

# 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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**Our value is  
Kindness**

**Autumn Term**

**November**

29<sup>th</sup>

Reindeer Run Assembly

Year Two Forest School

30<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Tree  
Assembly

**December**

3<sup>rd</sup>

Book Focus  
Stick Man

6<sup>th</sup>

Reindeer Run

10<sup>th</sup>

Early Years (Reception  
and Nursery) Christmas  
Singsong @ 9.30

11<sup>th</sup>

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

12<sup>th</sup>

KS1 Nativity 2pm

14<sup>th</sup>

KS1 Nativity 9.30am

## Dear Families,

I have just got home from a lovely evening at Netley House organised by the PTA. This was, without question, one of the best school functions I have attended; a beautiful venue, a huge selection of gifts and a fantastic community feel. With the addition of mulled wine and delicious canapés, it was the perfect evening.

Huge thanks to all involved, it was nice to see parents from nursery to Year Two working so hard to support the school. There were also many familiar faces that have now left the school, which is testimony to the lovely team spirit Claudia has created. On that note, special thanks must go to Claudia and Claudine for the huge amount of work and an extra mention for whoever made the canapés – thank you all very much.

## School Tours:

We have been so busy showing new families around our lovely school and nursery. Something visitors always comment on is how well behaved and welcoming the children are. They are equally impressed with their charming manners and the pride they have for their school. Your children are a credit to you and so I wanted to share this positive feedback.

## Cold Weather:

The weather has turned this week yet there are still quite a number of children coming to school without the appropriate clothing, such as a jumper and a warm coat. Lots of children in Years 1 and 2 are still missing items of PE kit. Please check with the class teacher if you are unsure about what your child needs, they will be happy to advise you.

*The Christmas spirit has enveloped us at school. The children's excitement is palpable and December 25<sup>th</sup> seems a long way off! The next few items in the newsletter will be a first for some of our new families and just go to show what a happy if eccentric Christmas we enjoy at Shere School.*

## The Reindeer Run:

On the 6<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding one of the highlights of the school year - The Reindeer Run! During this crazy event children and willing members of staff run laps of the playground or field (weather dependent), dressed as reindeer with Santa himself leading the way! The children collect sponsors for their Reindeer Run and all the proceeds go to The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, which I am sure we can agree, is a very worthwhile cause.

14<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Jumper Day &  
Father Christmas ☺

18<sup>th</sup>

School and Nursery  
Christmas Lunch.

19<sup>th</sup>

9.30 Church  
1.30 End of Term

## Coming up:

7<sup>th</sup> February

Year 2 Spectrum  
Athletics

Children will return to  
school at **3.30pm**

7<sup>th</sup> March

Year One Spectrum  
Athletics (am)

21<sup>st</sup> March

Year R Spectrum  
Athletics (am)

### Stars of the Week:

Gabby Hunt  
Eleni Catt  
Lewis Scott

### Citizens of the Week:

Dexter Howard  
Lundy Wallace  
Billy Brightman

Parents are invited to come along and join the fun, look out for a parent mail with further information.

### Oh Christmas Tree:

On 30<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Webb will be hosting her famous Christmas Tree Assembly. This is a lovely event where we all celebrate the arrival of our school Christmas Tree. Each child in the School will have the opportunity to add a decoration to the tree. On this occasion, we also celebrate the beginning of the advent season and introduce our advent wreath and candles. This is one of my favourite events in the school calendar and gives children and staff the opportunity to pause and reflect before the hustle and bustle of a busy December takes hold.

### Wonderful News:

It is my great pleasure to share with you some lovely news; Mrs Hollis is expecting a baby! We are all thrilled for her and have been making sure she is well looked after.

Mrs Hollis will be with us until Easter, when she will begin her maternity leave. I am so pleased that Mrs Brimicombe has agreed to work full time in order to provide continuity for Foxes Class, I am sure you will join me in thanking her for this dedication to the children and the School.

### Restorative Justice:

This term staff in school have been trialling a new system of behaviour management. Behaviour, like all aspects of school life, is a learning process and children will make mistakes along the way.

Making mistakes with your behaviour is the same as making mistakes in maths, art or any other part of the curriculum. We don't punish every mistake children make in their school work and the same is true about their behaviour.

Our new policy focuses on **restorative justice** and requires the child to grow and learn from the mistake they have made. If the mistake involved hurting or upsetting another child or an adult, then they must find a way to put it right.

You might think that the injured party would require that the child involved should miss their playtimes for a week, or miss Forest School; in fact, children are not punitive. On every occasion this term the child has asked for a simple apology or a hug.

We don't contact you every time your child makes a mistake with their spelling and we will not contact you for mistakes with behaviour either. However, just like with spelling or maths, if the behaviour mistakes escalate or suggest an underlying issue we will work with you to support your child through this learning curve.

Our behaviour policy is available on the school website if you would like to find out more.

## **Newsletter Readership:**

I often wonder how many of you get to this point in the newsletter and I would be interested to learn the extent of readership. The office gets many calls each week asking for information that has been in the newsletter often for quite a number of editions.

Communication is so vital for an effective partnership between home and school and I think it will be fascinating to find out how many people the newsletter actually reaches!

If you read the newsletter, please sign up on the list by the front gate over the course of next week. Many thanks.

**I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you next week.**

Best Wishes

Vicky Voller  
Headteacher