



Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for
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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Next week Christmas will arrive at Shalford as we start rehearsals for performances and our annual Dress the Christmas Tree event will take place. Maurice Mandry are kindly donating our Christmas tree this year. Once term ends on 16th Dec we will no longer require the tree, so if you would like a free Christmas tree, please let the school office know.

This year's KSI (Pine & Ash Class) Christmas performance will be '**Hey Ewe**' and the Early Years (Acorn & Oak Class) Christmas performance will be '**Away in a Manger**'. We are already busy learning the songs. Everyone will play a part and get to dress up. We have many costumes in school, but may need help with some of them. We will send home letters to those parents this affects in the next couple of weeks. Thank you in advance for your help. There are be two performances of each play, babies; they are very welcome to attend on **Tuesday 13th December only please**. Your children will have worked extremely hard on their performances and get easily distracted by noise in the audience.

On **12th December**, we will be having our Christmas Lunch at school. Please log on to Innovate to book your child's Christmas lunch. We are also inviting all children to wear Christmas jumpers on this day to keep things festive!

The PTA are looking forward to welcoming all our families to the **PTA Christmas Fair 11am-2pm Saturday 3rd December**. It's a lovely community event run by all of us. Please show your support and [sign up](#) to a slot on a stall, instructions will be provided. Santa's Grotto will be open **11-1pm**, there's a book fair, second-hand stall and all the fun games you know and love... as well as the all-important face painting, bouncy castle, bbq and bar selling hot chocolate and mulled wine. We will also be providing coffee and **CAKE** - delicious **donations** can be dropped off in the hall on **Friday 2nd**. Thank you!
Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Alayah	Sophia
Oak	Jean	Imogen D
Ash	Seth Stephen	Lucy
Pine	Louie	Ezra

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 28th November and the closing date is **Friday 2nd 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.

Important Dates

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



The Christmas Post box outside Mrs Dutton's office (in Pine Class) and in Acorn Class is now open! Come and post your cards, but please remember to write the name **and class** of the person you are sending it to.

Following Anti Bullying Week, [this tool](#) was written with Kidscape and is designed to give you information about bullying, tips about what to do if you're worried about bullying, the tools to help you talk to your children about bullying.

The new Library – Ta dah!

There was much excitement in school this week when our new library was fitted.

Money from the PTA fundraising activities last year as well as money from the school budget has been used to revamp this space and so we would all like to say a very BIG thank you to every family who attended or took part in a PTA event last year.

Mrs Dutton's Storytime Club had their first session in the library yesterday, the children felt very privileged to be the first to use it, even if it was empty!



Now we just need to refill it with all our lovely books.

Thank you to Mrs McDiarmid who put our name forward to win a £200 book voucher through her workplace. This will be spent on new chapter books for the library. 😊