

# Shere CE Infant School & Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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Our value is  
Hope

## April

29<sup>th</sup>

Children's Play Pod  
Introduction.

Year Two SATs meeting  
3.15pm in Owls Class

Work Experience  
Student from Glebelands  
School at Shere

30<sup>th</sup>

Play Pod Training

Shere School Peer  
Review Day

## May

1<sup>st</sup>

Play Pod Training

6<sup>th</sup>

May Bank Holiday

7<sup>th</sup>

Fox Class Height and  
Weight checks

8<sup>th</sup>

Play Pod Training

10<sup>th</sup>

Play Pod Training

14<sup>th</sup>

Play Pod Training and  
Session for Parents After  
School

## Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new term at Shere Infant School and Nursery. It is lovely to see you all and I do hope that you have had a relaxing Easter Break, the weather was certainly kind to us.

I would like to congratulate the PSC on a brilliant Easter Fun Day. It ran like clockwork and enjoyed by families from Shere and beyond. The new model of small teams for each event is working well, so if you would like to get involved please email [pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk) – it all seems like great fun! My thanks to the Easter Team for organising such a super event.

## Teachable Moments:

Look at these wonderful children and the abundance of learning in just a few short days! Playful learning and following the natural development of the child never fails to produce incredible teachable moments and powerful learning.



Finding different ways of making ten, overseeing work with new pulley system and developing her excellent fine motor skills whilst weaving.



Measuring with great accuracy, singing his song writing creativity and the children enjoy a story with ---- from St James.

Children in Year One will soon be added to our Tapestry assessment system, where these moments are documented, so you will soon be able to see how playful learning is spreading throughout our school.

17<sup>th</sup>

Cranleigh School Mini Olympics

21<sup>st</sup>

New Entrants Meeting  
7pm

27<sup>th</sup>

Half Term

## June

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

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

## The Role of the Practitioner:

Creating a playful learning environment is no easy task and the role of the practitioner is key. At Shere we require all staff to be skilled facilitators of learning. We often use the analogy of a game of Ping-Pong to describe the most effective model of adult interaction.



The child hits the ball to the practitioner (the ball in this case being an idea, question, observation or feeling). The practitioner receives the 'ball'; in doing so, the child is valued and respected as an autonomous learner. The practitioner sends the 'ball' back to the child. This game continues but now as the practitioner returns the ball she does so with a little more challenge each time! In this way learning is moved forward.

## Scrap Play Pod:

The Scrap Store is here and is causing great excitement! Staff received excellent training yesterday afternoon and in a twilight session after school. Feedback so far has been very positive with everyone inspired by this new initiative!

The Pod opens its doors to children on Monday with a training session and mentoring at lunchtime. I cannot wait to see what the children will make of this opportunity and will share the results with you soon. Please note the Play Pod After School Session for parents on **14<sup>th</sup> May**.

## Congratulations to Mrs Hollis!

Huge congratulations to our lovely Mrs Hollis; baby Molly was born at home on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Molly is beautiful and we cannot wait to meet her.

## Congratulations to Mrs Brooks Mathews!

Mrs Brooks Mathews has recently completed her course and is now an accredited Mental Health First Aider. This means that alongside our Drawing and Talking therapy, we can also offer support to families and children in order to promote good mental health for all. Look out for further updates as to how you can access these services for yourself or your child.

## Shere offers a record number of Reception Places in 2019:

We are thrilled to announce that we have offered 29 places for Reception in 2019! This number has risen rapidly from 23 places on Tuesday. This is excellent news for the whole school community as pupil numbers are the key to a sustainable small school. I would like to thank the incredible staff team for helping to grow the school's reputation; children are now joining us from far and wide in order to benefit from our curriculum and ethos! Thanks to many of you who promote our school; many families are coming to us thanks to your recommendations.

24<sup>th</sup>

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

## Nursery and Breakfast Club Invoices:

We have invested in new nursery software to support the office staff with invoicing. This should make the process much simpler. However please be advised that invoices may be issued slightly later this term whilst we transfer to this new system.

## PSC Update:

Dear Family and Friends of Shere,

Welcome back to Summer Term! We want to start off by saying an enormous thank you to the amazing team of parents who planned the Easter Fun Day event on Saturday April 13th. Thanks to: Becky Dougall, Sarah Felix, Lucia Howell, Georgie Kirby, Lucy Steer. And a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make the day a stunning success and to everyone in our community who took part. Unofficially, I am pleased to announce that we raised over £700 for Shere Infant School.

The planning committee is already looking forward to next year, and if you would like to provide feedback, please do not hesitate --

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GTVVHWV> or to [pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk). And speaking of raising funds, I am also excited to share that we raised over £600 (for Shere Infant School) from the cinema night in March.

### So what's up next,

1. The **Quiz Night** is going to be a great evening to welcome new parents to the school community on *Friday June 7th at 7:30 pm* at the Shere Village Hall. (And for those of you who don't love a quiz -- there will be delicious drinks and food, not to mention fantastic company.) Flyers are being distributed and information is available on our facebook page.

2. **Shere Open Gardens** is coming up soon, *Sunday June 30th*, and we will be continuing our participation at this amazing event. We are looking for lots of baked goods and help on the day, even if it is only for thirty minutes. If you are interested in volunteering to coordinate and plan, Zoe Wood is heading up this committee. Feel free to get in touch via [pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk) and we will pass your message on.

The next PSC pub night will be held at the White Horse (Shere) on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. To keep our meeting social: please join us from 7:00 - 7:45 pm for drinks, mingling, and networking. The meeting will commence at 7:45 pm. \*There is no obligation to stay on for the meeting; nor is it obligatory to attend pre-drinks before the meeting.

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We have a great opportunity to host a new after school activity starting after May half-term: a cooking class! Nutritional Ninjas is already very popular at local schools, and we are lucky that they would like to host one of their clubs at Shere. Have a look at this video that highlights what Nutritional Ninjas does and how fantastic it is for kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnAT38UKWuo> . More information will also be posted on our facebook page and a flyer will be distributed via ParentMail next week! If you are interested please get in touch with us ([pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@shere.surrey.sch.uk)) or Nutritional Ninjas directly.

Sincerely,

**The PSC Committee**

Finally, a huge thanks to everyone who is working so hard to support, promote and work in partnership at school at the moment. We really are going places.

Kind Regards,

Vicky Voller

Head teacher

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