



Shalford News



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Last year our PTA raised a whopping £6000 which as some of you know is going towards the refurbishment of the library, along with some money we have accessed via the Learning Partners Academy Trust. This week the School Council met to select the final design and so I am delighted to share their selection with you (attached to this newsletter). It will be a woodland theme to tie in all the class names at Shalford. The room will first be redecorated ready for the fitting of the furniture late November. Look out for photos on Twitter!

Many aspects of my role give me job satisfaction, a highlight of my week, for example, is my lunchtime 'Storytime' session where I can share my love of reading and stories with children from Oak, Ash and Pine Class. Is there anything better than sharing a good book?! Another example is supporting and growing leaders at Shalford and so I am very pleased to share with you that Mrs Radley will be taking on the role of Special Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) after half term. Mrs Radley is our intervention teacher and she will be continuing with this role as well as working Monday and Thursday afternoons to lead SEND throughout the school. I know that she is going to do a super job at leading SEND provision and further developing inclusive practice here at Shalford.

It has come to my attention that it is difficult to find red jogging bottoms which form part of our winter PE [uniform](#) and so we have amended our policy to include grey jogging bottoms, I hope that this helps some of you!

Vodafone produce a free annual magazine which is **an online safety guide for families**, providing parents and carers with practical information and advice directly from teachers, other parents/carers and online safety experts on a range of subjects. You can access this resource [here](#). It is never too early to start having conversations with your child about how to stay safe online.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes, Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Austin H	Jess
Oak	Jago	William
Ash	Phoenix	Amlie
Pine	George	Emilia

Our Eco Team Needs You!

Friday 4th November is Election Day! Our Eco Committee is made up of two representatives from Ash, Pine, Oak and Acorn Classes.

We will be talking to the children about what the Eco Committee role is and what they need to do if they would like to be a Eco Committee member.



Candidates are asked to make a poster about why they want to be on the Eco Committee and what they know about the environment and how to protect the planet we live on. They will need to be able to talk about their poster and their ideas to persuade their classmates to vote for them. These can be brought into school from Monday.

Key skills in being on the Eco Committee 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 Eco Committee 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. This year our Eco Committee will be ran and led by one of our parents, Ms Charleen Burton (mum to Blaze in Pine), supported by Sarah Burchard, Community Governor, Lucy Howard (mum to Nia in Pine) and Lara Nicholls (mum to Clemie in Ash). A huge thank you to them for enabling this work to continue.

Important Dates

24th - 28th Oct: Half term holiday
 4th Nov: Individual school photos day
 7th-11th Nov: Parent/Teacher Consultation Week
 9th & 11th Nov 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me
 10th & 11th Nov 9-9.30am: Family Learning
 3rd Dec: PTA Christmas Fair
 w/c 5th Dec: Scholastic Book Fair visiting
 14th Dec PM: Pantomime Trip for Oak, Ash & Pine
 16th Dec: Term finishes at 1pm
 3rd & 4th Jan - **INSET DAYS**
 17th & 19th Jan 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me
 19th & 20th Jan 9-9.30am: Family Learning
 8th Feb 2.45pm: Welcome Wednesday
 27th Feb 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me
 27th & 28th Feb 9-9.30am: Family Learning
 2nd Mar 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me
 26th & 28th Apr 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me
 25th & 26th Apr 9-9.30am: Family Learning
 13th & 14th June 9-9.30am: Family Learning
 14th & 15th June 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

Family Learning & Come and Play with Me

At Shalford we like to offer opportunities for you to find out how we teach different areas of the curriculum. Each half term we throw open the classroom doors and invite parents to come in and experience learning with their child.



These 'Family Learning' sessions usually run throughout the year during the second week of each half term. The first sessions will take place on **Thursday 10th** and **Friday 11th November** from 9am until 9.30am. The focus of these sessions will be 'Maths' so you can see how we teach maths in school.

In Acorn Class we are introducing **Come & Play with Me** sessions instead of Family Learning. This is an opportunity for parents to stay after drop off and play with your child in our indoor and outdoor classrooms. These will take place on **Wednesday 9th** and **Friday 11th November** also from 9am until 9.30am.

In order to accommodate everyone, you will be asked to sign up to one of the days nearer the time. We also ask that younger siblings do not attend. We have found in the past they can be very distracting for the children who are learning and the teachers who are teaching. We know that this will be inconvenient to some people, but we hope you understand.

Half term help!



Supporting children to help with or complete age-appropriate jobs around the house is an important part of child development and promotes many aspects of learning, in particular independence.

Children learn through imitation so having a go at something they see adults completing at home gives children an enormous sense of pride and achievement.

This list gives some suggestions of the types of jobs children can complete and there are plenty of other examples online.

If your child has a go at a new job or helps around the house, please fill in a values leaf. We would love to celebrate their success in assembly after half term.