

Shalford



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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

At Shalford we like to offer opportunities for you to find out how we teach different areas of the curriculum. Each half term we throw open the classroom doors and invite parents to come in and experience learning with your child. These 'Family Learning' sessions run throughout the year during the second week of each half term. The first sessions will take place on **Tuesday 14th** and **Friday 17th** November from 8.55am until 9.30am. The focus of these sessions in Oak, Ash and Pine Classes will be 'Phonics', so you can see how we teach phonics in school. Acorn Class will be having a 'Stay and Play' session. In order to accommodate everyone, you will be asked to sign up to one of the days nearer the time. We also ask that younger siblings do not attend. We have found in the past they can be very distracting for the children who are learning and the teachers who are teaching. We know that

this will be inconvenient to some people, but we hope you understand.

Every year we ask families to donate a food item for our Harvest Table. These donations are then given to the North Guildford Food Bank. As well as being a very valuable local charity, it is important for children to know and understand that there are families living close by who are in need and that it isn't just children who live in faraway developing countries who go hungry. In order to ensure that they have proportionate amounts of all the different items they give to their clients, this year the volunteers who run the foodbank are asking each donator to collect different items. We have been asked to collect tinned fruit, instant coffee (not decaf), custard, washing up liquid and tinned soup. We would be grateful for any donations from this list from Monday. The Harvest Table will be in the hall this year, so you can drop items in at drop off, pick up or drop them into the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support. If you would like to find out more about the food bank visit their website http://northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk/fooddonations/ Thank you in anticipation of your support.

We were pleased to welcome Fred into Pine Class this week. He has already begun to settle in to our school community and our children are showing their Shalford values by helping him to find out all about our school.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Michelle Dutton

	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	George	Dakota
Oak	Kayra	Josh
Ash	Elsie K	Imogen
Pine	Clemie	Olivia

Shalford Celebrates....

## Eco Team

Shalford Infant School is currently an Eco -Schools Green Flag award winner. Last year Shalford Peasmarsh and Chilworth Community Council



passed a Climate Emergency Motion. Despite the limitations we have with the school building and it's listed status we still aspire to make our school more sustainable, increase environmental learning and support our local community's motion.

Last year our successful Eco Team was led by one of our parents, Charlene Burton. Charlene is no longer a parent we are looking for a new coleader to work with one of governors, Sarah Burchard and the children. This role would suit anyone in the local community who is interested in empowering our children to deliver ecoprojects.

The team usually meet once every half term during the school day. If you would like more information about what the role would entail please speak to Mrs Dutton. If you know someone locally who might be interested please encourage them to contact the school office.

We will not be holding an Eco Team Election until we know that this group will definitely be running this year.

Important Dates	What to do if you are in an abusive relationship
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 6.30pm: LP Get into Governance Event	Domestic Abuse is the intentional use of verbal, emotional,
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct: – Individual school photo day	psychological, financial and physical abusive tactics and
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Shalford School History Day	behaviours in order to maintain power and control over and manipulate a partner, ex-partner or family member.
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday	
20th Oct: INSET DAY	Domestic Abuse represents one quarter of all violent crime
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Half term holiday	in the UK. Domestic Abuse is any incident of threatening
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:</b> PTA Mufti Day (wear your own clothes)	behaviour, violence or abuse between adults who are or
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:</b> PTA After School Spooky Cake Sale	have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality.
6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Nov: Parent/Teacher Consultation Week	
14 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9am: Family Learning	It arises from the misuse of power and control by one person over another. It is a series of incidents and behaviours that usually escalate over time. The abuse
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Term finishes at 1pm	
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec: INSET DAY	
15 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am: Family Learning	includes different abusive behaviours that can be used
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday	together or separately over a period of time.
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb: INSET DAY	The abuse may not be constant there may be times where your abuser says s/he is sorry and promises not to do it
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar 9am: Family Learning	
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday	again, they promise to change, they blame stress, anger,
15 <sup>th</sup> April: INSET DAY	alcohol, the children, you. They may buy you gifts, cry and
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> April 9am: Family Learning	beg. These are tactics used to keep you from leaving the
22 <sup>nd</sup> May: 2.45 - 3pm: Welcome Wednesday	relationship in the belief that things will get better.
3 <sup>rd</sup> June: INSET DAY	
18 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June 9am: Family Learning	It is difficult to understand why the person you love, who
Family Learning	says they love you, is abusive to you.
Make Vourself	It is not your fault, you are not to blame. You are not alone. Men and women of all ages, cultures, religions, sexual orientation, from all walks of life can be victims of

## Make Yourself Heard



**01483 898884** Open: Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm

domestic abuse.

South West Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service can help you.

Your call will be answered by a trained Domestic Abuse Support Worker. If they are unable to answer your call please leave a short message with safe contact details and we will ring you back. They also have a 24-hour answerphone which operates outside office hours and also during office hours should they be unable to answer the telephone. If the phone is unanswered please leave a short clear message with safe contact details and they will ring you back. In an emergency, please dial 999

They provide practical help, advice and emotional support as well as information and advice on a wide range of issues which includes civil injunctions, criminal proceedings, housing, benefits, safety planning and the needs of children affected by domestic abuse.