



Shalford News

The weekly newsletter for
Shalford Infant School and Nursery



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

I am pleased to tell you after a thorough tendering process that Learning Partners Academy Trust will be welcoming **Cleverchefs** as the new school caterer for all its primary schools, including Shalford. This change will be taking place after the half term holiday and there will be more information to follow regarding booking lunches and allergy menus etc. In the meantime, I can tell you that as I was part of the tendering process I am excited that we will be able to expand the lunch offer to include a daily pasta option and a baguette option as well as the main meal and vegetarian options. Cleverchefs was founded by Nick Collins, a previous 'Masterchef – The Professionals' winner. All of the senior staff in the company are trained chefs and they are passionate about providing good quality food. Attached to this newsletter is an example three week rolling menu. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Next Friday 19th May the School Council are holding a Bake Sale to raise money for the Shooting Star Hospice in Guildford. We are inviting all children to bake at home and bring goodies for the sale. The Bake Sale will take place during the school day and all baked goods will cost 20p. All classes will visit the sale during the afternoon, please send any money in clearly named purses/wallets or envelopes. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

We were pleased to welcome Sara Dawson-Koc into Oak Class today. Our children are showing their Shalford values by helping her to find out all about our school.

Lastly, some date changes. Due to a clash with the Year 1 phonic Check Week, we have made some changes to the Family Learning and Come & Play With Me dates in June. Please see the back of the newsletter for the new dates I would also like to point out and apologise for an error in the dates section of the newsletter. The last day of term is **Thursday 20th July and pick up is at 1pm**. This corresponds with the School Term and Holiday Dates 2023-23 document sent to all parents previously.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Adam	Freddie
Oak	Jasper	Yunus
Ash	Saleh	Rose
Pine	Freya	Eva

The School Day from September 2023

As you are aware the DfE expects that all schools should provide at least 32.5 hours per week for its pupils, by September 2023.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation regarding changing the length of the school day. There were some helpful suggestions and comments. I want to reiterate that we are aware of Tillingbourne Junior School's timings and as stated in my previous letter we tried to engage with other local schools, both infant and junior to come to a shared agreement about how to support parents with siblings at these schools, but this has been difficult and has not resulted in a way forward. Therefore, we have settled on a compromise as suggested by parents (thank you!) and have split the additional 15mins to both ends of the day. From September 2023 the school day will be:

8.40am: The school site open to all parents. **Oak, Ash & Pine Class doors open**

8.45am: **Acorn Class door opens**

8.55am: The school site is closed to parents and registers are taken



3pm: The school site is open to all parents. **Acorn Class are dismissed**

3.10pm: **Oak, Ash & Pine Classes are dismissed**

3.20pm: The school site is closed to parents

There will not be any changes to the length of the Nursery school day.

This is a situation where we cannot please everyone and we acknowledge that this will cause difficulties for some people but we believe that this arrangement will cause the least amount of disruption.

Important Dates	Check Your Child's MMR Vaccine Record
<p> 15th May 8pm: PTA Summer Fair Meeting Online 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 14th & 16th June 9-9.30am: Come & Play with Me 16th June PM: Whole School Sports Day 20th & 21st June 9-9.30am: Family Learning 24th June: PTA Summer Fair 26th June: School Diversity Week 12th July 3 - 5pm: Open Afternoon 14th July 1pm: Grandparents Afternoon 20th July 1pm: End of term </p>	<p>Parents are being asked to check children are fully up to date with their measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccinations by checking their vaccine record in their red book.</p> <p>The UK Health Security Agency have issued a press release urging parents to check children's MMR vaccine records following a rise in measles cases. Most of the cases have been in London, although there have been cases detected across the country and some are linked to travel abroad.</p> <p>Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious complications such as pneumonia, meningitis, and on rare occasions, it can be fatal.</p> <p>The most effective way to prevent and control measles is by achieving high uptake of 2 doses of MMR vaccine, however coverage for the MMR vaccination programme in the UK has fallen to the lowest level in a decade.</p> <p>Measles can be easily passed from person to person and entire communities can rapidly become infected. Having a vaccine also benefits whole communities through "herd immunity". If enough people are vaccinated, it's harder for the disease to spread to those people who cannot have vaccines. For example, people who are ill due to a health condition or have a weakened immune system because of cancer treatment.</p> <p>In Surrey, the most recent Q3 data (October-December 2022) for MMR vaccination in children shows a low uptake of MMR dose 1 of 79.7% at 2 years of age and a combined uptake of MMR dose 1 of 92.6% and MMR dose 2 of 83.1% at 5 years of age. The UK recommendation is for at least 95% of children to receive a first vaccination with the MMR vaccine before age 2 years and a booster before age 5 years to achieve herd immunity and prevent outbreaks.</p> <p><i>If you are not sure if your child has had all their routine vaccinations, check their personal health record (Red Book) or contact the GP surgery. To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine. For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit: www.nhs.uk/vaccinations</i></p>
<p align="center">Shalford Scouts Need You!</p>	
<p>Parent Helpers Needed</p> <p align="center">&</p> <p>Parent Reps Needed</p> <p>We are very lucky that we have active and enthusiastic Beaver & Cub sections, but we need your help to continue to support and grow them. Whether you want to support young people directly or you're more comfortable planning an adventure from the sidelines, we've got a role for you. If you can spare a few hours a month, we'd love to hear from you.</p> <p>Contact anneli@anneli.org, thomson.alex@gmail.com or 07711 501439.</p> <div align="center">   </div>	