

# Shere CE Infant School & Fox Cubs Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

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

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## Autumn Term

## September

27<sup>th</sup>

Year Two Forest School

## October

1<sup>st</sup>

Book Focus

**The Gruffalo's Child**  
(EYFS)

**The Magic Paintbrush**  
(KS1)

2<sup>nd</sup>

Reception Class Forest School starts and will run every Tuesday.

4<sup>th</sup>

Year One Forest School

4<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Forest School starts and will run every Thursday

7<sup>th</sup>

Albury Teas  
2pm – 5pm

8<sup>th</sup>

Attendance Officer  
Register Check

British Schools Fire Safety  
Week

10<sup>th</sup>

National Day of China  
**Parent Governor Forum**  
7pm

11<sup>th</sup>

International Day of the Girl

## Dear Families,

We have had a very productive week in school with lots of exciting learning taking place, thought provoking assemblies, our first forest school sessions and some important visitors.

On Wednesday, the Director of Education at Guildford Diocese visited to discuss our school development plan. This was a really thought provoking meeting and will help us hone our on-going targets and future developments.

## School Council:

This week I have worked with the children to start to build our new School Council. This is a group of children that work with the head teacher and governors to make the school a better place for everyone.

It is so important that children are given a voice in school and that they have an influence in the decisions that are made.

We had a chat about how councils work and the types of skills children would need. The children decided that each class would have two representatives. We also decided on three further roles: Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary – these roles will be filled by children from Year Two:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our new school councillors to you, elected by their peers 😊



Year Two Forest School

14<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Festival at St James

15<sup>th</sup>

The Big Draw  
Y2 Longacre Football Tournament

18<sup>th</sup>

Year One Forest School

17<sup>th</sup> 4.30 – 6.30

Whole School and Nursery Parent Consultation

18<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.30

Whole School and Nursery Parent Consultation

19<sup>th</sup>

Children's Individual Photos

22<sup>nd</sup>

Half Term

29<sup>th</sup>

INSET Day Whole School

30<sup>th</sup>

Back to School

Book Focus  
Room on the Broom

Spooky Mufti Day & Disco  
3 – 5 pm

In the Village Hall  
Children dressing up

## November

1<sup>st</sup>

Year Two Forest School

5<sup>th</sup>

Bonfire Night

7<sup>th</sup>

Diwali

8<sup>th</sup>

Year One Forest School

10<sup>th</sup>

World Science Day



Fox Class and Fox Cubs Reps will be decided on in the next two weeks, once they are a little more settled.

### RED TED

Last year we reviewed our homework policy. As an evidence based school, we were careful to review the available research to guide our decisions. It was clear that homework made very little impact on infant aged children in terms of their academic achievement and progress. We were also very aware of the limited time some families get to spend together and so as a staff we came to the conclusion that children would gain far greater benefits from quality time at home rather than endless homework tasks.

The one exception to our no homework policy is reading. Reading every-day is the one task that will bring huge benefits now and in the future. Therefore, we expect children to read to an adult every day at home. This read should be recorded in their reading diary in positive terms so that we can keep track on how children are getting on.

After half term, we will publish our first Red Ted reading challenge book for all children in the school. The book contains a number of challenges that children can work through during the half term until Christmas. RED TED stands for read every day, talk every day and the challenges promote home reading and dialogue. Red Ted was very well received last year and we are looking forward to running this again with the children.

### School Uniform:

Shere School and Fox Cubs have a clear uniform policy designed to ensure children look smart whilst being dressed practically for our active curriculum. Practical clothes are particularly important in the Foundation Unit (Reception Class and Nursery), because the curriculum for this stage involves active, messy, outdoor play. Whilst it is tempting to want to buy 'traditional school uniform' for your child it really is not in their best interests and can hinder their activity and progress. Our expectations were clearly stated in the transition documents, at the new entrant's meeting and at home visit. **Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.**

#### Foundation Unit Uniform

Red Shere School polo shirt  
Red Shere School sweatshirt  
Black tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts  
Black, navy or grey socks

14<sup>th</sup>  
Bedtime Story &  
Curriculum Evening

15<sup>th</sup>  
Year Two Forest School

16<sup>th</sup>  
Nasal Flu Vaccinations

19<sup>th</sup>  
**Book Focus**  
**There's an Owl in my**  
**Towel (EYFS)**  
**The Owl and the**  
**Pussycat**  
**(KS1)**

21<sup>st</sup>  
Road Safety Week

22<sup>nd</sup>  
Year One Forest School

Netley House Shopping &  
Pamper Evening TBC

29<sup>th</sup>  
Reindeer Run Assembly  
Year Two Forest School

30<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Tree Assembly

## December

3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Book Focus**  
**Stick Man**

6<sup>th</sup>  
Reindeer Run

10<sup>th</sup>  
Early Years (Reception  
and Nursery) Christmas  
Singsong @ 9.30

11<sup>th</sup>  
Early Years (Reception  
and Nursery) Christmas  
Singsong @ 9.30

12<sup>th</sup>  
KS1 Nativity pm

13<sup>th</sup>  
KS1 Nativity am

**Black, navy or grey trainers**  
Forest School (keep in school)  
Wellington boots  
Waterproof trousers

**If you have any queries regarding school uniform please do not hesitate to give me a call or send an email to [head@shere.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@shere.surrey.sch.uk)**

### PTA Update:

Please find below information on the upcoming PTA events that we hope you will all get involved with either by attending or volunteering to help. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible on 10 October at the school parents evening where you can share any ideas you have or thoughts about the school and how we can work together over the next school year.

As well as the dates on this newsletter, there will be more information going in book bags in the lead up to each event as well as Parentmail and Facebook pages.

**Sunday 7 October, 2pm-5pm** – Albury Teas. This is a community run event where Shere School provide all the yummy cakes and refreshments to the hundreds of visitors to Albury Park. We are lucky enough to keep all the profit and for this particular event we are asking for both volunteers on the day and lots of cakes in advance. More information is ready to come out in book bags so please check over the next couple of days.

**Tuesday 30 October – Spooky Mufti Day and Disco (3pm-5pm)** – this will be the first day back after half term and we plan to hit the dressing up season with a 'spooky' mufti day. Anything goes and you can dress up in as little or as much as you want. I believe all the teachers are also getting involved! And then after school we will be holding a disco in the Village Hall which will be suitable for all ages and we will have lots of fun in our outfits, dancing and spooky games! Tickets are priced at £3 per child and parents don't have to attend but are welcome to – but you do need to remember to come and pick them up! More information to follow....

**Thursday 22 November 7pm-10pm – Netley House Shopping & Pamper evening** - I am so pleased this event is back on the calendar! Join us up at Netley house where a host of local businesses will run stalls to help with your Christmas shopping lists, beauty treatments are available including nails and massages. Drinks and canapes are served and it really is a great way to start the festive season as you can finish or, like me, start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a drink with friends. Much more information to follow including who will be there trading and how you can book in your treatments in advance. \*This date is subject to final confirmation from Netley House who we are in discussions with.

**Friday 14 December – 2pm-3pm Father Christmas** - this date has been set aside for Christmas Jumper Day at school and so the PTA decided to jump on the back of this and include a visit from Father Christmas. The children will get the opportunity to visit our grotto and let Santa know what they are hoping for!

14<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Jumper Day &  
Father Christmas ☺

19<sup>th</sup>

9.30 Church  
1.30 End of Term

## Coming up:

7<sup>th</sup> February

Year 2 Spectrum Athletics  
Children will return to  
school at **3.30pm**

7<sup>th</sup> March

Year One Spectrum  
Athletics (am)

21<sup>st</sup> March

Year R Spectrum Athletics  
(am)

As you will see there isn't a Christmas Fair mentioned, this is because we have decided to use the Netley House event instead and rather than people give up a precious Saturday so close to Christmas they can pop in for a drink and mince pie instead. The Christmas Fair went really well last year and whilst we hope all the local businesses who supported it will join us at Netley House, we don't want to put the pressure on the classrooms to clear out so close to the end of term. But as far as Fair's go, this will only make the Summer one even bigger and better! If you are interested in helping on any of the above events or indeed you are a business that may want to sell at the Netley House night, then please do get in touch. I really need as much help as possible this year to make all our hard work worthwhile and that does not mean you have to commit to the whole year but just one or two events would mean so much to me.

Many thanks in advance.

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Current education policy and funding means that all schools are facing huge budget pressures and many are struggling to manage these cuts. As a small school with small classes we are less able to absorb the cuts to our budget than some larger organisations. This means that we rely on the work of the PTA to enable us to provide the children with the very best resources and facilities. **Please support Claudia in her role and in the vital work she carries out for the school.**

We hope that everyone has settled and is enjoying the new academic year. Week three can often be a bit of a challenge, especially for our newest recruits. Coughs and colds make an appearance and the fact you have to come to school all week becomes a reality ☺ Your children might be extra tired and emotional at the moment. Please do not hesitate to talk to one of the team if you are concerned.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher