



Shere CE Infant School & Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

Our Vision: A first class education in a small village school

Friday 7th December 2018

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**Our value is
Kindness**

Dear Families,

We are racing toward the end of term and the magic of a Christmas spent with family and friends, but there are a few exciting events to look forward to. Below is a summary of the key information you will need to survive until the end of term.

Autumn Term

December

10th
Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Singsong @ 9.30

11th
Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Singsong @ 2pm

12th
KS1 Nativity 2pm

14th
KS1 Nativity 9.30am

14th
Christmas Jumper Day & Father Christmas ☺

18th
School and Nursery Christmas Lunch.

19th
9.30 Church
1.30 End of Term

Early Years Nativity Plays

Reception Class and Fox Cubs Nursery will be performing in the Village Hall on **Monday 10th December at 9.30** and **Tuesday 11th December at 2pm.**

You are welcome to congregate in the Village Hall after drop off on **Monday** rather than waiting in the cold.

Key Stage One-Nativity Plays

Owls and Hedgehogs will be performing in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 12th December at 2pm** and again on **Friday 14th December at 9.30am.**

You are welcome to congregate in the Village Hall after drop off on **Friday** rather than waiting in the cold.

Advent Windows

I hope you have received your map for our Community Advent Project.

It has been so exciting to watch as each window in lit up as we count down to Christmas.

People in the village have made such an effort to create a wonderful event for the children. It would be lovely if you could spend a bit of time searching for the windows and pointing them out to the children.

Maps are available from the School Office and local shops ☺

Father Christmas

Shhh! It's a secret!

Christmas Jumper Day is taking place on **Friday 14th December.** Children should wear their school uniform but can replace their Shere sweater with a snazzy Christmas jumper!

We are expecting a special visitor in the afternoon and the children will receive a small gift.

A donation to the School of **£2** would be gratefully received.

Spring Term

**Our value
will be
Hopefulness**

January

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

10th
Attendance Officer
Check

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

12th
Parent Consultation
Evening

13th
Parent Consultation
Evening

Christmas Lunch

On **Tuesday 18th December**, Mrs Standing and Mrs Luck will be serving a delicious Christmas lunch for children throughout the school.

Last Day of Term

The last day of term for the school and nursery is **Wednesday 19th December; we will break up at 1.30pm. Nursery will break up at 3pm.**

We will be celebrating with an end of term service at St James Church in Shere at **9.30am** – please come and join us as we give thanks.

Nativity at the Cathedral

Year One and Fox Cubs Nursery have made beautiful angels which will be on display at Guildford Cathedral until 7th January. Please do visit or join in their family fun day this weekend.



A note about nativity plays – this year the staff team made the brave decision to let children lead their plays. This means that we haven't taken hours out of curriculum time to rehearse! Our plays this year will reflect the nature of our children; fun loving, honest and from the heart! If you are expecting the West End you will be sorely disappointed, but I really hope you will appreciate that our plays this year have children at their heart and reflect the true spirit of Christmas.

21st

Foxes Spectrum
Athletics

April

5th

Last day of term.

Celebrating Families in all their messiness at St James

Sarah Hutton has asked me to extend this invitation to all families. A Living Nativity photo booth sounds great fun so do go along if you are able.

Living Nativity Photobooth

Put your family in the picture

Saturday 8 December • 10am - 12noon • St James' Church, Shere



Come and have your family photographed in the life-size stable. Costumes provided.
Animals welcome. Café. No need to book! See the results on Sunday 9 December Family Feast@4.30
A weekend celebrating families in all their messiness

Contact: Sarah Hutton curate@parishofshere.com

Finally, I am sad to announce that Claudia has decided to stand down from her post as Chair of the PTA. What a loss this is to us at School; she has been tremendous and has achieved so much. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Claudia during her term, she is always so enthusiastic and has hosted some incredible events. Through her hard work our school environment is enriched to the benefit of everyone in Shere.

This leads me onto an obvious question... what now? Shere School, like all schools, has a desperately tight budget and this does not look like improving in the near future. However uncomfortable I might find asking, fundraising is essential – we simply can't survive without it. I will be writing to you again in the new year in the hope that, together we can find some workable solutions. In the meantime, if you fancy taking your turn on the PTA please speak to me!

A final huge thank you to Claudia and to all those that help regularly and with such enthusiasm for our little school.

Best Wishes

Vicky Voller
Headteacher

