



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Thank you to parents who have taken the time to feedback to us your thoughts on the implementation of Little Wandle. This has been very positive, with most parents telling us that reading with their child has become less of a chore and a more enjoyable experience as their child is able to access most of the book and read by themselves. We love hearing this and there is definitely less frustration from both parents and children! If you haven't had a look, please do visit the [parent section](#) of the Little Wandle website where you can find resources to help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing the letters. There are also useful videos so you can see how they are taught in school. You can even buy phonics flashcards to use at home to really embed those sounds. These are available via different online stores, just google 'Little Wandle at home flashcards'.

We are now keen to recruit a small group of parent volunteers to hear readers on a weekly basis across all three classes. Regular reading practice is vital to develop fluency and comprehension. If you are interested in helping out, please let the school office know. We will provide specific training to support this.

Can anyone help us with spare clothes? We need socks, trousers and PE joggers / shorts please. What would be even better is that if your child is sent home in borrowed items that they are returned once washed, so could you take a look at home please? Any donations of outgrown items can be dropped off at the office.

Data Collection sheets are coming home today, these are important as they help us to ensure we have the most up to date contact details in case of an emergency. Please return only if there are changes.

Have a lovely weekend, keep safe and have fun at Bonfire and firework displays!

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Reggie	Edward
Oak	Max	Ruby
Ash	Isabelle	Jenny
Pine	Annabel	Alicia

## Bedtime Stories at Shalford

On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, we are hosting a bedtime story session after school from **5pm until 5.30pm for all classes** You are invited to drop your child off (wearing their pyjamas if they wish!) with a cuddly toy and listen to some stories read by their teacher.



Whilst this is happening, there will be a café in the hall where you can chat to other parents and browse our book fair which will be with us all that week.

If you are not able to come along to our café, there will be other times during the week when you will be able to visit the fair with your child - more details to follow. The school will receive a percentage of sales from our book fair so that we are able to purchase new non-fiction books for the library.

Many thanks,

Sarah Hall,

## Important Dates

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  
9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 9-9.30am: Family Learning  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: PTA Christmas Fair  
w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Scholastic Book Fair visiting  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec: 5-5.30pm: Bedtime Stories  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec PM: Pantomime Trip for Oak, Ash & Pine  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Term finishes at 1pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - INSET DAYS  
17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-9.30am: Family Learning  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45pm: Welcome Wednesday  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me  
27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 9-9.30am: Family Learning  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me  
26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Apr 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 9-9.30am: Family Learning  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June 9-9.30am: Family Learning  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

## Primary school admissions are now open!

Primary, infant and junior school admissions for 2023 are now open as of 31st October. Parents and carers with a child who was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 (or a child leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2023) will have until 15 January 2023 to apply for their child's 2023 school place.

Advice about finding the right school for their child, and guidance around the admissions process, can be found in [this Surrey Matters article](#).



## Christmas Star Competition

Once again, we are inviting all children to enter our exciting **Christmas Star Competition**. All they need to do is create and make a Christmas star. The star can be any size and be made out of any material. The star can be flat or 3D and be decorated in whatever way they wish, be imaginative and inventive!



There will also be a prize for the best star from each class. All entries will be used in the decoration of the school. We think they will look fantastic!

Stars can be brought in to school from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and the closing date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Winners will be announced on that day during our special Dress the Christmas Tree assembly. We are really looking forward to seeing your children's creations.



## A message from our PTA

With only one month until our Christmas Fair it is time to ask our wonderful PTA members (you fair folk) to donate to their class collection. Each week there will be a call for specific items to be donated. The class with the greatest number\* of donations will win an extra 5 minutes play time.

To kick things off we're asking for donations towards a **class Hamper raffle prize**. There will be *no* Bottle Tombola this year, so please feel free to use this as your opportunity to pop something sumptuous into your class Hamper. Boxes will be at classroom doors at drop off & pick up.

## Donation Schedule

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - Hamper Donations [Acorn - Red, Oak - Green, Ash - Silver, Pine - Gold]

w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Jolly Jars \*we will be assessing these on quality of decoration rather than quantity

w/c 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Soft toys (clean, good condition)

w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Raffle tickets