



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Just a reminder that I will be hosting an information session for parents regarding our new phonics and reading programme on **Tuesday** after drop off in the school hall. This programme will be implemented in Oak and Ash Class, and for some of the year in Pine Class too. Following next week's meeting I will be sending home a letter plus the slides from the session, containing information for those parents who couldn't make the dates and times. There will be further sessions and workshops throughout the year to help you support your children at home with their phonics and reading.

On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** we will be raising awareness and money for Jeans for Genes Day. Individually, genetic disorders are rare but together they affect 1 in 25 children born in the UK - that's more than 30,000 babies each year. We are inviting all children and adults to pay £1 to wear their jeans on that day. School children will need to wear their school polo shirt, jumper and normal school shoes.

Our first Welcome Wednesday of the year will take place on **19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm**. This is an opportunity for you to come into the classrooms of Oak, Ash and Pine Classes and look through your children's books, look at the classroom displays and talk about your child's learning with your child. These sessions take place on the last Wednesday of every half term (except for December as the last week of term is very busy!). Please note that your child's teacher will not be available to talk to, but if you would like to speak to them you are free to make an appointment for another time

Thank you to Mrs Bolland, mum to Ollie in Ash Class, for her great idea (and donation of Acorns) so that families can, if they so wish, give thanks for the life of the Queen and support the Queen's Green Canopy programme. See the page two of this newsletter for more information.

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Tuesday.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Hugo	William
Oak	Lake	Lulu
Ash	Avi	Edie
Pine	Charlie	Nia

## School Council Elections

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** is Election Day!



Our School Council is made up of four representatives from Ash and Pine Classes.

Next week we will talk to the children about what the school councillor's role is and what they need to do if they would like to be a school councillor.

The candidates all have to give 'election speeches' to their fellow class members before election takes place, just like in a real election. Candidates are also invited to make posters/badges/rosettes etc. to persuade their fellow classmates to vote for them.

Key skills in being a school councillor include the ability to listen to others, accept that your idea might not be the one finally chosen and also to have the confidence to talk in a group and share ideas.

A new School Council is formed during the autumn term every year. The elected members then have the job of representing the views of their classes at our meetings. An election will be held in Oak Class in the spring term, once the class have got to know each other a bit better.

## Important Dates

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept: School Closed: BANK HOLIDAY**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Little Wandle Info Session

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** Jeans for Genes Day

**19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45pm:** Welcome Wednesday

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Individual school photos day

**7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Parent/Teacher Consultation Week

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - INSET DAY**

Plant an acorn from a local 180 year old tree!

Please  
collect after school on Friday from the main courtyard.

Did you know? Oak trees can live to over 1,000 years old and support the most wildlife of any UK tree - more than 2,300 species! It feels fitting that our children can participate in creating such an important legacy which will help combat climate change. UK forests currently absorb 3.8 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e, reduce air pollution and flooding and support people and wildlife adapt to climate change. We need to increase UK forest cover by 6% to meet Net Zero.

Spending time together outside can be cathartic. We hope you enjoy your time completing this challenge - please share on Tuesday how many you manage to snuggle up, tell us of your adventures and share your pictures with us on Twitter.

### Instructions:

1. **Plant as soon as possible** & keep damp until you do
2. Check it's a good'un - green or brown, no insect holes, cap (cupule) comes off easily
3. Find the right location for your treasure - a) plant it direct in **the ground** (>30m from a building & not mown)  
b) nurture seedlings in a pot  
[\[https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/activity/planting-acorns\]](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/activity/planting-acorns)  
c) watch it germinate in a plastic bottle  
[\[https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/grow-it/grow/oak\]](https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/grow-it/grow/oak)
3. Water & wait - your treasure will root over winter & sprout foliage in spring becoming fully established in 3 years



## Guildford Young Carers – Save the Date

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Guildford Young Carers  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
@ Guildford Spectrum Leisure Complex  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10.30-16.30**  
More details in September  
Swimming • Ice Skating • Tenpin Bowling  
and much more...

This is an exciting opportunity for Carers Fun Day is taking place on Saturday 19th November later this year. The day offers families some much needed respite and free activities to keep them entertained which can be a rare opportunity for children (from Year 1 upwards) caring for their siblings, parents or other relatives.

<https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/who-we-help/young-carers-under-18/>