



Shalford News



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,
May is Key Stage One assessment (or better known as SATs) month for Year 2. At Shalford it is very important to us that the assessments are a low-key event for the children, and that they should not feel any pressure throughout the period in which they are carried out. Teachers take small groups wherever possible and have even managed to get the children excited about the prospect. We feel it is important that parents also do not feel any pressure at this time, and we urge you all to carry on as normal – like any other school day.

It is also the time of year that the school business manager and I to start to finalise the school budget for next year and it seems to have come at a relevant moment with the background of industrial action by the NEU. There is no doubt that this current academic year is incredibly tough financially for the school, with the increase in energy prices alongside the inflation pressures being shared across all sectors and next year is going to be another challenging situation. This is why I do support the strikes and although the headlines focus on pay, there are other aspects that focus on funding for schools overall which are so important in order for us to be able to maintain the current provision in place for all children at Shalford.

The School Council met this week and talked about ideas for [The Big Help Out](#). What can the children of Shalford do to help the local community. Edie in Ash Class had the good idea of organising and running a Bake Sale to raise money for the local charity [Shooting Star Children's Hospice](#). We will be holding the Bake Sale on **Friday 19th May**. The School Council are inviting all children to bake and bring something to sell.

The Reception places for September were allocated by Surrey County Council last week and I am really pleased to report that 30 offers were made and we have a waiting list. We have also allocated all the available Nursery places for September and also have a waiting list. This is very good news as each vacant place costs the school valuable funding. We have been very pleased to welcome quite a few new children to Shalford over the last few weeks. Chloe, Elliana and Noah in Acorn, Evan and Yunus in Oak and Fathia and Saleh in Ash Class. They have all begun to settle into our school community and our children are showing their Shalford values by helping them to find out all about our school.

Have a lovely long weekend. Best wishes, Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Josh	Archie
Oak	Jago	Lake
Ash	Oscar	Clemie
Pine	Elle	Seth

Will the sun ever come out?

We are all hoping that the weather will soon start to improve so we thought it would be a good time to remind everyone about how we try to keep your children safe outside in the sunshine.

Please ensure that your child has a sunhat in school every day now, until the end of the school year. Please make sure your child's hat is named, as one does look very much like another!

We also recommend that you apply a long-lasting sunscreen to your child's skin before they come to school as the children do spend time outside every day. Your child is welcome to bring a named bottle of sun cream to school.

Unfortunately, we are not able to apply sunscreen to each child before each activity so please teach your child how to apply the sunscreen themselves.

Our aim is to help children enjoy the sun safely and we thank you for your support



Important Dates

- 5th May:** Shalford Coronation Day
8th May: Additional Bank Holiday - School Closed
19th May: School Council Bake Sale
24th May 2.45pm: Welcome Wednesday
29th May - 2nd June: Half Term Holiday
5th June: INSET DAY - School Closed
5th June: Maths & Science Week
7th June: Class Photo Day
13th & 14th June 9-9.30am: Family Learning
14th & 15th June 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me
16th June PM: Whole School Sports Day
24th June: PTA Summer Fair
26th June: School Diversity Week
12th July 3 - 5pm: Open Afternoon
14th July 1pm: Grandparent's Afternoon
21st July 1pm: End of term

Oasis for Hire!



Our Oasis building is available to hire for children's parties at the weekend. The cost is £16 per hour, including the use of the playground. Please contact the school office if you would like to make a booking.

Online Safety Workshop

Thank you to those of you who attended the Online Safety workshop last week. Here is some information with resources in case you missed it.

Workshop factsheet



Key risks

- Who they're **talking to**
 - This includes grooming and cyberbullying
- What they're **seeing**
 - Innocent searches can lead to not so innocent results
 - Children are often a few clicks away from inappropriate/harmful content
- What they're **'oversharing'**
 - Personal information, location and nude images/videos
 - Remember that when young people share online, it may never be fully private

Signs of online abuse

- Children may not know what's happening to them**, so the signs may not always be obvious
- Sudden, unexplained changes** are usually an indication that something's wrong
- Consider what's **age-appropriate** for your child

A child's experience online

- Remember to focus on what your children are doing online**, not how long they spend online
- The apps and games they're using can be **multi-use** and the risks can lie in these features, eg a game can have chat features and chat apps can have games
- The things children like to do offline are the same as online**, and the same can be applied in keeping them safe

Top tips for staying safe online

- Talk with your child** about online safety
- Explore their favourite apps, sites and games**, and look at the safety features, together
- Make **going online a family activity** where you support each other

Practical advice

- Keeping **younger children** safe online:
 - Supervise what they're doing
 - Check games and videos before they watch and play
 - Turn off autoplay settings
 - Put safety settings on their apps and games
 - Agree rules and boundaries together using the NSPCC family agreement
- Keeping **older children** safe online:
 - Ask them what they like to use online and set these things up safely together
 - Use the latest app challenges, like TikTok dances, as a chance to explore together
 - Watch the Childline's YouTube channel films
 - Be realistic with rules, setting ones which you could follow as well
 - Remind them where they can go for support if something worries or upsets them

Getting support for you and your child

- Share **knowledge** with other parents/carers
 - What apps and games young people use
- Share **tips**
 - How do other parents keep their child safe online?
- Share **supervision**
 - Take turns supervising and supporting your child and their friends when they're online, just like you would if they were at each other's houses

Top tips for talking with your child:

- Always start with the positives.** Ask your child to show you what they like doing online as this will show your child that you care about what they enjoy and don't always focus on the risks
- Make sure they know the basics to stay safe online**, eg how to report and block
- Explore apps and games together** so you understand the apps they like to use and can make them safe to use, together
- Remind them they can always come to you or Childline** for support about anything

Online safety Resources for parents and carers



NSPCC resources

- For guidance on a wide range of topics, visit the NSPCC's online safety pages: nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety
- For practical tips and real-life case studies, watch the NSPCC's parenting online series: youtube.com/user/nspcc
- Use Talk PANTS resources to help you speak to younger children about sexual abuse online, in an age-appropriate way: nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule

Reporting sites

- Contact CEOP if you're concerned about someone making inappropriate or sexual contact with a child online: ceop.police.uk/safety-centre
- Report sexual images and videos of children shared online to the Internet Watch Foundation
- Report anything online which causes someone distress or harm to Report Harmful Content: reportharmfulcontent.com

Resources for children and young people

- They can visit the Childline website for advice and information: childline.org.uk
- Call Childline on 0800 1111 to speak to one of our counsellors about anything worrying them
- Share experiences and get peer support on the Childline message boards: childline.org.uk/get-support/message-boards
- Contact Young Minds crisis messenger (Text YM to 85258) or visit the Young Minds website for advice about mental health: youngminds.org.uk
- Visit Childline's online and mobile safety page to learn how to stay safe online: childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety
- Use the Zipl app to navigate unwanted intimate chats: childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/zipl-app
- Watch films on lots of different topics on Childline's YouTube Channel (aimed at young people aged 13-18): youtube.com/user/childline