



Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for
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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Christmas has definitely arrived at Shalford! This afternoon all the children have taken part in a very special assembly 'Dress the Christmas Tree'. Each child had made a Christmas decoration and during the assembly hung it on the school Christmas tree in the hall. The youngest children, Arthur and George in Acorn, and the eldest child in school, Amba in Pine, then turned on the tree lights. Look out for photos on X (formally known as Twitter), it has been a magical way to start our Christmas celebrations! Thank you to Maurice Mandry in Ottershaw for donating our tree this year. We would like to 'pay it forward' and pass the tree on to someone else once the term has finished. If you would like the tree, please let me or the office know. We have also judged the Christmas star competition and I am pleased to announce that the winners are

Acorn: Orson
Oak: Josephine
Ash: Poppy
Pine: Isabelle
Overall winner: Isla

Isla's star will sit on top of the Christmas tree in St Mary's Church! All of the entries were superb and we would like to say a big WELL DONE to all the children who took part. It was so hard to judge the competition, there were so many brilliant entries. All the stars are displayed in the school hall and look so festive! Many thanks to the PTA for supplying the prizes.

We were pleased to welcome Tia into Oak Class and Zoe into Pine Class this week. They have 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

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Elliott	Orson
Oak	Chester	Luna
Ash	Younus	Lake
Pine	Fred	Amelie

Christmas at Shalford



The Christmas Post box outside Mrs Dutton's office (in Pine Class) and in



Acorn Class is now open! Come and post your cards, but please remember to write the name **and class** of the person you are sending it to.

Our newly formed Eco Committee will be having their first meeting next week. Our theme for the year is waste and what we can do to reduce, reuse and recycle. In an effort to reuse, the eco committee will be running a **Christmas jumper and fancy dress** swap shop after school on **Friday 8th December**. The children would be grateful for any donations of Christmas jumpers (children and adults) or fancy dress outfits (children only!) you no longer need. You will then have the chance to come to the swap shop on **Friday 8th December** to find your child a 'new' jumper or costume they can reuse this year.

Thanks in advance for all your donations (which can be delivered to the school office in advance or donated on the day).

Important Dates	
<p>8th Dec: PTA Mufti Day</p> <p>8th Dec: Eco Team Swap Shop after school</p> <p>12th Dec: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance</p> <p>13th Dec: 9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance</p> <p>13th Dec: 2pm EYFS Christmas Performance</p> <p>14th Dec: 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance</p> <p>15th Dec PM: Pantomime Trip, Oak, Ash & Pine</p> <p>18th Dec PM: Class Christmas Parties</p> <p>19th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day</p> <p>19th Dec: Term finishes at 1pm</p> <p>20th Dec: INSET DAY</p> <p>15th & 18th Jan 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>7th Feb: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>19th Feb: INSET DAY</p> <p>27th Feb & 1st Mar 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>27th Mar: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>15th April: INSET DAY</p> <p>24th & 25th April 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>22nd May: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>3rd June: INSET DAY</p> <p>18th & 21st June 9am: Family Learning</p>	<p>The Guildford Community Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Guildford. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit Guildford and its residents.</p> <p>Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!</p> <p>Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6-digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!</p> <p>So how does it raise funds for our school? When buying your ticket, you can choose which cause you would like to support. From every £1 ticket sold 50p will go to the school plus 10p will be distributed to other good causes in and around Guildford. To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery only 25% goes to good causes, here it's more than double that.</p> <p>We are currently on track to raise over £800 for the school via ticket sales this year. School ticket holders are regular winners in the weekly draw. If you can help boost our fundraising amount and want to find out more, click here Guildford Community Lottery</p>
Message from the Department for Education	
<p>In October 2023 the DfE updated the eligibility checker on childcarechoices.gov.uk, enabling parents to access personalised information on the support available to them, including which of the new transformational childcare offers they will be eligible for depending on the age of their child and earnings.</p> <div data-bbox="443 1339 735 1480">  </div> <p>An additional feature added to the website is a subscribe for updates function, which will give parents the opportunity to sign up for regular newsletters letting them know when they should act to make sure they are getting the support they are entitled to – including information about wraparound for primary school children and when the new 15 hours for two-year-olds becomes available for sign-ups, with the offer beginning in April 2024.</p>	<div data-bbox="826 1400 1544 1581">  </div>