

Newsletter June 2024

Last time I write the newsletter, I was wishing you all a lovely half term; now, we have nearly reached the summer holidays! I hope you are all excited to be spending time together over the long summer break.

A wonderful group of parents and myself spent a morning in half term bringing the nature area back to life. It has been lovely to hear your positive feedback regarding this. We're looking to raise some further funds to install some planters, bird boxes, bug hotels etc. so please contribute if you are able to. These plans have been decided by the children themselves, so we look forward to seeing their plans come to fruition.

I'm pleased to share with you that in the Autumn term we will be holding a range of events for parents and carers including a welcome BBQ, parent / carer workshops (on topics such as supporting your child with phonics and e-safety at home) and class assemblies where you will be able to share in your child's learning. More information will follow shortly, but I know that many of you will be pleased to support your child further at school.

Mrs Barford has been doing a fantastic job as our School's SENCo, ensuring that all children in our school community receive the support that they need to access their learning and make positive progress. If you ever have any questions or concerns about SEN, she will be happy to speak to you about this and offer guidance and support as to our next steps.

On 13th June we had a filming crew visiting Shalford to create a promotional video for the school. They were blown away by the school's provision and the learning that the children undertook on the day. We hope to be able to share this video with you at the start of the next academic year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mr. Arding

Shalford's Sesquicentennial!

Last Wednesday, we were delighted to hold our 150th celebration at Shalford. Many friendly faces from the past turned up and the local community were out in strength to support the school. Thankyou so much to FOSPs for their support of this event and to the Parish Council for their very generous gift of a tree to commemorate this auspicious occasion. Please enjoy a few photos from the day below:



Water Bottles Reminder

If we're lucky and the hot weather continues, please can all children bring a refillable water bottle in school each day along with a sun hat to keep them protected at playtime and lunchtime. It is recommended that parents apply sunscreen to their child before the start of the school day.

Football at Shalford



This season, the football team has gone from strength to strength. It has really been positive to see the squad grow in strength and confidence and learn to function effectively as a team. We are all extremely proud of them. Competitive sport is an essential part of school life, so thank you to all the parents who support the team, and to Miss Neave who leads and co-ordinates the team so passionately. I'm really excited to see what we achieve next season!

Morning Snack Reminder

Please remember that children are only allowed to eat fruit (including dried fruit) or vegetables as part of their school snack. Thank you for your support with this.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

To attend Early Bird/Breakfast Club, just turn up at the black door in the car park and ring the doorbell. Sibling discount available.

Option 1: Breakfast Club starts at 8am and includes Toast/cereal/drinks for £3.50 per day.
Option 2: 'Early Bird' Club starts at 8.15am and does not include food or drink. The cost for Early Bird Club is only £1.25 per day. If a child needs to arrive before 8.15am, the price will be £3.50, regardless of whether they eat or not.

PLACES AVAILABLE IN ALL CLUBS FOR ALL AGES - YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF A HALF TERM TO BOOK

Monday	MultiSkills Club - Shalford Primary School - Multi-Skills- Whole School (1) (4 - 11.9yrs) at Shalford Primary School, Braintree Colchester United Community Foundation Powered by ClassForKids
Tuesday	Martial Arts Club - £5 per week book on MCAS or contact Mrs Coombs
Wednesday	CURRENTLY NO CLUB
Thursday	Lego and Fun Club: run by school staff (small snack and drink included). £4.75 per session (book and pay on MCAS APP)
Friday	Shalford Primary School- After School Club - Whole School Football (1) (4 - 11yrs) at Shalford Primary School, Braintree Colchester United Community Foundation Powered by ClassForKids

Dates for your diary:

5th July: Sports Day 10am start. Field events followed by the track races. Family Picnic 12-1pm; children can leave after this point.
10th July: KS2 production 1.30 and 6pm
11th July: informal parents evening (no appointments) 3.15-4pm
12th July: annual reports come home.
16th July: meet teacher morning plus new Reception pupils to visit.
17th July: Y6 reward trip.
19th July: Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents.
19th July: non-uniform day (bring £1 for FOSPs) and last day for pupils.
22nd and 23rd July: non-pupil days.
24th July: Summer holidays begin.
4th September: first day back.