



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Our Inclusion Officer from Surrey County Council is pleased with our 95% overall attendance rate here at Shalford. I would like to thank you as parents for taking on the importance of regular attendance and especially for minimising those holidays in term time. So that you are kept informed of your child's attendance, we send home letters and registration certificates after each half term holiday to all children in the main school classes. Individual letters are sent out to parents of children with an attendance rate below 90%, which the government regard as 'persistent absentees'. Most of the absence is due to illness and holidays and therefore we would expect that, as attendance is accumulative, the percentages will increase over the year.

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-bullying week at Shalford. In assembly we will help children to understand the impact of bullying and what to do if they feel they are being bullied. We hope to develop your child's understanding of the difference between bullying and falling out with friends. There is more information for parents overleaf.

Next Thursday and Friday I will be attending the Learning Partners Trust Headteacher Conference and so there will not be a newsletter. The next newsletter will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Finally, a staffing update. Mrs Demir who works in the nursery team, will be changing from full time to part time from next week. After a successful recruitment process I am pleased to share that Mrs Christine Lancaster will be joining the Shalford team as Mrs Demir's job share partner. Mrs Lancaster will work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Mrs Demir will work Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lancaster to Shalford on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Michelle Dutton

## Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Elliana	Albie
Oak	Luca	Jamie
Ash	Noah	Jasper
Pine	Jenny	Fred

## Are You Interested in a Career in Teaching?

Join the George Abbot SCITT team for our next online information event to find out more and have your questions answered. Please join us on Tuesday 14th

November at 6pm on Zoom; places are bookable via Eventbrite.



We hold these events once a month, further details can be found on our website: [www.georgeabbottraining.co.uk](http://www.georgeabbottraining.co.uk) If you can't join us online, please give us a call 01483 888048 or email us at: [contactscitt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:contactscitt@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk)

Shalford Infant School PTA Presents:

## Christmas Cheer Raffle & Silent Auction

Fantastic prizes, including:

- Four Christmas Hampers
- £75 Giggling Squid Voucher
- Free MOT Voucher from Hubert Garage
- Pair of Harlequin Tickets
- Gymnastics Factory Holiday Camp Vouchers
- Treatment Voucher from Katie's Nails
- Front row tickets for the Shalford Infant Christmas Performance
- And more!

£7 per ticket. Tickets to book here this week; complete the stubs and return along with payment. More tickets available from the school office.

### Silent Auction



We're auctioning our grand prize:  
A Ferrari Cap, signed by Michael Schumacher.

The perfect Christmas gift for any Formula 1 fan.

Reserve price: £50. To bid, email [shalfordpta@gmail.com](mailto:shalfordpta@gmail.com).  
Final bids, 1st December at 12:00pm.

Weekly updates with the current highest bid.

Raffle Draw & Silent Auction results:  
Friday 1st December, 3:45pm.  
Join us for mince pies and refreshments.

Important Dates	Anti-Bullying Week
<p>14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> Nov: CHILDREN IN NEED PJ Dress Up Day</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Dec 3.10pm: PTA Christmas Cheer</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2pm EYFS Christmas Performance</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> Dec PM: Pantomime Trip, Oak, Ash &amp; Pine</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Lunch &amp; Jumper Day</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Term finishes at 1pm</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> Dec: <b>INSET DAY</b></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Feb: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> Feb: <b>INSET DAY</b></p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> Feb &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> Mar: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> April: <b>INSET DAY</b></p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> April 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> May: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> June: <b>INSET DAY</b></p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> June 9am: Family Learning</p>	<div data-bbox="826 152 1540 459"> <p>Many parents worry about bullying during their child's years at school. In any situation where a group of people are expected to spend long periods in each other's company, it is inevitable that they will not always get along.</p>  </div> <p>Most children will experience a mixture of positive and negative feelings towards their peers throughout their primary education. It is unlikely that they will enjoy the company of everyone in their class and while they should recognise that they do not need to be friends with everyone, it is an important life skill to be able to work alongside people you might not always agree with.</p> <p>Disagreement and 'falling out' are part of life, and sometimes this means someone's feelings are hurt. Learning how to deal with this is part of growing up and both schools and parents can help teach the skills children need to make this process less painful.</p>
Festive Family Fun Day	Defining 'bullying'
<p><b>Festive Family Fun Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11am-4pm.</b></p> <p><b>Roll up! Roll up!</b> Get ready for a free Festive Family Fun Day, with lots of activities and magical moments to enjoy across Guildford town centre all for free. With Christmas market stalls, cheeky elves, Bigmouth's Christmas Disco, dance, choir and brass band performances, there's so much to see. There is a fantastic free photo opportunity as their very popular Giant Snow Globe makes a welcome return to Phoenix Court. Check out <a href="http://www.visitsurrey.com/whats-on/guildford-festive-family-fun-day-p2281991">www.visitsurrey.com/whats-on/guildford-festive-family-fun-day-p2281991</a> for full details.</p> 	<p>Bullying is not the same as 'falling out' or being unintentionally hurt through disagreements or accidental actions.</p> <p>The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:</p> <p><i>'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person by another(s), where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.'</i></p> <p>Sometimes it can be difficult to judge whether something is bullying or not, but at Shalford we will do everything we can to spot signs of bullying early on and stop it from taking place.</p> <p>If you suspect your child is being bullied it might be helpful to ask the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Has this happened before?</b></li> <li>• <b>If it has happened before, how often does it happen?</b></li> <li>• <b>Do you think the person intended to hurt you?</b></li> </ul> <p>If next week raises any issues or concerns, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.</p>