



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA meeting yesterday. Danielle Lillis (mum to Cian in Ash) was re-elected as Chair, Sarah Roberts (mum to Matthew in Pine) was re-elected as Treasurer and Bex Bolland (mum to Ollie in Ash and Jessica in Acorn) was elected as Secretary. Lots of ideas for fundraising were shared, starting with a big one – the Christmas Fair which will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Please pop this date in your diaries!

I know that many of you will feel that your children have missed enough school and nursery days over the past 2 years, but just in case you are looking at planning holidays or breaks away, please take note that schools are only able to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional. All absences that are not exceptional will be recorded as unauthorised. Absence request forms are available from the school office and must be completed before any avoidable absence is taken.

Yesterday we said goodbye to Lauraine Banks, our School Business Manager, who is leaving us to work in a much larger school in Twickenham. We all wish her the best of luck in the next step of her SBM career! Following a successful recruitment process we will be welcoming Anne Allis to our team in the next few weeks.

Lastly, does anyone have an hour or two they can spare to help out with a spot of gardening? School tours for our September 2023 cohort start next month and the raised beds in the front garden could do with a tidy up. First impressions are so important and without a caretaker we are struggling to keep on top of these things. If you or someone you know can spare an hour or two please speak to myself or Miss Brown in the office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Amelie	Sophia
Oak	Caleb	Emily
Ash	Cian	Callie
Pine	Beulah	Darcey

## 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	Guildford Community Lottery
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45pm:</b> Welcome Wednesday  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Nov:</b> Individual school photos day  <b>7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Nov:</b> Parent/Teacher Consultation Week  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec:</b> PTA Christmas Fair  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - INSET DAY</b></p>	<p>The Guildford Community Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Guildford. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit Guildford and its residents.</p> <p>Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a <b>1 in 50</b> chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!</p> <p>Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6-digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!</p>
<p align="center"><b>Is my Child Too Ill for School?</b></p>	
<p>It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they are unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.</p> <p>If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone us or use the Study Bugs app on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason. <a href="#">Get the app or register now</a></p> <p>If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.</p> <p>This NHS <a href="#">website</a> is useful in helping you decide whether they should be in school or not. Please be aware that if your child is absent because they are tired, this will always be recorded as unauthorised.</p>	<p><b>So how does it raise funds for our school? When buying your ticket, you can choose which cause you would like to support. From every £1 ticket sold 50p will go to the school plus 10p will be distributed to other good causes in and around Guildford. To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery only 25% goes to good causes, here it's more than double that.</b></p> <p><b>We are currently on track to raise over £800 for the school via ticket sales this year. School ticket holders are regular winners in the weekly draw. Someone won £250 last year! If you can help boost our fundraising amount and want to find out more, click here <a href="#">Guildford Community Lottery</a></b></p>
	
<p align="center"><b>CAR FREE DAY – 10.00am-4.30pm, Sunday 25 September in Guildford Town Centre</b></p> <p>Experience a traffic-free Guildford town centre on Sunday, 25 September with Guildford Borough Council's second annual <b>Car Free Day</b>. This FREE event will highlight environmental issues such as air pollution, food waste and active travel, whilst giving you the opportunity for a fun-filled day on closed roads.</p> <p>As well as eco information and advice from leading experts, we will have loads of market stalls and yummy food vans. We'll also have amazing free activities including circus skills workshops, a huge 9m climbing wall, fun arts &amp; play sessions, and a chance to try the latest e-bikes and e-skateboards.</p> <p><a href="http://www.guildford.gov.uk/carfreeday2022">www.guildford.gov.uk/carfreeday2022</a></p>	