

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 8th November 2018

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Autumn Term

**Our value is
Kindness**

November

10th

World Science Day

14th

Bedtime Story &
Curriculum Evening 5pm

15th

Year Two Forest School

16th

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

RGS students to help in
lessons 😊

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

Dear Families,

The school continues to be buzzing with activity despite the onset of the cold weather and some persistent cold bugs! Everyone is working hard and all the children continue to make fantastic progress. It was super to see so many of you at our Parent Consultation Evenings just before half term. These are hugely important meetings and so if you were unable to attend please speak to the class teacher soon to arrange a new meeting.

A Letter of Great Importance:

Fox Cubs were thrilled to receive a very special letter this week. Back in April they sent a card to welcome the new royal prince Louis and this week they got a reply. A special letter arrived from The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge thanking them very much for their card and with a lovely photo of baby Louis that we will treasure. Well done Fox Cubs; what famous friends you now have 😊

A Joyful Diwali:

Huge heartfelt thanks to Tushna, Sunny and Jenna for organising such a wonderful Diwali celebration. The children loved learning and celebrating together. I hope you enjoy the photos of a some pretty inspiring dancers!



Bedtime Story – 14th November:

Next Wednesday we will be hosting our ever-popular Bedtime Story event. Children are invited back to school in pyjamas to listen to a lovely story with their teachers. At the same time parents are encouraged to come along and participate in an update on the school's teaching and learning philosophy; this term I will be talking about the natural pedagogies which are central to the way your children are learning at Shere. Once the talk is over there will be time to join your child in their classroom and share a story together.

Bedtime Story starts at 5pm and will be finished by approximately 6pm. Please take your child to their classroom and sign them in with the class teacher. Year One children will be in the school hall. My 'talk' will take place in Year One.

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

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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)

Please call, email or drop into the school office to confirm your child's place. Please note, children must be accompanied by an adult. Well-behaved siblings are very welcome to join us too.

A note about WhatsApp:

I am aware that there are many WhatsApp groups made up of school families. This is great and obviously, we encourage parents to form networks and communities. One word of caution however; WhatsApp groups are not set up by the school and the information in them does not come from the school. Sometimes sharing second hand information, even with the best of intentions, leads to miscommunication. If you are uncertain about something to do with school, please come and check with the school (website, newsletters, School Office and School staff). Thank you.

School Vision and Developments:

I have had the pleasure of showing a large number of families around the school this term as they make their school choices for September 2019. It is always a lovely opportunity to talk about the school and our ethos; but do you know what Shere School stands for and our aims for the future?

It seems an opportune time for a reminder.

Shere has two key phrases that underpin all that we do in school.

"Roots to grow...Wings to fly" represents our school ethos.

Every child matters at Shere and every child has the opportunity to grow at the centre of a small and loving community. Alongside our Christian values this ethos equips children with the **confidence and self-belief they need to thrive** – their roots to grow.

Shere is a small school but we have big aspirations for our children. All that we do through play, outdoor and heuristic learning is underpinned by academic rigour. We don't believe that children need to be aware or stressed by grades and levels but they are always in our minds as we plan, deliver and assess key curriculum content. Through exciting, memorable and child centred learning experiences we are equipping children with **skills, knowledge and understanding** – their wings to fly.

The second key phrase you may see on documents and on display in the school is: **"A first class education in a small village school"**. This is our vision statement and forms the basis of our strategic direction. We are a reflective school and we are always striving to develop and improve. We think we are well on our way to achieving our vision but as always we value your feedback.

Please find attached our School Development Plan Summary which outlines our aims until 2020. We hope that by working towards and achieving these aims our vision will be fully realised.

Nursery News:

As the nursery goes from strength to strength we continue to reflect and refine our systems. Please work with us as we put new systems in place at drop off and collection; when we make changes it is always from a child-centred view with safeguarding as our highest priority.

I know that many of you are keen for us to offer hot meals for nursery children. Mrs Jupp the School Bursar is meeting with Surrey Commercial Services – our caterers – to discuss this again next week. Because our nursery set up and the service we provide is quite different to the model of a ‘usual Surrey School’ we always struggle when working with the Local Authority or other outside providers. However, we refuse to give up and will get there in the end!

Coats and PE Kits:

As the weather turns and we head into winter please can I remind everyone of the need for appropriate clothing. We were all caught out last this week with the rain and lots of children didn't have coats. **Please ensure your child beings a coat to school every day.** In addition please could we ensure that children in Year One and Two have a pair of trainers and tracksuit bottoms in their PE kit. As always all clothing must be named – many thanks.

PTA NEWS:

Netley House Shopping & Pamper Evening

Look out in book bags early next week for information on who you can expect to be selling at Netley House on 22 November. We have some fantastic stalls where you will be sure to get some Christmas shopping started or finished! The event runs from 7pm-10pm. I have left in the school office 2 sign-up sheets. One is for volunteer help, as you know these events are only possible if I get enough parent helpers to give up some of their time to ensure the event is a success and I am truly grateful for everyone that does so. There are various time slots and specific jobs too! Would love some helps from the Dads too if possible, hopefully as it is an evening this might make it easier.

The second sign-up sheet is for the pamper treatments available on the night. Please feel free to pop in to the office and grab the slot that suits you best. There will be other services available on the night too, all the information is on the sign up sheet.

If anyone fancies providing some canapés for the night then it's something I am also looking for through a donation rather than having to spend PTA money on. Huge thanks in advance to anyone that can cook up a few treats.

If anyone requires any further information on this event then please contact me on claudiabrightman@hotmail.com

Many thanks as always.

Claudia

Best Wishes

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Headteacher