

Shere CE Infant School & 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
Hope

January

3rd
Welcome Back to School
– the Spring Term
begins ☺

10th
Attendance Officer
Check

15th
PTA meeting at the
White Horse in Shere -
7pm.

February

7th
Owls Spectrum Athletics
Children will return to
school at 3.30pm

15th
INSET Day

WB 18th
Half Term

25th
INSET Day

March

7th
Hedgehogs Spectrum
Athletics

Dear Families,

Welcome back one and all to the Spring Term at Shere and a very happy new year to all our families. The children have bounced back to school with lots of wonderful Christmas memories to share. It seems to have been a magical time for so many of you.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your generosity in the form of gifts and kind words which are much appreciated.

PTA:

I have been so encouraged by the number of families that have expressed an interest in helping with the PTA. It seems very likely that a committee can be formed and that roles on this committee can be shared so that they are manageable and sustainable. The benefits to the school of a fully functioning PTA are huge and your support, in whatever form, will make a huge difference for the children at Shere.

I would like to invite all of you to a meeting on **Tuesday 15th January at 7pm** at The White Horse in the village. Our aims at the meeting will be to establish a committee, to set our fundraising targets and to create a diary of key events.

Netley House Proceeds:

Many congratulations and thanks to those involved with our pamper evening at the beautiful Netley House. A grand total of £600 was raised which will be put towards the second phase of our playground project. Phase 2 involves the completion of the canopy outside Fox Class, a new PE shed to store equipment, the removal of old playground markings and the design and application of new ones.

Attendance:

With the attendance officer's visit on the horizon it seems timely to remind you of the importance of good attendance at school. As a parent, you are **legally responsible** for making sure your child attends school regularly.

Missing school is disruptive; it will affect your child's development and attainment. It also has a detrimental impact on other children in the class as the teacher's time is diverted to helping the absent child catch up on their return. **When your child is absent from school everyone is negatively impacted.**

12th
Parent Consultation
Evening

13th
Parent Consultation
Evening

21st
Foxes Spectrum
Athletics

April

5th
Last day of term.

We understand that children do get poorly, especially in the first year at school, but much of the absence at Shere is down to term time holidays. **Whenever possible holidays must be taken during the school holidays.**

If for some unavoidable reason you want to take your child on holiday in term time, you must complete a form requesting permission from the head teacher. This will not be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you take your child on holiday without permission, your child will be taking **unauthorised absence** and you will be **reported** to the education welfare officer who may take legal action.

Shere is a family school and we enjoy working collaboratively with you. We don't wish to be punitive and do all that we can to facilitate and not impinge on family life. However, it is clear that some families are taking holiday where there are no exceptional circumstances and I would like us all to be clear about the impact this will have on all children at the school.

Values:

At Shere we take a holistic view on education, childhood is precious and should not be limited to jumping through hoops for political ends. A broad and balanced curriculum is essential, where educating the heart is as important as educating the mind.

Children are intrinsically fair and kind, with a good sense of right and wrong. Rather than direct we need to guide and nurture our little ones. As they learn about the world around them we can show them the importance of our communal lives and how what we do together and for one another is as important as what we do for ourselves as individuals.

All learning is a collaborative process and values help guide our learning community to work in harmony. I really hope that giving children a feeling of belonging, the knowledge that their voice matters and that their choices have consequences will stay with each of them and guide them through life.

The School Council have taken a look at our values and asked their peers for ideas. They have come up with three values, which will be in focus for a term at a time.

These are:

Autumn Term: Kindness

Spring Term: Hope

Summer Term: Happiness (apparently everyone is happy when the sun shines ☺)

Parent Governor Election:

We have received more nominations for the role of Parent Governor than we have vacancies. Therefore, ballot papers have been issued today. You will find these in book bags with clear instructions as to how these must be completed and returned. Please ensure you check your child's book bag tonight.

The Garden Gang:

Hopefully you have noticed the huge amount of work that went on across the School site on new year's eve. A small group of determined gardeners set to work on a 4 huge piles of wood chippings that were delivered during the holiday. These are now distributed across the trim trail and throughout the school garden. Thank you to those who responded to the Facebook post. I only asked for the loan of some tools and ended up with a wonderful working party.

Before:



After:



Kind Regards,

Vicky Voller
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