

# Shere CE Infant School & Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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## Our value is Responsibility

### May

10<sup>th</sup>

Play Pod Training

WB 13<sup>th</sup>

SATS week for Year 2

14<sup>th</sup>

Play Pod Training and  
Session for Parents After  
School

17<sup>th</sup>

Cranleigh School Mini  
Olympics for Years R  
and 1 (details have been  
sent)

21<sup>st</sup>

New Entrants Meeting  
7pm

27<sup>th</sup>

Half Term

### June

3<sup>rd</sup>

Foxes Height and  
Weight check –  
postponed from previous  
date.

7<sup>th</sup>

PSC Quiz Night at the  
Village Hall 7.30pm

11<sup>th</sup>

New Entrants Stay and  
Play after school  
3.30 – 4.30

## Dear Families,

It has been quite a fortnight since my last letter, with a mock inspection followed rapidly by the real thing. Whilst I am unable as yet to share the result of our Section 8 Ofsted inspection with you I would like to say how very proud I felt of our school last Friday; it was a privilege to welcome Julie (our inspector) and to show case all we do at Shere.

I must also say a huge thank you to the staff, governors, children and families who supported the school in numerous ways. Once the call came on Thursday, part-time staff dropped everything to be here and a full team of governors arrived in my office awaiting instructions. Parents prompted the Facebook community to respond to the Parent View survey whilst others planted the last few flowerpots on the school fence. Highlights of Thursday evening included Ken Mead (governor) hiding some recently discarded resources in the boot of his car, Ed and Amos (more governors) putting up a playhouse and Sarah Norris (teaching assistant) sweeping the playground in the torrential rain!

You may think that this last minute push a little unfair. I disagree. I don't think Ofsted care too much about bark on the playground or some out of place book boxes but I do think they care about a school at the heart of a loving community and once again, you demonstrated this in your thoughts, words and actions. Thank you x

## What is a Section 8 Inspection?

A Section 8 inspection is a one-day Ofsted inspection to check that a school previously judged good remains an effective school. Therefore, as a result of this inspection there can be no grade change. However, the report will provide some useful feedback and we are very much looking forward to reading it.

## Play Pod Developments:



The children really have got to grips with the play-pod this week. The level of creativity is incredible. It is pleasing to see the progression through the school with some of our older children demonstrating some amazing engineering skills. I am so impressed.

12<sup>th</sup>

Holy Trinity Move Up Morning 9.30-12.30

18<sup>th</sup>

Year One Bug Hotels at Albury Vineyard

20<sup>th</sup>

Holy Trinity Move Up Day

New Entrants Activity Session at Shere 9.15 – 11.30

21<sup>st</sup>

Holy Trinity Move Up Day

30<sup>th</sup>

Shere Open Gardens

## July

1<sup>st</sup>

INSET DAY School and Nursery

3<sup>rd</sup>

New Entrants Activity Morning

5<sup>th</sup>

Sports Day at 1.30 followed by PSC BBQ

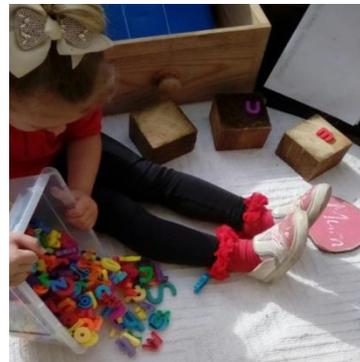
24<sup>th</sup>

Leavers Service at 9.30 St James' End of Term 1.30 (main school) 3pm (nursery).

## Teachable Moments:



This child is a beekeeper in his spare time! He shared all he knows about bees with his classmates, which resulted in some great research and learning about bees, honey and lifecycles. Xavi who told us about his Grandmother and her bees; we went on to create this fantastic bee picture!



This child is enjoying finding out about letters and sounds. She is interested in the shapes of the letters and how they represent the different sounds in cvc words. Here she is creating some words of her own.



Busy adding to a very detailed story map. She is using a combination of pictures and words to share her narrative.



Getting to grips with gardening, using one-handed tools to plant flowers and then taking care of them.

## Year 2 Assessments:

Next week our lovely Owl Class will sit their SATs tests. Many parents came along to our information evening to hear about how the tests are run and the type of questions they will include. To reiterate, we do not put any pressure on our children with regard to SATS, in most cases children will not be aware that they are doing them. Class teachers will be more than happy to discuss these assessments with you in more detail should you wish. Please note that children at Shere do not sit optional tests.

For those parents who could not make the meeting please see the information below.

### Key stage 1 tests – year 2 pupils

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. They may also sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Subject	Test paper
English reading	Short text and questions Long text with separate questions
Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
English grammar, punctuation and spelling (optional test)	Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1.

These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

## Early Years News:

Parents of children in Fox Class and Fox Cubs Nursery will be receiving a new fortnightly update from the Early Years Team. The first of these will be sent next week. We appreciate it can be difficult to sift through this newsletter to find the bits that pertain to Early Years so hopefully this will make communication easier.

Also, please remember that paper copies of the newsletter can be found in the news box by the front gates.

Kind Regards,  
Vicky Voller  
Head teacher  
Shere Infant School and Nursery