



Shalford News



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Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Our Inclusion Officer from Surrey County Council is very pleased with our 96% overall attendance rate here at Shalford. I would like to thank you as parents for taking on the importance of regular attendance and especially for minimising those holidays in term time. So that you are kept informed of your child's attendance, we send home letters and registration certificates after each half term holiday to all children in the main school classes. Individual letters will be sent out to parents of children with an attendance rate below 90%, which the government regard as 'persistent absentees'. Most of the absence is due to illness and holidays and therefore we would expect that as attendance is accumulative that the percentages will increase over the year. These letters are coming home in book bags today.

The School Council have decided that they would like to hold a dress up day on **Friday 18th November** to raise money for Children In Need this year. The theme is '**Wear What You Want**' the School Council are asking everyone to donate £1 if they are able to.

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-bullying week at Shalford. In assembly we will help children to understand the impact of bullying and what to do if they feel they are being bullied. We hope to develop your child's understanding of the difference between bullying and falling out with friends. There is more information for parents overleaf.

We are starting Anti-Bullying Week with an Odd Sock Day! Children are all invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday. Find out more [here](#). **This is not a fundraising event.**

Next Thursday and Friday I will be attending the Learning Partners Trust Headteacher Conference and so there will not be a newsletter. The next newsletter will be on Friday 25th November.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Austin W	Amelie
Oak	Vithush	Ethan
Ash	Rose	Oscar
Pine	Matthew R	Flo

Eco Council in the community

On Thursday the children on the school Eco Council planted an apple tree in the Shalford Community Orchard which is just in front of the Snooty Fox shop.

The apple tree chosen is called Queen Cox. It is an eating apple developed in the 1950s which is believed to have a Surrey connection.

The tree is the last of nine new trees planted in the Shalford Community Orchard this year as part of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. In years to come it will provide food for the community as well as a vital local habitat for insects and small animals.

More photos on the next page...



Important Dates

14th Nov: Odd Sock Day

18th Nov: Wear What You Want Day

3rd Dec: PTA Christmas Fair

w/c 5th Dec: Scholastic Book Fair visiting

7th Dec: 2.45pm Welcome Wednesday

7th Dec: 5-5.30pm: Bedtime Stories

12th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

13th Dec: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance

13th Dec: 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance

14th Dec: 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance

14th Dec PM: Pantomime Trip for Oak, Ash & Pine

15th Dec: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance

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



Anti Bullying Week

Many parents worry about bullying during their child's years at school. In any situation where a group of people are expected to spend long periods in each other's company, it is inevitable that they will not always get along.

Bullying:
See it.
Get help.
Stop it.



Most children will experience a mixture of positive and negative feelings towards their peers throughout their primary education. It is unlikely that they will enjoy the company of everyone in their class and while they should recognise that they do not need to be friends with everyone, it is an important life skill to be able to work alongside people you might not always agree with.

Disagreement and 'falling out' are part of life, and sometimes this means someone's feelings are hurt. Learning how to deal with this is part of growing up and both schools and parents can help teach the skills children need to make this process less painful.

Defining 'bullying'

Bullying is not the same as 'falling out' or being unintentionally hurt through disagreements or accidental actions.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person by another(s), where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.'

Sometimes it can be difficult to judge whether something is bullying or not, but at Shalford we will do everything we can to spot signs of bullying early on and stop it from taking place.

If you suspect your child is being bullied it might be helpful to ask the following questions:

- **Has this happened before?**
- **If it has happened before, how often does it happen?**
- **Do you think the person intended to hurt you?**

If next week raises any issues or concerns, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.