



# Shalford News



The weekly newsletter for  
Shalford Infant School and Nursery

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Once again, we have been kindly invited to celebrate Harvest at St. Mary's Church. The service will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm**. We are delighted that Acorn Class will be joining us this year. If your child does not usually attend nursery on Thursdays, but you would like them to take part they would be very welcome.

All parents and families are welcome to attend; the service will be led both by the children. If you are able to help walk the children from school to the church for the service, please let your child's class teacher know. All children will need to be collected from the church on that day. Children attending clubs will be walked back to school by school staff.

PiP (Parents in Partnership) is Shalford's version of a PTA. PiP's AGM is on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** at 8pm in the Oasis (entry via the back gate on Tillingbourne Road). Come along and find out how our valuable and hardworking volunteers raise lots of much needed money for the school, as well as having a natter and a glass of wine. Everyone is welcome, particularly parents from the nursery.

Next Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> October we are holding our Eco Team Elections; this will follow the same process as the School Council Elections. We will be talking to the children about what this role involves in assembly next week.

For those of you who were here last year, you will know that we trialled sending the weekly newsletter out on a Monday rather than a Friday. Having had some feedback and trying it for a while, we will be reverting back to **FRIDAYS**. The next newsletter will be **4<sup>th</sup> October**.

Kind regards,

Michelle Dutton

## We are nut free!

Congratulations to...



	Headteacher Award	Values Ambassador
Acorn	Clemencie	
Oak	Tadhg	
Ash	Ffion	
Pine	Sienna	

## School Council Elections

**THIS FRIDAY** is Election Day! Our School Council is made up of four representatives from Ash and Pine Classes.



We will be talking to the children about what the school councillor's role is and what they need to do if they would like to be a school councillor in assembly early next week.

The candidates all have to give 'election speeches' to their fellow class members before election takes place on Friday, just like in a real election. Candidates are also invited to make posters/badges/rosettes etc. to persuade their fellow classmates to vote for them. These can be brought into school from Monday.

Key skills in being a school councillor include the ability to listen to others, accept that your idea might not be the one finally chosen and also to have the confidence to talk in a group and share ideas.

A new School Council is formed during the autumn term every year. The elected members then have the job of representing the views of their classes at our meetings. An election will be held in Oak Class in the spring term, once the class have got to know each other a bit better.

Important Dates	PiP News
<p> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - 8pm - PiP AGM in the Oasis</b>  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - 2.45pm Welcome Wednesday</b>  <b>24<sup>th</sup> Oct - 2.15pm Harvest Festival</b>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Main School INSET DAY</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - HALF TERM WEEK</b>            6<sup>th</sup> Nov - School photos            13<sup>th</sup> Nov - 2-5pm Parent/Teacher Consultations            14<sup>th</sup> Nov - 5.30-7.30pm Parent/Teacher Consultations            18<sup>th</sup> Nov - 9-9.30am - Family Learning            22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - 9-9.30am - Family Learning            20<sup>th</sup> Dec - END OF TERM SCH FINISHES at 1PM  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>  <b>17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - HALF TERM WEEK</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Apr - Main School INSET DAY</b>  <b>30<sup>th</sup> Mar - 17<sup>th</sup> Apr - Nursery EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>  <b>6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Apr - School EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM WEEK</b>  <b>20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Main School INSET DAYS</b> </p> <p><b>NEW DATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW EACH WEEK</b></p>	<p>Now that term is well underway we would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new parents from both the Nursery and Oak class to our Schools PTA 'Parents In Partnership' otherwise known as PIP. We organise a number of events across the year in order to raise money for the School, over the last few years we are proud to have been able to provide the children with reading lofts, iPads and interactive white boards. Thanks to the kind contribution of time, energy and ideas from our Schools parents we are able to make a real difference to our children's time at Shalford.</p> <p>We're delighted that the nursery will now become part of, and benefit from, these activities. We're looking for a couple of parents to represent the nursery at PIP meetings and assist in communicating any information back to Nursery parents. If anyone's interested in finding out more, please leave your details with Miss Brown in the office.</p> <p>The PIP annual AGM is taking place on <b>Thursday 3rd October at 8pm</b> in the school hall, we encourage anyone who's interested finding out more about PIP to come along, any participation however big or small is hugely appreciated and will contribute to what will hopefully be another successful year of social events and fundraising.</p>
<p><b>Acorn Class Letter of the Week</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Letter of the week</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>'t'</b> </p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Have you ever considered working in your local primary or secondary school in the classroom as a Teaching Assistant?</i></b></p> <p>This innovative five week course begins on Monday 10th February 2020. For further details please visit <a href="http://www.georgeabbotteachingschool.co.uk">www.georgeabbotteachingschool.co.uk</a>. Please come along to the Information Event on Tuesday 5th November 2019 from 10.00am to 11.00am at George Abbot School to find out more.</p> <p>To book a place please contact Jackie Blackwood 01483 888047 or email <a href="mailto:jblackwood@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk">jblackwood@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk</a> Applications will then be accepted until 10am on Friday 22nd November 2019.</p> <p><b><i>The cost of the course is £250 + £70 for a DBS check (unless you are part of the DBS update service) George Abbot School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.</i></b></p>