



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Those of you who were here last winter will remember the ongoing problems that we had with our boilers. I am very pleased to share that thanks to Learning Partners Academy Trust, we had both of our boilers replaced over the summer holidays. So, we are looking forward to being nice and warm all winter this year! As well as the boiler works, we also had our fire alarm system replaced, again thanks to Learning Partners, and the floor in the Oasis was replaced over the holiday too, it was a busy summer.

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** we will be raising awareness and money for Jeans for Genes Day. Individually, genetic disorders are rare but together they affect 1 in 25 children born in the UK - that's more than 30,000 babies each year. We are inviting all children and adults to pay £1 to wear their jeans on that day. School children will need to wear their school polo shirt, jumper and normal school shoes.

Our first Welcome Wednesday of the year will take place on **18<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm**. This is an opportunity for you to come into the classrooms of Oak, Ash and Pine Classes and look through your children's books, look at the classroom displays and talk about your child's learning with your child. These sessions take place on the last Wednesday of every half term (except for December as the last week of term is very busy!). Please note that your child's teacher will not be available to talk to, but if you would like to speak to them you are free to make an appointment for another time.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they are unwell. Please find attached to this email an information sheet which gives you an overview of our attendance and absence systems and procedures.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Theodor	Chloe
Oak	Rupert	Eva
Ash	Lulu	Luke
Pine	Phoenix	Ariana

## School Council Elections

**Friday 29th September**  
is Election Day!



Our School Council is made up of four representatives from **Ash and Pine Classes**.

Next week we will talk to the children about what the school councillor's role is and what they need to do if they would like to be a school councillor.

The candidates all have to give 'election speeches' to their fellow class members before election takes place, just like in a real election. Candidates are also invited to make posters/badges/rosettes etc. to persuade their fellow classmates to vote for them.

Key skills in being a school councillor include the ability to listen to others, accept that your idea might not be the one finally chosen and also to have the confidence to talk in a group and share ideas.

A new School Council is formed during the autumn term every year. The elected members then have the job of representing the views of their classes at our meetings. An election will be held in Oak Class in the spring term, once the class have got to know each other a bit better.

Important Dates	Shalford Values
<p> <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sept: 6pm</b> Acorn &amp; Oak Curriculum Meetings  <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sept: 7pm</b> Ash &amp; Pine Curriculum Meetings  <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept:</b> Jeans for Genes Day  <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sept: 7.30pm:</b> PTA AGM in the Oasis  <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sept: School Council Elections</b>  <b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b> - Individual school photo day  <b>16<sup>th</sup> Oct:</b> Shalford School History Day  <b>18<sup>th</sup> Oct: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</b>  <b>20<sup>th</sup> Oct: INSET DAY</b>  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: Half term holiday</b>  <b>6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Nov:</b> Parent/Teacher Consultation Week  <b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b> Term finishes at 1pm  <b>20<sup>th</sup> Dec: INSET DAY</b>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> Feb: INSET DAY</b>  <b>27<sup>th</sup> Mar: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</b>  <b>15<sup>th</sup> April: INSET DAY</b>  <b>22<sup>nd</sup> May: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> June: INSET DAY</b> </p>	<p>Our values are right at the heart of who we are, driving what we do and how we do it here at Shalford. We pride ourselves on being a caring school with a positive atmosphere and many visitors to the school have remarked upon this. We explicitly teach the children 11 (5 in nursery) values over the school year. We focus on one specific value each month. In school the children have a values assembly where they listen to stories and discuss what each value means and in addition to this they also have special values lessons in their classroom to allow for smaller group discussion.</p> <p>Last term we reviewed the 11 values for the first time and asked for feedback from children, parents, staff and governors regarding the values. Following this feedback these are the revised values for 2023-24:</p> <p> September: Resilience  October: Respect  November: Kindness  December: Gratitude  January: Cooperation  February: Empathy  March: Tolerance  April: Honesty  May: Courage  June: Responsibility  July: Achievement </p>  
Guildford Book Festival 1 <sup>st</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Vaping & Children
<p>For over 34 years Guildford has hosted an annual Book Festival, with a mission to celebrate great writing and share a love of books with a wide and varied audience.</p> <p>Check out this year's line-up this autumn.</p> <p> <a href="https://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk/family-events">https://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk/family-events</a>  <a href="https://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk/events">https://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk/events</a> </p> 	<p>If you've been out and about this summer enjoying Britain's "wonderful" summer weather, you likely will have seen congregations of school age children accompanied by vape sticks. Within the space of a few years, it has become shockingly common place for those underage to be in the possession of these devices. Often brightly coloured, often sold at off-licences and often flavoured with sweet tastes which seem almost to be designed for children. It is of vital importance that children are well aware of the potential health implications of this new trend. Action for Children have published a <a href="#">webpage</a> on the matter, and it's well worth a read if you have older children and are worried about them vaping.</p>