



Shalford News

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Yesterday was World Book Day and rather than dress up and spend money on costumes, this year we have been ensuring that children enjoy and read books instead. On our school Twitter page, over the next week, in celebration of World Book Day, staff are sharing and reading their favourite children's books. We hope you enjoy them! If you don't already follow us on Twitter you can find us by searching for @ShalfordInfants It is a private account so you will need to request to follow us. If your twitter account is not your name, you might like to let us know as we don't let people follow us unless we know who they are.

This week I was lucky enough to be able to take Pine Class to Guildford Spectrum to participate in a multi sports competition against other local schools. We were very proud of how our children competed and performed. They were brilliant ambassadors for our school, showing lots of our values during the afternoon.

Finally, some staffing news. Miss Killen is leaving Shalford today to take up a position at a primary school in Guildford. I know that you will want to join me in wishing her lots of luck in her new role. As you know we are already recruiting for the nursery and I am hopeful that we will be successful when we interview next week. Until then Mrs Marriott and Mrs Hendry (two of our part time members of staff) will be working in Acorn Class. Many of you will have seen that Mrs Robson has become a familiar face in Acorn Class, she will be part of the nursery team for the rest of the year as we have been able to secure some additional funding for children with additional needs.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Isla	Freddie
Oak	Maddie	Lucy
Ash	Jenny	Ariana
Pine	Alicia	Joe

Shalford PTA Needs You!

We have a wonderful opportunity for parents to work more closely in collaboration with the school by helping the PTA into next year. A vital role that supports so many aspects of school life, not just in fund raising, but also in helping to shape activities for children and parents alike. We're at an interesting time, post-COVID, where little communities such as ours need to be replenished and nurtured so that the opportunities afforded to children and parents previously can continue to be evolved and offered to parents moving forward. The PTA is so much more than just a fundraising machine, it is a vital cog in the way the school works. The events and activities are central to building a sense of community and the feeling of belonging that we want everybody to feel, but you can only belong if you join in and all tasks are made easier with more people. We have a very active tiny group of parents but I know they would love to have more parents that want to contribute so that the school can continue to provide laptops, whiteboards, iPads, outdoor equipment, reading books and the like to make their child's experience at school even greater.

Without a PTA committee and the many parents happy to support the team, it will be the children and the school that miss out on activities, a sense of community and resources that improve school life. If you can spare some time or would like to find out more, contact the school office or speak to Mrs Dutton.

Important Dates

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

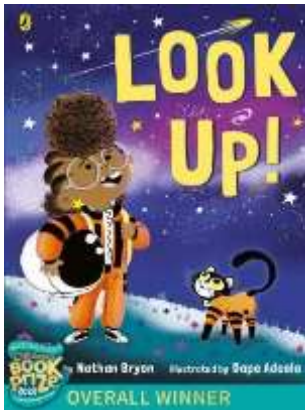
24th June: PTA Summer Fair

National Women's Day

Next week is National Women's Day. We have put together a few books from a suggested list run by PuffinSchools to celebrate this year's theme #EmbraceEquity



The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch



Look Up! By Nathan Bryon



The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Quiz Night? Tell me more...



When? Friday 24th March 7.45pm for an 8pm start (for babysitting logistics, previous quiz nights have all finished late but before midnight)

Where? The School Hall - please access via the front gate

How does it work? Great question! Glad you asked, you're not alone. It turns out we don't have many people who've been to the Quiz Night before... We enter the child-free zone, let our hair down and have some fun. We sit in teams, each team sits around a table, there will be 8 rounds of questions, in between rounds the bar will be open, there will be silly games (£1/entry) and a prize draw. We will provide nibbles but please feel free to bring a spread of nibbles/cheese/dessert for your team, we kindly ask that you buy drinks at the bar (£3/drink) rather than BYO due to the licence we have, the first drink is included in the ticket price.

Who will be in my team? We encourage you to create your own team of 6-10 players (please note team name on the order form) but if you're not sure who to team up with (we're expecting lots of ppl to feel like that), please note which class you'd like to be affiliated with if possible and we'll put you in a friendly team.

How Much? Each ticket is £8 which includes the first drink free and nibbles, please feel free to bring your own food. You can buy up to 10 tickets on the order form if you want to buy for a whole team.

How Do I Pay? There are now three ways to pay! 1) Cash 2) Cheque 3) Bank transfer - details are on the order form.

Sounds Amazing, How Can I Help? Great! There are lots of options, we're sure there's one to suit you. You can be quiz master for a round or two (don't worry we already have the questions, you're just reading them out & 'hosting' the round), you can serve at the bar, you can help set up or clear up, or you can join the organising committee & help sort the ppt, prizes, food & drink. Please let your class rep know which you are going to choose - it takes a village.