



Shalford News

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Christmas has definitely arrived at Shalford! This afternoon all the children have taken part in a very special assembly 'Dress the Christmas Tree'. Each child had made a Christmas decoration and during the assembly hung it on the school Christmas tree in the hall. The youngest child, Jess in Acorn, and the eldest child in school, Louie in Pine, then turned on the tree lights. Look out for photos on Twitter, it has been a magical way to start our Christmas celebrations! Thank you to Maurice Mandry in Ottershaw for donating our tree this year. It is beautiful! We would like to 'pay it forward' and pass the tree on to someone else once the term has finished. If you would like the tree, please let me or the office know. We have also judged the Christmas star competition and I am pleased to announce that the winners are

Acorn - William

Oak - Leo

Ash- Amba

Pine- Nia

Overall winner: Matthew R

Matthew's star will sit on top of the Christmas tree in St Mary's Church! All of the entries were superb and we would like to say a big WELL DONE to all the children who took part. It was so hard to judge the competition, there were so many brilliant entries. All the stars are displayed in the school hall and look so festive! Many thanks to the PTA for supplying the prizes.

Thank you for all your kind words and support during what has, to be honest, been a challenging week at school. We are hoping that the heating will be back on at some point towards the end of next week, but I will of course keep you updated on that. Meanwhile each class does have a heater and you are welcome to send your child in with extra layers. Oak Class are coping extremely well in their temporary classroom in the school hall. We hope to be in a position to move them back to their classroom next week, but until further notice, please continue to drop off and pick up from the hall. I would also like to thank the fantastic staff team here at Shalford. I am very privileged to lead a team of people who really do live the Shalford values, it's times like these that we see that in action. They have kept me smiling all week.

See you at the fair tomorrow, best wishes,
Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Archie	Austin H
Oak	Ethan	Noah
Ash	Darcey	Pippa
Pine	Blaze	Elle

Acorn Class Christmas Stay & Play

Acorn Class will be having a special Christmas Stay and Play on **Thursday 15th December at 1pm.**

All children, regardless of which day you attend Nursery are invited to attend.

Due to statutory adult/child ratios, all parents of children who do not usually attend on a Thursday afternoon, must stay for the Stay and Play.

There will be Christmas crafts for you to take part in with your child as well as a Christmas sing along!

Please provide your child with a small Christmas picnic to enjoy at the end of the afternoon.



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
15th Dec: PM - Christmas Parties for all classes
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
8th May: Additional Bank Holiday - School Closed
13th & 14th June 9-9.30am: Family Learning
14th & 15th June 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me

The Scholastic book fair is visiting the Christmas Fair tomorrow and all next week. We will be having 'Books and Brownies' sessions every day when you can come along to browse the book fair and help yourself to a delicious brownie! Don't forget we are also having a Bedtime Stories Session in all classes on **Wednesday 5-5.30pm**. For every book sold we earn commission to buy books for our new library.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sarah Hall



Christmas at Shalford



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.

On **Monday 12th December**, we will be having our annual Christmas lunch. Traditionally we also wear our Christmas jumpers to really get into the spirit of things! So all children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers for the day.

Please wear with school trousers/skirt.