



Shalford News

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

As you know we were pleased to invite Ofsted inspectors to our school this week. We had been expecting the phone call for quite some time and so quite frankly, we are all relieved to have got it done! The staff team and I have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from everyone, with so many parents leaving messages to wish us well, as well as gifts of chocolate, cake and biscuits.

These items certainly gave us all a sugar boost during the late nights here at school! It is times like these when we are reminded of the sense of community, what we like to call our Shalford family, that is such a special part of this school. I also must thank you for all your positive comments that inundated our inspectors via Parent View. The lead inspector read some of them out to me during the final meeting and they made me cry (with pride and happiness!).

The visit itself is a chance for us to share what being a child at Shalford is like every day. Leaders spend our time taking inspectors around school, heading into classrooms, looking through books, talking to children before then carrying out a series of meetings that focus on aspects of school life such as safeguarding, curriculum development, SEND, staff well-being, and a million more things. It is quite an intense experience but one that the school has been working towards for quite a while. Ofsted's overall focus is on school improvement and as such they regularly update their frameworks for inspection. What this means is that the areas for focus can change quite significantly from one framework update to another and this means that schools have to work closely with the agency to ensure that they are moving in the right direction and able to sustain their own progress. We were excited to show off our school and all the hard work we put into being the best we can be.

In terms of outcomes, we have been informed that the report should be published within 30 working days (not including half term) of the inspection and once we have received it we will be sending it out to parents. The lead inspector pressed the point that until the report goes through Ofsted's quality assurance process, the grade is not confirmed and therefore must remain confidential. Not even all the staff know the final grade.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes, Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Dakota	Austin H
Oak	Elsie K	Stanley
Ash	Callie	Angelica
Pine	Flo	Jax

Birthday Lunch Reminder

We invite all parents of children in the school to come and have lunch with their child on their birthday. Parents will need to book a lunch the week before the big day via the office so that we have plenty of notice to order the meals. If your child's birthday falls on a weekend or in a school holiday please make sure you book in during the week before or after the event, or after we return to school. We hope that this is an enjoyable way to celebrate with your child.



The price of a school lunch this year is £3.00

I am afraid that we cannot accommodate siblings. Parents only stay for lunch and not for playtime.

Important Dates

13th - 17th Feb - Half Term Holiday

24th Feb 9am: PTA Meeting in the school hall

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 7.30pm: PTA Quiz night

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

A Message From Shalford Cricket Club

Shalford Cricket Club are pleased to announce its inaugural Golf Day, taking place at Milford Golf Club on Sunday 2nd April. We are looking for teams and/or individuals to come along and play in a hugely enjoyable Texas Scramble format, thus making this a fully inclusive team event rather than an individual competition.

The cost of entry is £50 per person (or £200 per team) and includes:

- Coffee and Bacon Rolls on arrival
- Lots of prizes to be won, including Longest Drive, Nearest the Pin and Best Dressed Team!
- Raffle prizes

We are even hoping to live-stream one of the Par 3 holes on the Club's Youtube channel via our Frogbox feed, which would mean you can watch back your magnificent birdie time and time again!!

You can enter either as a team of 4, or else as an individual and we will team you up on the day. Please do circulate this to your friends and family as we would love to see a big turnout; this event is not just for members of Shalford CC. The more the merrier! All proceeds from the day will go to Club funds to help improve our facilities.

And even if you are not a golfer, we would appreciate some assistance to help run the event, so if you can spare an hour or two on the day please do get in touch for more details.

If you would like to be a part of this then please contact Aidan Naude anaude12@yahoo.co.uk for a form before the end of February. For any questions please contact Aidan (07766 700 944).

Imagine Children's Festival at London Southbank

Get ready for London's Southbank Centre's annual festival for children aged 0 – 11 and their grown-ups: 11 days jam-packed with more than 100 events, 50% of which are completely free.

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/w-hats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival>

You can find the very best children's theatre, comedy, music, literature, poetry, dance and, most importantly, full-on fun for families this February half-term.

Imagine Children's Festival is all about unlocking creativity, celebrating the individuality of every child, championing diversity and sparking imaginations.

Join us for performance and dance for under-5s during the week before half-term, including Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's *Tales from Acorn Wood* brought to life on stage.

Half-term highlights include a modern retelling of *Rapunzel* by BalletLORENT, talks by Cressida Cowell and Michael Rosen, the return of *YolanDa's Band Jam*, a daytime rave with the world's youngest DJ, and dinosaurs, magic, astronomy, hip-hop and comedy.

For the older kids, Friday 17 and Saturday 18 February have a special focus on ages 7 – 11, with shows including *Everything Has Changed*, which playfully explores the impact of change.

The festival includes a wide range of free, inclusive and accessible events and activities.

Imagine Children's Festival is a Relaxed festival, meaning that performances have a relaxed approach to noise and movement in the space, and you are free to enter and exit. A chill-out space and noise-cancelling headphones are also available for both adults and children.

