out later in this letter for more ways to support the school and have fun!

Applying for a school place for September 2019:

If you have a child in the nursery or in Year Two then it is time to be thinking about school places for September 2019. You will need to apply for Reception and Year Three places between **29th October 2018 and 15th January 2019**. The quickest and easiest place to apply for a school place is online; visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. We understand that choosing a school place can be a difficult decision and we are here to help.

Year Two parents can speak in confidence to a classteacher or to myself for guidance on local junior provision.

Parents in nursery can speak to their child's key person or to me about infant places. Remember that even though your child attends Fox Cubs you will still need to apply online for your place in the school. We really want all our lovely Fox Cubs to graduate to Fox Class next Autumn and are more than happy to chat this through with you 😊

For any questions regarding the application process, for example if you don't have access to the internet please speak to Mrs Snowden in the School Office.

Celebration Assembly:

On Fridays we celebrate our week of learning with a special assembly. The school gathers together in the hall and teachers nominate their star and citizen of the week. Children receiving a certificate walk down our red carpet to cheers and applause from their classmates and friends. They then receive a certificate and sit in pride of place on a specially cushioned chair. Once assembly is over the certificates are displayed in the front office and will be brought home the following week. Celebration assembly really is a highlight of our school week.

Harvest Festival:

Please join us for Harvest Festival on **14th October at St James'**, the service begins at 10am. The children have been learning some songs and prayers for our celebration and it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

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

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

Children should wear **smart school uniform** and everyone from nursery to Year Two is welcome.

Harvest donations of non-perishable foods can be brought to church for distribution within our community. If you know of anyone in the local area who might benefit from a food parcel and a bit of company please let me know.

Nativity Dates:

Please note the changes to our Christmas play dates in the left hand column. These changes are due to some clashes with the Village Hall booking system – we do apologise if you had already made plans.

Car Seats in school:

There have been a number of parents leaving car seats at school during the day. We always do our best to accommodate this but unfortunately, there are just too many of them and they are so big! We really don't have the space to keep them here so please could you make alternative arrangements for your car seats – many thanks.

Famous Foxes:

Look out in this Friday's Surrey Advertiser for a photo of our awesome Fox Class. We can't wait to see their confident smiles in this week's edition.

Talking to staff in school:

Over the last couple of weeks there have been a number of occasions where parents and carers have spoken to members of staff in a somewhat derogatory manner. This really isn't acceptable and not something that will be tolerated.

Every member of staff here is a hardworking professional and whilst I recognise we are all busy, staff should not be spoken to rudely, aggressively or have unrealistic demands made of them.

We have very high expectations of staff at Shere who are employed to work at the direction of the headteacher and other senior staff. Therefore should you have any concerns about a member of the team you should speak to me in the first instance.

Architectural Advice needed:

As part of our school development planning we need to have a really good look at our buildings. Shere School is so beautiful but at over 175 years old it could do with a rethink. We feel sure there must be someone out there who could offer some creative and cost effective ideas as to how we could maximise the spaces we have. If you are able to offer some help or know someone who could please speak to me.

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
Singsong @ 9.30

11th

Early Years (Reception
and Nursery) Christmas
Singsong @ 2pm

12th

KS1 Nativity pm

14th

KS1 Nativity am

14th

Christmas Jumper Day &
Father Christmas ☺

19th

9.30 Church
1.30 End of Term

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)

Lock Down:

Next week we will be practising our Lock Down drill. This is always a difficult event to conduct with children but it is vital. Next Wednesday we will hold a short assembly explaining that we need to practise hiding in school in case there is an emergency. Mrs Lagar will talk to the children in Fox Cubs separately. We will be using the scenario of a grumpy fox on the playground and it will be our aim to conduct a calm and sensible drill so that children know what to do and where to hide.

I can't begin to tell you how sad it makes all of us here that this is something we have to consider, let alone practise with the children. However we are clear that this is now part of our duty as teachers and will attend to the task in a proportionate and professional manner.

I am informing you as it is very likely children will want to discuss this at home. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

PTA Update

Hocus Pocus Party

Tickets will be on sale from Monday for the Hocus Pocus party on **30th October**. The children will be taken from school over to the Village Hall in Shere by the Parents and Teachers who have kindly volunteered to help. You are welcome to come and join in or pick them up at 4.30pm. Tickets are priced at £3 per child. We will be putting on a little spooky disco, wand making, pumpkin carving and hocus pocus games! Don't forget that it is mufti day on 30 October so please send the children in to school in any type of fancy dress, it doesn't have to be Halloween themed if they don't want to. It will be suitably organised for the younger children so I promise it won't be dark and too scary.

Netley House

I am so excited to host another Shopping and Pamper Evening at the beautiful Netley House on **22 November from 7pm**. We will be sending out lots more information in the next few weeks but just from word of mouth we have a number of stalls already confirmed who will be either selling or demonstrating their products in plenty of time for Christmas! Keep watching for more updates and how to book in your treatment slots! This event proved very popular in the past and is a fantastic way to do some Christmas shopping in the warm, with a glass of wine and mince pie! Oh and maybe a manicure thrown in too!

If you are interested in selling at Netley House then please contact me for more details.

Thanks
Claudia

Finally, we are hoping to see lots of you at our Community Forum next week. This will be a great opportunity to get to know one another, chat with members of staff and governors and have your say about the strategic direction of the school.

Kind Regards
Vicky

Stars of the Week:

George Swiffen

Arthur Graham

Lottie Byrom

**Citizens of the
Week:**

Ben Cook

Francesca Challis

Charlie Lefever