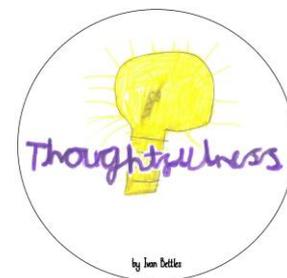




Shalford News



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Head Teacher Update

Dear Families,

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at St Mary's Church yesterday afternoon for Harvest Festival. Coming together is a great way to finish what has been a busy and productive half term. It was a pleasure to have Acorn Class join us and we are looking forward to finding more ways for Acorn Class to be involved in whole school life. Thank you also for all the donations of food, which we will be passing on to the North Guildford Food Bank after half term.

Today we are taking part in the second joint Athena Schools Trust (AST) INSET day. As many of you know our journey to joining the AST has been a long one involving lots of land registry issues. We are finally in a position to tell you that, unless something disastrous were to happen, we will be officially converting to academy status on 1st November. I would like reminding of the process involved in making this decision or to be reminded of which schools are involved etc, all the information can be found on our website here

<http://www.shalford.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Athena+Schools+Trust&pid=146>

Our INSET today is focussed on Curriculum, what and how the children are taught in our schools. Mary Myatt, an education advisor, writer and speaker, is helping us to think about how educational values and high standards link together.

We have been invited to join Boxgrove Primary School on 24th February at their Talk for Writing INSET day and as this is something that we would never be able to afford to host here at Shalford, we are jumping at the chance to join in! Therefore, please note that the April INSET day has now changed to **24th February**. We apologise for any inconvenience, but we can't miss this exciting opportunity.

Have a lovely half term holiday.
Kind regards, Michelle Dutton

Harvest Critter Winners!

Thank you to everyone who entered the Harvest Critter competition. It was such a difficult competition to judge as everyone's entry was so creative!

Well done to our three winners:

Freddie in Oak Class
Eva in Oak Class
Ella Rae in Pine Class

Did you know?

The Surrey Family Information Services provides a range of information on all services available to parents from childminders and holiday clubs to debt management. It offers free impartial information and signposting to services on all aspects of family life.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service>



Important Dates

28th Oct - 1st Nov - HALF TERM WEEK

6th Nov - School photos

13th Nov - 2-5pm Parent/Teacher Consultations

14th Nov - 5.30-7.30pm Parent/Teacher Consultations

18th Nov - 9-9.30am - Family Learning

22nd Nov - 9-9.30am - Family Learning

25th Nov - Bounce for Books

7th Dec - PiP Christmas Fair

16th Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

17th Dec - **AM** EY Christmas Performance

PM KS1 Christmas Performance

18th Dec - **AM** - KS1 Christmas Performance

19th Dec - EY Christmas Performance

20th Dec - **END OF TERM MAIN SCH FINISHES** at 1PM

23rd Dec - 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

17th - 21st Feb - HALF TERM WEEK

24th Feb - Main School INSET DAY

30th Mar - 17th Apr - Nursery EASTER HOLIDAYS

6th - 17th Apr - School EASTER HOLIDAYS

25th - 29th May - HALF TERM WEEK

20th, 21st, 22nd July - Main School INSET DAYS

Bounce for Books

We are arranging a 'Bounce for Books' on November 25th to raise money to update all our class book selections, the library and book storage. We did this 2 years ago and it was very successful, raising over £2000! On November 25th, your child will be invited to bounce for 5 minutes on a bouncy castle. Your child brought home a sponsor form home yesterday so that they can start getting friends and families to pledge donations. Sponsor money won't need to be brought in until your child has bounced. There will be a book token prize for the child that collects the most sponsor money. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this event.

Mrs Hall

English Leader of Learning



Acorn Class Letter of the week

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Guildford Borough Council has collected useful information on activities for children and young people taking place in Guildford over the October half term. Details of playschemes, arts and crafts, sports activities, family days out and much more can be found on their website:

<https://www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities>