

Shere CE Infant School & Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

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

Friday 15th March 2019

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Our value is
Hope

March

WB: 18th

Head teacher monitoring week.

21st

Foxes Spectrum Athletics

22nd 2.15pm

Holi Celebration

25th

Class photographs with Imago

27th

Southampton University Study

29th

Mother's Day at the Village Hall 2pm

PSC Cinema Night @Shere Village Hall 7.30pm

31st

Mothering Sunday Service at St James. 10am

April

5th

Last day of term. School Finishes at 1.30pm

Dear Families,

There have been some stunning teachable moments over the last two weeks at School. Teachable moments are unplanned opportunities throughout the day where a practitioner (teacher) has the chance to enhance a child's learning (knowledge, skills, behaviours and/or understanding). A teachable moment is not something you can plan for, it is usually a fleeting opportunity that must be sensed and seized by the practitioner.

Here is a great example:



Here is an example of the way the theme of living and non-living things might be taught in a reception class in a school with a different philosophy.

My issues with this approach is that it is adult centred and artificial.

Having observed lessons like this I know that children's conversations will be about who has the glue stick, where are the scissors, where should they stick the pictures and that they have lost their picture of the boat!

Compare the learning above with the observation carried out at Forest School last week.



The children found a dead squirrel at Forest School. In their innocent way they were fascinated, there was no hint of disgust or distress. The following conversation took place.

"He's dead, it's a squirrel. I think he must have fallen from the trees, it was very windy last. Its eye is open but it can't see anymore. Look at those sharp claws; they're for climbing trees. What if they get stuck? When squirrels are on a wobbly branch one leg holds on tight and then they go down down down! They jump into trees. This one tried to make a nest but it fell down. Its tail is moving but that's just the wind. When something dies its heart stops. Let's put some sticks around it so nobody steps on it."

13th

PSC Easter Trail at
Shere School
2.00 – 4.30

I am so struck with this learning; it is deep, meaningful and real. In one 5minute discussion children have discussed life and death, identified animals in their locality and how animas are adapted to a woodland habitiat, demonstrated compassion and care, asked questions and shared an experience.

Gomshall Lane:

The parking and driving problems on Gomshall Lane is much improved; thank you so much for your cooperation. Many of you noticed PC Milford’s visit last week and he is keen to monitor the situation. He made a very good point that when cars are parked on the pavement/ridge opposite the yellow zig-zags children are forced to get out of the car into the road, this is clearly dangerous, and I am pleased to see that this is no longer happening.

One final point, there are still some people walking through the restaurant garden. It is very gracious of Kinghams to accept school parents using their carpark and I’d like us all to try and maintain this goodwill.

Celebrating Holi:

Celebrating Holi has become a wonderful tradition at Shere School and one of my favourite events in the school calendar. Please join us on Friday 22nd March at 2.15 on the school playground. Tushna will be telling the children all about the festival and its origins and then we will celebrate in style with paint throwing!

The playground will be split into two sections, one for nursery and the other for the main school. We have a lot of little two-year olds in nursery this term and ideally, we don’t want them squashed by an overzealous Year 2!

We encourage adults to join in the fun but please be gentle and don’t get over excited 😊 Some children (and adults) don’t like paint near their eyes and mouth, so please don’t throw paint in people’s faces.

Thank you to Tushna for bringing Holi to Shere, what will we do without you next year?!

Parent Consultations:

Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultations this week. I hope that they were useful.

PCS Update:

We have two exciting events coming up, one for the adults and one for the children; I am hopeful that you can distinguish between the two! Joining PCS events is great fun and as easy way to be more involved with the social aspects of Shere School and Nursery.



Tickets for the film night can be booked via the Shere Village Cinema site:
<https://villagecinema.org/>

Thank you Foxes:

Fox Class are beyond excited about their new classroom. It is stunning and I wish I had the budget to do the same in all our classrooms (maybe one day). A heartfelt thank you to the children and staff for making the most of their classroom holiday, its been interesting to watch new friendships develop in this cohesive group of children. We are immensely proud of you!



Finally, a safeguarding reminder. It is vital to remember that we are all part of a culture of safeguarding at Shere School. We must work together to safeguard all children. Should you have any concerns then do not hesitate to get in touch. I attach our safeguarding statement for your information.

Kind Regards,

Vicky Voller
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