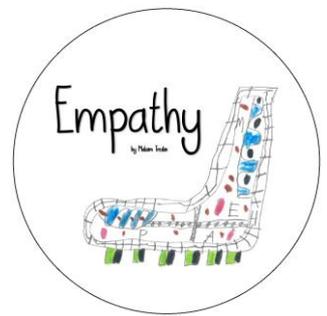




# Shalford News

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent/Teacher consultations this week. Your children are fantastic learners and the teachers really enjoy sharing how we 'enjoy learning together'. If you missed your appointment for any reason or didn't manage to sign up for one, your child's class teacher will catch up with you to arrange one after half term.

Following extensive drainage work last summer I am very pleased to be in a position to renew our playground markings in the main school. I am sure that you will agree that this is long overdue! The School Council have been helping us to plan what these will look like and they have had some great ideas for markings that will help keep everyone active at playtimes. Next week we are having what is left of the existing markings removed and then we will look forward to our bright new playground in March.

You will have seen information in past newsletters about Guildford Community Lottery and the benefits that we as a school get from the community buying tickets. I am pleased to share that Mrs Kiri (mum to Amba in Acorn and George in Ash) won £25 last weekend. If you want to know how to buy tickets follow this link

<https://www.guildfordlottery.org/support/shalford-infant-school-pta>

To keep the Family Learning sessions balanced in terms of numbers of parents, we are bringing back the sign-up sheets. These will go up on the class noticeboards after half term, so please sign up if you intend on coming to Family Learning w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Thank you to everyone who completed the after-school care survey, the results were really useful and pretty positive. The governors and I are now working with Athena Schools Trust to complete the due diligence tasks necessary to ensure that this is a viable option for the school. I will let you know the outcome as soon as I am able to.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes,  
Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates...

Congratulations to...



|       | Headteacher Award | Values Ambassador |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Acorn | Jasper            |                   |
| Oak   | Bea Hales         |                   |
| Ash   | Brandon           | Tilly             |
| Pine  | Isaac             | Flynn             |

## World Book Day

**March 5th** is World Book Day and we have a fun day of book related activities planned for the children, including maths linked to literacy and story sharing. We recognise that as parents, you are often asked to provide costumes and other items for your child so this year we will not be dressing up. Such was the success of our Harvest critters competition in the autumn, each child will be dressing a potato up as their favourite book character instead! We will do this in school and we are inviting each child to bring in the book that their character is from. We will provide the potatoes. Each child will receive a World Book Day voucher.

In addition to our celebrations on March 5th we are also having a visit from local author Rachel Jane on **February 27th**. She is going to spend the day working with each class and at 3pm she will be in the playground (under the shelter if it is raining) selling copies of her book. Do pop along to see her and have a look at her wonderful books.

Mrs Hall, English Leader of Learning



## Important Dates

**17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - HALF TERM WEEK**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Main School INSET DAY**  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Whole School Author Visit  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mar - Family Learning (main school) MATHS  
5<sup>th</sup> Mar - Family Learning (main school) MATHS  
13<sup>th</sup> Mar - 8pm PTA Annual Quiz Night  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar - 2pm Easter Celebration @ St Marys Church  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar - PM PTA Easter Family Fun  
**30<sup>th</sup> Mar - 17<sup>th</sup> Apr - Nursery EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
**6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Apr - School EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
27<sup>th</sup> Apr - Family Learning (main school)  
1<sup>st</sup> May - Family Learning (main school)  
**7<sup>th</sup> May - Main School Closed for Polling**  
**25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM WEEK**  
9<sup>th</sup> June - Family Learning (main school)  
10<sup>th</sup> June - Family Learning (main school)  
12<sup>th</sup> June - PM Whole School Sports Day  
19<sup>th</sup> June - PM Reserve Sports Day  
**20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Main School INSET DAYS**

## Acorn Class Letter of the week...

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## Eco Team Update



Exciting news - our school has been approved to be collectors for TerraCycle. This means we can help to keep hard-to-recycle waste from ending up as litter, in landfill or incineration. Instead, the waste we collect will be turned into new materials and products. In addition to helping the planet, TerraCycle will also give our school a donation for every kilo of waste we collect. See the information attached about the three programmes we're collecting for, and visit <https://www.terracycle.com> to find out more. Our collection bins are just outside the Pine classroom (where the second-hand clothing bins are located). Thank you in advance for participating!

The User Voice and Participation team at Surrey County Council are running a survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. They want to check in with Surrey children and young people and ask about their community, their health and happiness and give them a forum to have their voices heard. If successful they'll run this survey annually to consider the impact of service changes, the differences across the demographics and how the needs of our children may adapt.

We are printing easy read and paper versions, get in touch with [our.voice@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:our.voice@surreycc.gov.uk) if an alternative version of the survey is needed.

Please see links below.

### The OUR voice survey for Primary – 4-11 years

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey-primary/>

### The Big Survey for Looked After Children – 7-17 years.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/7-17-big-survey-2020>