



Shears Green Infant School



Vision Statement

*Independent, happy, healthy and confident people.
Developing skills for life long learning in an ever
changing world*

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Front page this week

On behalf of the children and staff at Shears green Infant school we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Our children have once again shown how very talented they all are with their magical Christmas performances. Beautiful singing, graceful dances and fantastic acting.

A huge thank you to my hard working team for creating the great performances of 'Don't wake the baby', 'Born in a stable' and 'The sleepy shepherd'.

And thank you to everyone who came and supported the performances. It was lovely to see you all.

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Choir visit to the Woodville

Congratulations to our choir for a lovely performance at the Woodville. As always their behaviour was exemplary and our thanks go to the parents and staff who supported to make the event happen.

Christmas Fayre

It seems along time ago now but our Christmas Fayre was a huge success. We raised an amazing £1400. Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA from behind the scenes people, set up and shut down people and all those who ran stalls. We will be using the money to continue enriching the children's experiences through things like theatre companies, sporting events and trips.



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Mince pies and bingo

We had the pleasure of spending an afternoon with members of the Chestnuts community. They joined us for mince pies and a couple of games of bingo and they were pleasantly entertained by our lovely choir.



Tea With Santa

Another magical evening with Santa took place at Shears Green Infants this year. Excited children filled our hall as they enjoyed a delicious tea followed by story time and gifts for all! A huge thank you again to the PTFA who made this happen.



Parent Questionnaire feedback

Thank you to the 120 parents who returned the questionnaires. It is always helpful to receive your feedback. Overall the responses were positive with the main areas parents felt we could improve being as follows:

11/120 parents feel they are not informed of their child's progress. (We currently hold two parents evenings per year with a third linked to the end of year report. We send out targets and review them every two terms. We use the contact books, hold Thursday visiting to share work, hold event weeks and exhibitions to share progress and we have an open door policy).

4/120 parents feel uncomfortable with approaching us with a concern. (We currently offer communication through face to face, emails, written correspondence and telephone calls).

5/120 parents feel the homework set is not appropriate. (Homework is not compulsory at this stage and it is parental and child choice how much is completed and engaged with and when).

5/120 parents feel we need to enhance our community contributions. (We currently highlight community links through Harvest / Christmas events / sports events / competitions / extended schools—clubs).

5/120 parents feel their child does not get the opportunity to share their ideas with the school council. (Currently terms 1 and 2 are run with year 1 and 2 children. Terms 3,4,5 and 6 see Reception children join in as they are more settled and familiar with the school).

A more detailed report will be available in January on the website for all to view.

In the meantime we will continue to work on the above areas.

Making our school safer

Over the past year we have reviewed our playtime procedures as well as our conduct around school. With the support of the school council and PTFA we have worked on zoning our playground so the children are occupied at play-times, hence reducing head bumps and incidences. We have also looked at rules around school and behaviour for learning. Our children are supported in learning and understanding positive interactions with each other as well as how to act appropriately in class.

We have enhanced our safeguarding procedures and our staff are trained regularly.

Mayor's Christmas Card winner

Congratulations to Scarlett in year 2 for winning the Mayor's Christmas card competition. Scarlett's winning card can be seen in the reception window.

Well done to Keira for coming second.



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Tyre park

Finally we have had our 'rocket' tyre park installed, thanks to the generous donation from the PTFA. The children have taken it in turns to spend time testing it out. It really has been a hit with the children. A great decision made by the school council following last years playground competition.

Poppy Appeal

We raised £74.93 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Website! This will be live by Friday.
Please take the opportunity to have a look.

Merry Christmas

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Date for the diary

19th Dec - 4th Jan	School Closed
5th Jan	Staff development day
6th Jan	Children return to school
13th Jan	Governors sub committee
5th Feb	Full Governors body meeting
12th Feb	Thursday Visiting
13th Feb	End of Term 3
23rd Feb	Term 4 –children return to school
11th March	Height & Weight checks for Year R Children
12th March	Mother's Day assembly - Year R
13th March	Mother's Day activity - Year 1 & Year 2
16th March	Maths Weeks
19th March	Thursday Visiting
24th March	Parents evening
30th March	Easter Activity day
31st March	Governors Sub committees
1st April	End of Term 4

Please note dates maybe subject to change.

TERM 3	Tuesday 6th Jan - Friday 13th Feb
TERM 4	Monday 23rd Feb - Wednesday 1st April
TERM 5	Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May
TERM 6	Tuesday 2nd June - Wednesday 22nd July

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