



Shalford News

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Shalford Infant School and Nursery



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Despite the freezing temperatures this week it has been good to get back into the swing of school and back to the routine.

There have been lots of news stories regarding school attendance and we are in the beginning of a big nationwide campaign by the government to ensure that children are attending school. Whatever way you look at this issue, there is no substitute for regular attendance in schools and the research and data supports this with only 40% of children who were persistently absent last year achieving the expected standard at the end of Year 6. Beyond that, we know regular school attendance supports children's friendship and socialisation which has a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing. I am sharing again a [link to the NHS website that helps parents to make decisions around illness and whether you should send a child to school.](#)

Learning letters have been sent out for all classes now, detailing the plans for the forthcoming term and any essential information you need to know. As always, teachers are here to support you, so please get in touch either by email or in person, if you have any questions or queries and we can help!

Next week we are going all high-tech in the office and we will have a new online system for signing visitors as well as children who are late or leaving early in and out. It should be quick and efficient to use but don't feel overwhelmed – there is always someone on hand in the office to help you. If you do have to sign your child in as they arrive after registration has closed or you need to collect them in the day and sign them out, we will direct you to the white iPad at the office window.

We look forward to seeing you at Family Learning next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Finley	Betty
Oak	Isla	Eva
Ash	Maddie	William
Pine	Lyla	Edie

Surrey Family Information Service

The role of the service is to help families get the most out of the information and services available in the community and online. This could be something like helping you find out about local events and activities for your children, or pointing you in the right direction when things aren't going so well and you need a bit of extra support.

The Family Information Service website covers a range of subjects including money, keeping your family safe, childcare and education. You can also visit the Surrey Local Offer website for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) information and help.

You can use the Family Information Directory to find services, support groups, activities, events and more. If you need some extra help you can always get in touch with them through their online form, by email, phone or social media.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families>



Important Dates	Zero Carbon Guildford
<p>15th & 18th Jan 9am: Family Learning w/c 5th Feb – Parent/teacher consultation week 7th Feb: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday 12th – 16th Feb – Half term week 19th Feb: INSET DAY 27th Feb & 1st Mar 9am: Family Learning 27th Mar: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday 15th April: INSET DAY 24th & 25th April 9am: Family Learning 22nd May: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday 3rd June: INSET DAY 18th & 21st June 9am: Family Learning</p>	<p>Why not start the year by booking a FREE energy survey of your home to help identify ways in which you can reduce your fuel bills and your carbon footprint. Our surveyors seek to offer realistic and affordable solutions - it's not about expecting you to pay out for major works to your home.</p> <p>If you have any questions or to book a survey please contact us here: https://www.zerocarbonguildford.org/energy-surveys</p>
<p>Bramley Infant School are looking for a temporary Class Teacher to cover Family Leave. If you are interested please visit Eteach for more information.</p> 	