

# Shere CE Infant School & Fox Cubs Nursery

Roots to grow...Wings to fly

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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## January

WB Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Dragons Theme

## WB Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Dragons Theme

Reception Class  
Admission Closing Date

16<sup>th</sup>

Canon Nick Assembly

## WB Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Knights Theme

23<sup>rd</sup>

Sarah Hutton Assembly

## WB Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Knights Theme

29<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Glebelands  
Science Challenge

## February

1<sup>st</sup>

Year 2 Spectrum Sports  
Festival

2<sup>nd</sup>

Main School Joust

5<sup>th</sup>

Tudors Theme

6<sup>th</sup>

Reverend Rosemary  
Assembly

9<sup>th</sup>

Main School trip to  
Hampton Court Palace

12<sup>th</sup>

Half Term

## Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new term at Shere Infant School and Fox Cubs Nursery and a happy new year to all of you. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and would like to thank you all so very much for our cards and gifts.

We have had a very exciting start to Spring Term and to our new and exciting whole school topic. This term we are all finding out about the Crown and the Hawthorn Bush. I am sure you have heard about the mysterious crown that was found on the playground; it was such a surprise when Ms Bailey rushed into assembly on Thursday to tell us what she had found.

The children were then split into mixed aged groups and became historical detectives. We made Tudor Roses, baked Tudor biscuits, created portraits, crafted crowns and took part in some fantastic drama workshops. By the end of Friday we think we had worked out who the crown belonged to, the children had so many questions and were fascinated by the topic.

This excitement and engagement is exactly why we follow whole school topics. Once everyone is buzzing and chatting about our theme learning comes easily and often exceeds even our high expectations. Please find attached a breakdown of this term's topic for your information.

## A Warm Welcome:

A huge welcome to lots of new families who join us this term. We have welcomed lots of nursery children and also children in other year groups throughout the school. It is lovely to feel our family growing and we hope that you will be very happy with us at Shere.

We also welcome two new members of staff to our growing nursery – Miss Sylvester and Mrs Parker have already made a promising start and we are thrilled to have appointed them to our team.

## Safeguarding Update:

Shere School and Fox Cubs Nursery are committed to the safeguarding of all children; safeguarding is our first priority. We firmly believe that the welfare of our children is a community concern and would remind you all that if you should have any worries about a child to talk to a member of staff. The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Shere are myself and Mrs Webb, however all members of staff receive regular safeguarding training and will be able to deal with any concerns you may have.

## Shere School RED TED:

You can't please all of the people all of the time when it comes to homework. Some families will always want as little as possible whilst others will want more and more. So as staff we have decided to take a bit of a stand.

We can't please everyone so over the Autumn Term we took part in professional research to discover what would be best for children. Much of what we read indicated that homework creates a huge amount of stress for staff and indeed for families. Sadly all this stress seems to be for nothing, as time and time again most homework for infant children is shown to have little or no impact on their progress or attainment.

What is proven to have a positive impact is reading and talking to our children at home. Regular reading and talking really does make the biggest difference to children's progress academically and also to their mental health and wellbeing.

<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b> INSET Day</p>	<p>We understand that family time is precious and many families only have small amounts of time for learning at home. With all of this in mind we have come up with a homework strategy for Shere School that will have the biggest impact on learning and make the best use of your time spent at home.</p>
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Back to School Tudors Theme Sarah Hutton Assembly</p>	<p>I am very excited to launch our Shere School RED TED homework challenges. RED TED stands for Read Every Day Talk Every Day and we would like you to do exactly that. We have produced a range of booklets with reading and talking activities that you can work through with your child each day. Once you have completed twenty challenges (one a day) you will be awarded your very own Shere School RED TED!</p>
<p>Parent Consultations 4.30 – 6.30pm</p>	
<p><b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Parent Consultations 3.10 – 5.00pm</p>	<p>And that's where the fun really starts... there are lots more challenges to work through and this time your RED TED can enjoy the activities with you.</p>
<p><b>WB Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b> Tudors Theme</p>	<p>We will be holding a special assembly on Monday to introduce RED TED; booklets will come home on Monday afternoon with further information and guidance. We can't wait to get started and hope you will see the benefit of this new approach.</p>
<p><b>27<sup>th</sup></b> Class Photos Reverend Mike Assembly</p>	<p><b>Traffic and Parking:</b> Standing on the gate each morning has given me a real insight into the traffic chaos along Gomshall Lane each morning. I have witnessed a great deal of road rage from drivers trying to negotiate the school traffic. I have to say that this has never come from parents but from other road users. However maybe we could help to ease the pressure.</p>
<p><b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b> Year One Spectrum Sports</p>	<p>More importantly some parking is putting our children at risk and I have seen a couple of very near misses in the weeks before Christmas. Could I ask that you don't park directly opposite the school fence as children are too tempted to dart across the road rather than wait for you to cross with them. Also please do not block our neighbours drive ways – this just seems a common courtesy to me but it does happen all the time. Equally please do not park in the disabled bay outside the school gates.</p>
<p><b>WB Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Castles Theme</p>	<p>The village car-park is a really convenient resource and is a matter of minutes away. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.</p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Reverend Rosemary</p>	<p><b>Update from PTA:</b> Happy New Year to you all. A massive thanks again to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre, we were delighted to raise £1000 which was fantastic seeing as the weather really went against us on the day!</p>
<p><b>WB Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b> Castles Theme</p>	<p>Please look out in the children's book bags next week as I will be sharing with you all the exciting plans for the playground that are due to happen shortly and future PTA events for your diaries.</p>
<p><b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Canon Nick Assembly</p>	<p>When you receive the information please remember you are always welcome to ask me any questions or share your ideas or concerns about the PTA. <i>Claudia Brightman</i></p>
<p><b>WB Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b> Princesses with Attitude</p>	<p><b>Finally, if you are having a bit of a sort out at home we are in desperate need of spare clothes for children in both nursery and school. Any donations will be put to good use. In addition if your child has borrowed school clothes please could you return them to school or nursery as soon as possible.</b></p>
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<p><b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Church 9.30 End of term @1.30</p>	