



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Yesterday we had a visit from three of our Learning Partners Academy Trust trustees. Learning Partners is governed by a board of trustees. The board of trustees provides a strategic overview of the running of the trust, support the executive team and ensures that all schools in the multi-academy trust are well-governed. You can find out more about the trustee board [here](#). The trustees had a tour of the school, followed by a chat with some of our Pine Class children. They asked the children about their learning and what ideas they had for improving the school. One child said that they loved it when 'learning was tricky', which is just lovely to hear as we always say that if learning is easy then they aren't learning anything new! The only thing that the children could think of to improve the school was buying a chocolate fountain! The trustees also commented on how incredible it was to hear such young children talking about the school values so confidently.

Our first Welcome Wednesday of the year will take place next week on **19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm**. This is an opportunity for you to come into the classroom 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!).

During the week commencing **7<sup>th</sup> November** we will be holding Parent Teacher Consultations for all classes. These meetings are an opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing in school and what their next steps in learning are. Following the poll we conducted last week, there was a strong preference for mix of face to face and virtual appointments to be offered. Information will be sent to you via ParentMail next week about how to book a slot.

Thank you to those of you who have donated food items for the North Guildford Food Bank. We are collecting right up until half term, so if you haven't donated yet and are able to you aren't too late. Just a reminder that we have been asked to collect **tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned spaghetti, instant coffee (not decaf), and tomato ketchup**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Alayah	Aiden
Oak	Harry	Jasper
Ash	Ariana	Seth Silver
Pine	Ezra	Beulah

## Can you help?

Next week sees the start of our tours for prospective parents. If you know of any parent who has a child who will be starting school next September, please let them know about our tours.

In the past families who lived outside Shalford often missed out on a place in Oak Class, but figures from Surrey County Council indicate another low birth rate year in the villages which will affect numbers next year, so anyone who is interested in a place should certainly apply!



## Important Dates

19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.45pm: Welcome Wednesday  
24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: Half term holiday  
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> Dec: PTA Christmas Fair  
w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Scholastic Book Fair visiting  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec PM: Pantomime Trip for Oak, Ash & Pine  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Term finishes at 1pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - **INSET DAYS**

Follow us on @ShalfordInfants to keep up with all the activities and news at school.

This is a private account, so only approved followers are able to see content.

Reminders, photos of children learning, there's a lot to keep you informed!

Follow us on  
  
twitter



The Oasis is available to hire for birthday parties at weekends and some school holidays.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in making a booking.

## Clothes Recycling

**Did you know that we take donations of unwanted clothes and shoes? Please place items in a bag and drop them off in our collection bins, which you can find in the courtyard. The school receives money for each full bin, so it's a win for everyone!**

