



Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

This term will bring some changes to the Nursery classroom, both indoors and outside. During both the February half term holiday and the Easter holiday we are having some work done to improve these learning environments. The works will include

- Removal of the wooden fencing along the old pre-school path resulting in more space outside
- New raised beds for digging
- A new outdoor sink installed in the outside classroom for children to use in their play
- The removal of the large climbing frame. This will result in more space outside and the ability to free up staff to support children's learning and play rather than supervising the climbing frame for health and safety reasons
- The removal of the large adult sized sink unit in the indoor classroom resulting in more space inside
- Removal of the staff toilet to create indoor storage space
- Redecoration of the children's toilets

Watch out for photos on our school twitter page @ShalfordInfants

We are planning a parent workshop on phonics and reading next half term for Oak and Ash Classes, look out for a poll coming out next week to find out what times work best for the majority of parents. These workshops will focus on what happens during reading practice sessions in the class.

8th February is Welcome Wednesday 2.45 – 3pm. Please do take this opportunity to visit the new library with your child. The transformation has been incredible and all visitors comment on how calm and inviting the space is. The PTA partly funded this refurbishment, so thank you again to everyone who made this happen!

Don't forget to contact the school office to book a parent consultation slot for w/c **6th February**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Nellie	Reggie
Oak	Lulu	Leo
Ash	Edie	Cian
Pine	Fred	Archie

Thank you!

Thanks to your support at last term's book fair we were able to spend over £450 on new books for the new library with the commission we earned. Here are the School Council, who helped to pop them on the shelves. You can continue to support us by buying books via Scholastic, every £1 you spend through their website earns us free books! <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/free-books>



Important Dates	Digital Dependency
<p>3rd Feb: Oak Class School Council Election Day w/c 6th Feb: Parent Consultation Week 7th Feb: Safer Internet Day 8th Feb 2.45pm: Welcome Wednesday 13th - 17th Feb - Half Term Holiday 24th Feb: PTA Quiz 27th Feb 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me 27th & 28th Feb 9-9.30am: Family Learning 1st Mar - Guildford Schs Multi Skills Challenge- Pine 2nd Mar 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me 24th Mar: PTA Easter Eggstavanza 3rd - 14th Apr - Easter Holidays 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 24th June: PTA Summer Fair</p>	<p>Digital Dependency Now and Beyond FREE webinar for grown-ups on 8th February 8pm</p> <p>We are delighted to invite you to join Ian Russell from the Molly Rose Foundation virtually as he hosts a thought provoking and practical session addressing the tough subject of how to navigate conversations between you and your family about their relationships with tech.</p> <p>As part of the Now and Beyond live broadcast lineup, this event aims to equip parents/carers/grown-ups with practical advice and knowledge to empower their children to enjoy healthy relationships with tech and social media. It will help us understand that social media was created using dangerous algorithms and design but that knowledge is power and we can help the next generation to navigate it safely.</p> <p>Speakers include:</p> <p>Carrie Longton - Co-founder of Mumsnet Kai Leighton - 16 year old Beyond youth board member and founder of The Mental Shift Ukaoma Uche - Papyrus Manjit Sareen - co-founder Natterhub</p> <p>Sign up below and submit your questions for our panellists in advance.</p> <p>REGISTER HERE FOR FREE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Lateness</p>	
<p>As a school, we know that lateness can severely affect academic achievement and we therefore monitor punctuality closely. There have been many mornings recently where due to road works many children have been late and we are not referring to those incidents. Outside of those days, there are children who have a pattern of lateness.</p> <p>We know that children that are frequently late for school struggle with confidence as they worry about walking into their classroom without their friends when the learning has begun. Children really benefit from walking into class from the playground with their friends to start their day. Teachers usually teach phonics and reading right at the start of each day so if your child is late, they will be missing this vital bit of teaching.</p> <p>Please remember that gates open at about 8.40am, with classroom doors opening at 8.45am for early work. Registers are taken punctually at 9am and close at 9.20am. Any child arriving between those times will be marked late and if arrival is after 9.30am they are recorded as an unauthorised absence. Please do all you can to ensure that your child has the best possible start to their school day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you.</p>	