



Shalford News

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Shalford Infant School and Nursery



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

I must start with a thank you to those parents who have taken their time to congratulate the school on its recent Ofsted report. As I wrote on Wednesday this week, we are incredibly proud of our school and the effort that goes into making it what it is and it is wonderful to have this recognised. The good judgement is further validation of the direction we're heading in terms of our curriculum development and ensuring a great start for all the children in our care. Myself, my team and the governors make strategic decisions fully focussed on what our children and community need and this result is just one of many quality assurance measures that should give everyone confidence that Shalford is not just a good school, but the right place for children to thrive and succeed.

Please save the date, on **19th April 6-7pm** we are offering all parents the opportunity to attend an NSPCC Online Safety webinar. This parent webinar will focus on core safety messages, parental controls and social media. It is never too early to start having conversations with young children about how to keep themselves safe online. You wouldn't start talking and teaching a child about road safety and how to cross the road until they were old enough to do it by themselves and the same needs to happen with online safety. Please contact the school office to register for the event.

We are currently accepting Nursery applications for September, if you know of any families who might be interested in a place in Acorn Class, please ask them to contact the school office.

Finally, some staffing news. Following a successful recruitment process I am pleased to announce that Mrs Grice will be joining our team on Monday 27th March. This is a temporary role meaning that Mrs Grice, a very experienced nursery manager and teacher, will lead the nursery class for the rest of this academic year. Just to let you know, there are also going to be some changes at the After School Care Club ran by Sports 4 Kids. Miss Young is stepping down from the role and will no longer be working at the club.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Ariyah	Austin W
Oak	Lucy	Fred
Ash	Pippa	Seth St
Pine	Emilia	Freya

Clever Never Goes!

Next week we will be talking and teaching the children in all classes about Clever Never Goes. This is a modern, child friendly alternative to the out dated and fundamentally flawed 'Stranger Danger' message. Rather than fearing the worst in everyone they don't know, Clever Never Goes helps children to recognise specific situations that are unsafe and gives them the tools to respond.

Teaching children simply to avoid strangers doesn't work. Most strangers will help rather than harm children. Conversely, it is often people known to children that pose the greatest threat. That's why we teach Clever Never Goes.

Clever Never Goes teaches children to recognise when someone (anyone) is asking them to go with them. We call this 'Go Spotting'. It's about giving your child practical safety skills and confidence to engage with the outside world.

Attached to this newsletter is a parent leaflet.



