



Shalford News

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Shalford Infant School and Nursery



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

I hope you were able to join in with one of the Family Learning sessions this week. The children really enjoy you coming into the classroom and hopefully it is helpful for you to see how subjects are taught in school.

Over the last few months we have hosted tours for prospective families looking for their future school. They had all heard what a lovely school Shalford is and came to see for themselves! We are just about to start hosting tours for the nursery intake in September, so please do keep spreading the word about our village school.

Please look out for the ParentMail on Monday regarding booking your appointment for Parent Consultation Week. Parent Consultations are a vital part of sharing information with you so you know how your child is performing, the areas in which they are excelling and also how to support in the areas they find tricky. We'd prefer to see you face-to-face but if you are struggling to find a time on the specific days and times, do contact your class teacher directly and they will be happy to arrange an appointment on an alternate day around drop off or pick up

We are keen to get our gardening club up and running again later this term. This has traditionally been a club that runs at lunchtime for half an hour once a week with a small group of children. We are looking for a couple of parents to run the club each week, people who can bring ideas for activities and someone who will enjoy helping the children learn about growing plants and nature. If you have the time to commit as we head into Spring please let Mrs Dutton know.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in the courtyard in the mornings and please remember that all the staff are here to help and support you; if you have any questions or queries, do come and seek us out.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Jess	Theo D
Oak	Amelie	Olivia
Ash	Poppy	Harry
Pine	Pippa	Ralphie



Shalford PTA News

The PTA are delighted to announce that Chantries & Pewleys estate agents have become the first sponsor of the PTA Website: <https://shalfordpta.com/sponsors>. They've also made a further, fantastic offer - for parents that engage Chantries & Pewleys to assist with a property sale, they will donate **£500** of their fee to the PTA. Just one of these donations would make a HUGE difference to our fundraising - so if you're thinking of moving house, do bear them in mind!

Meanwhile, we have more sponsor slots available for the website. If you know of, own or run any businesses that could be interested, please put them in touch with shalfordptatreasurer@gmail.com

Join the PTA!



Important Dates	Family Learning for Parents & Carers
<p>w/c 5th Feb – Parent/teacher consultation week</p> <p>6th Feb: Safer Internet Day</p> <p>7th Feb: Guildford Schs Multi Skills Event- OAK</p> <p>7th Feb: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>8th Feb: Guildford Schs Multi Skills Event- PINE</p> <p>12th – 16th Feb – Half term week</p> <p>19th Feb: INSET DAY</p> <p>27th Feb & 1st Mar 9am: Family Learning</p> <p>4th Mar: Pine Class Trip to the Rural Life Centre</p> <p>6th Mar: Guildford Schs Multi Skills Event- ASH</p> <p>15th Mar: PTA Quiz Night</p> <p>27th Mar: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday</p> <p>29th Mar – 12th Apr: Easter Holidays</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>27th – 31st May – Half term week</p> <p>3rd June: INSET DAY</p> <p>18th & 21st June 9am: Family Learning</p>	<p>Family Learning courses are free for parents and carers to help you give your child a positive start in life, and to help support your child's learning and development at home and school.</p>  <p>Don't worry if you think you don't know enough about how children are taught or if you didn't do well at school yourself, or you don't understand the English education system.</p> <p>You are who these courses are for!</p> <p>We offer a wide range of online courses and workshops which can help you with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ parenting ▪ wellbeing and managing anxiety ▪ understanding your child's behaviour ▪ getting to grips with maths and phonics ▪ healthy eating ▪ enjoying learning with your child through activities ▪ understanding education in England ▪ English as an additional language (EAL). <p>You can explore the courses by subject in the sections here and enrol by clicking on the relevant 'Enrol on a course today' button. Or you can get in touch by emailing family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk</p>
<p>Children's Wellbeing</p> <p>Promoting children's wellbeing is a key part of keeping them safe, helping them to develop and ensuring that they have positive outcomes into adulthood. Mental health plays a key role in a child's overall wellbeing and can be affected by various factors. This article by the NSPCC is useful if you would like to explore this further. Here are some activities related to feelings:</p> <p>Relaxation activities for young people</p> <p>Emotional wheel to help children of all ages to talk about their feelings</p> <p>Guided relaxation</p> <p>Techniques to help younger children to keep calm</p> <p>Self-care kit</p> <p>Sentence starters to help children talk about how they are feeling</p> <p>Good sleep hygiene for children</p> 	<p>Surrey connect: on demand bus service</p> <p>This is a digital on demand bus service, known as a Digital Demand Responsive Transport (DDRT) solution, that is available in Surrey for everyone.</p> <p>It is a safe and reliable bus sharing service that will connect you to your local community. This may be particularly useful for those families who do not have a car.</p> <p>https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/community-transport/surrey-connect</p> 