

Shere CE Infant School & Nursery

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Roots to grow... wings to fly

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

Early Years Foundation Stage

Date: 17.05.19

May

17th

Cranleigh School
Mini Olympics

21st

New entrants
meeting 7pm

27th

Half Term

June

3rd

Return to school
Reception weight
and height

7th

Quiz Night

11th

New Reception
Stay and Play
3:30 - 4:30

14th

Father's Day Stay
and Play

Dear Families,

Welcome to the very first edition of the Early Years Foundation Stage Parentmail.

At Shere Infant school we have 2 key stages of children the first being Nursery and Reception which is called the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and then Years 1 and 2 are called Key stage 1.

As the nursery and reception classes are growing in size we thought we might trial a more detailed version of parentmail every other week for the EYFS. This will be where you can see at a glance the dates that are specific to the EYFS children but where we can also share with you all the amazing things that are going off in Nursery and Reception. It will also give us a platform to share new ideas and curriculum events in more detail with you as a group of parents.

This is a trial and we would be grateful for your feedback as we do not want to give you so much to read it becomes a chore but equally we want to be able to share as much of what is going off as is possible. At the end of the term we will canvas your thoughts.

As we progress into the summer months please can we ask that all the children have a named hat, come to school with suntan lotion applied and have a named water bottle. Please can we also remind you that as a school we ask for the children to bring water rather than juice in their water bottles. We are also running very low on spare clothes and uniform so we would be very grateful for any donations including underwear especially socks.

The EYFS have kick started our gardening by planting and growing all sorts of goodies. Many thanks to those of you who have so kindly donated plants, pots, soil and canes but we could always find space for lots more.

Father's Day Stay and Play

We would like to invite all dad's or significant male adults to come in and share an afternoon in the EYFS. This will be an afternoon where Reception and Nursery will be open for you to spend some time playing and exploring our provision with your children. If your child is not in on a Friday and you would like to attend then please just let a member of staff know, there will be a sign up sheet out from Monday 10th June. Please ensure you sign up beforehand as we will not be able to allow anyone who shows up on the day as we need to maintain the children's safety at all times.

20th
New Reception
Morning Activity
Session
9:15 - 11:30

30th
Shere Open
Gardens

July

1st
Inset Day
Reception &
Nursery

3rd
New Reception
Morning session
9:15 - 1:00
(Lunch)

5th
Sports Day

12th
Grandparents Day

24th
Last day of term
Reception 1:30
Nursery 3:00

Summer Term 2

After half term we will be focusing on water play, this will give us many opportunities in the outside space to cover all areas of the curriculum. We will be hoping to incorporate a wander to the river at the back of the school and another to the ducks in the village so please look out for the dates in the next EYFS Parentmail as we will need helpers. As always if your child does not attend on these days you are welcome to bring them along but please sign up on the sign up sheet nearer the time and please also be aware that the children will be your responsibility on the day.

Grandparents Day

This will be an opportunity for any grandparents or significant figure to come along and join us for some activities, enjoy an afternoon of play with some refreshments. Please sign up on the sign up sheet that will be available at the beginning of the week, Monday 8th July.

Fox Cubs:

Fox Cubs have been very excited to have their turn with our new Scrap Pod, as you can see from the photographs there was plenty of fun and curiosity with the content. We will be getting our own private use of the scrap pod on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon which we are sure will become a popular activity.



We have also started to plant some seeds and so far have runner beans, peas and sunflowers on the go. We are going to venture into planting some flowers in time for the Shere Open Gardens so any donations and offers of help would be amazing. Please speak to a member of staff.

The children are really enjoying the water play and unfortunately we have had several times where children do not have any spare clothes in their bag which is causing our spare stock to run low. Also if your child is in nappies or is toilet training please could we ask that there is a packet of wet wipes in their bag as we do not have showering facilities in school and wet pants often mean wet legs!!

Some of the children are also starting to bring in lots of their own toys and although we ask for a comforter for those newer children we would like to discourage it for others as we seem to be spending a lot of time looking for missing toys and as you can imagine it is distressing for everyone involved.

Fox Cubs have really been showing us how amazing they are and how fast their learning is progressing in our environment. We have had some lovely conversations about families around our family board, the children love to share their experiences with us and each other. Our outside area is becoming much more established and this affords the children the security and knowledge that these areas will always be there so they can build on play each time they use them. This also allows the practitioners the opportunity to dress these areas for specific activities where they can scaffold each individual child's learning during their play.

Foxes:

Mrs Hollis came in to see us with her new baby Molly this week and the children were delighted to see her. Molly looked divine in her fox outfit and there were plenty of questions to be answered like "What does she drink?" "Do you feed her out of your boobies?" "How old is she?" The children really loved holding her hand and rocking her little chair.

This Tuesday was our first sunny summer forest school outing and although the children had their kit we might need to adjust what they are wearing for the summer months. As this time of year is notorious for ticks and nettles we think it would be wise for the children to either wear long trousers on a Tuesday or have a pair in their bags to be able to change into. We will obviously do our best to ensure the children come home tick free but please could you all be vigilant and aware that ticks are prevalent. Below is a link to how to deal with a tick if your child has one. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

Reception have been busy in the outside area, in particular they have really enjoyed using a real saw to cut wood which is taking their learning to the next level. We are encouraging them to plan, measure and document their models before making them which has proven to be very popular to the point of us now needing some more loose parts. These can be anything like small off cuts of wood, dowelling, screws etc and also objects that might be able to be taken apart to investigate further, so if you have any going spare we would be able to put them to very good use.



Celebration Assembly

Citizens and stars of the week: Theo Weller (star) Oscar Lowe (citizen)

Beatrice Case (star) Louis Doughall (citizen)

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to a fun summer term with lots of activities to share.

Early Years Team