



Shalford News

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Shalford Infant School and Nursery



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

It was a pleasure to drive to school in the early morning light today; my route takes me from through Busbridge Lakes and behind Bramley. With the light coming up over the green fields and trees it reminded me how much I've missed the sunlight and how the world just keeps on turning. In that vein, I wanted to drop in a few reminders to my newsletter today that are all simple things that everyone in the most part will be aware of, but hopefully will help the course of the rest of the school year run smoothly.

Remember that we open class doors at 0840 for Oak, Ash and Pine, and 08.45 for Acorn. This provides a 15 min window until the register is taken for children in the main school to partake in early morning activities that help to start the day right. Swooping in at the last minute, means the children miss out on this valuable time but also can be quite disruptive to the whole class. Aiming to be here early, gives children a much better start to the day and allows them some all-important social time. All the children are expected to be in school by 8.55am and we close the front door and back gate promptly. Children arriving after this time are marked as 'late' in the register.

Please can I remind parents to take time to look at the school uniform [policy](#) - we seem to be having various items turn up that are not part of our uniform. Boots are not school shoes and we do request that you send children to school in the correct footwear. If they need to wear boots due to the treacherous terrain on the way, then perhaps a pair of shoes in their bag or ones kept at school to get changed into would be best. Hair is also beginning to cause a few issues - any long hair **MUST** be tied up and bows and hair bands must be discreet and small and preferably in school red colours

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. Children are allowed to wear watches in all year groups. Please do not allow your child to wear a "smart" watch or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone or PC. Slimline Fitbits may be worn, but should be removed for PE. Children with pierced ears should wear "sleepers" or small studs only - these are less likely to cause injury to the wearer or others. Earrings cannot be worn or covered with tape during any PE activity. Children will need to remove the earrings themselves. Please note that staff are not allowed to remove or replace earrings for children.

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes, Michelle Dutton

Shalford Celebrates....

Congratulations to...





	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Albie	William
Oak	Josephine	Tristram
Ash	Jago	Lulu
Pine	Olive	Maja

Talk for Writing

We use the ['Talk for Writing'](#) approach at Shalford to teach early writing and writing across the whole school. It is powerful because it is based on the principles of how children learn. It enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version. This week Acorn Class have been learning the story 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. They have learnt the words and actions using a text map. They plotted out the story from the beginning to the end on a 'story road'. They then used this to help them retell the story.



Important Dates	Working Parents Entitlement
<p> w/c 5th Feb – Parent/teacher consultation week 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day 7th Feb: Guildford Schs Multi Skills Event- OAK 7th Feb: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday 8th Feb: Guildford Schs Multi Skills Event- PINE 12th – 16th Feb – Half term week 19th Feb: INSET DAY 27th Feb & 1st Mar 9am: Family Learning 4th Mar: Pine Class Trip to the Rural Life Centre 6th Mar: Guildford Schs Multi Skills Event- ASH 15th Mar: PTA Quiz Night 27th Mar: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday 29th Mar – 12th Apr: Easter Holidays 15th April: INSET DAY 24th & 25th April 9am: Family Learning 22nd May: 2.45 – 3pm: Welcome Wednesday 27th – 31st May – Half term week 3rd June: INSET DAY 18th & 21st June 9am: Family Learning </p>	<p>Working families who meet the eligibility criteria can claim up to 30 hours of childcare per week. Currently this entitlement is available for 3 to 4 year olds who meet the criteria, however from April 2024 this will be expanded as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) from the term after their child's 2nd birthday. <p>To use your working parents entitlement from April 2024 you need to apply for your eligibility code by 31 March 2024 (recommended time to apply is between 15 January - 28 February 2024).</p> <p>Applications must be made through the HMRC's Childcare Choices website. If you already have a tax-free childcare account, your code will be generated at your next re-confirmation prior to the 31 March 2024. If you're unable to apply online or have any problems with the application process, please contact HMRC's Childcare Service Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097 for support.</p> <p>Please remember you need to renew your code every 3 months to continue claiming the funding.</p> <p>For more information head to the Surrey Family Information Service Website here.</p> <div data-bbox="839 1547 1501 1872">  <p>get funded childcare for 2, 3 and 4 year olds</p> <p>15 and 30 hours a week funded childcare places offered here</p> <p>surreycc.gov.uk/fundedchildcare</p> </div>
 <p>At Shalford Infant & Nursery School, our exceptional staff aim to provide a safe, happy, varied and stimulating environment where your child will thrive. We offer your child the opportunity to learn and explore using a wide range of activities and equipment covering all aspects of the early years curriculum, providing the best possible foundations for their future.</p> <p>Our setting is in a large, light and airy classroom with a bespoke outdoor area where your child can play, explore and learn all year round, bringing the outdoors in.</p> <p>We are able to take children for 30 hour and 15 hour sessions, all of which offer a nurturing and exciting learning environment.</p> <p>Contact the school office for further information.</p> <p>✉ info@shalford.surrey.sch.uk ☎ 01483 562143</p>	