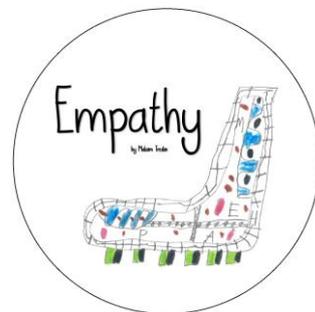




# Shalford News

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Our Inclusion Officer from Surrey County Council is very pleased with our 97.6% overall attendance rate here at Shalford. I would like to thank you as parents for taking on the importance of regular attendance and especially for minimising those holidays in term time. So that you are kept informed of your child's attendance, we send home letters and registration certificates after each half term holiday to all children in the main school classes. Individual letters will be sent out to parents of children with an attendance rate below 90%, which the government regard as 'persistent absentees'. These letters are coming home in book bags today.

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 next week.

The PTA are busy sorting through the pre-loved school uniform looking for small sizes that can be bought by Acorn Class. They will be selling this via the school office. Just to clarify that we do not insist on children wearing logo uniform. Plain sweatshirts and jogging bottoms, as stated in the letter, are absolutely fine. As the children in Acorn Class are able to choose to be outside in all weathers it would be really helpful for them to have a pair of wellington boots or outside shoes that stay at school if possible. Thank you.

Lots of you follow either the school or class twitter accounts to keep up with all the exciting things happening in school. If you aren't following us yet find us at @ShalfordInfants, @ClassAcorn @class\_oak @Ash1Class @class\_pine If you click on the bell icon at the top of the profile page it will send you a notification each time we tweet. This week we have had updates on the progress in the Acorn Class outdoor area as well as lots of photos of the children running pancake races on Shrove Tuesday. It is a great way to see what learning looks like at Shalford and keep up to date with what is happening.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes, Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates...

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Luna	
Oak	Jesse	
Ash	Elizabeth	Brandon
Pine	Charlotte	Rowan

## The School of Kindness

Next week Ash and Pine Classes will be taking part in a Kindness workshop ran by 52 Lives. Here is a message from the charity. Look out for photos on twitter and more information in next week's newsletter.

At the School of Kindness, we believe that kind is the most important thing a child can be. We help to create a culture of kindness in the classroom and encourage children to become courageous advocates for positive change.

The School of Kindness is run by the charity 52 Lives. Our aim is to empower children by helping them to realise that the little choices they make every day have the power to change people's lives and change the world. And the best thing about kindness? It doesn't just help others – it also improves our own physical and mental health.

<https://www.52-lives.org/>



## Important Dates

**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**

### 2020-2021

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - **Whole School INSET DAYS**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> October** - **Whole School INSET DAY**

## World Book Day

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.

Mrs Hall, English Leader of Learning



## 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 in the courtyard (where the second-hand clothing bins are located). Thank you in advance for participating!