

Newsletter

September 2024

Hello all, and welcome back to the new academic year! It has been lovely to see everyone return to school with smiles on their faces and it has been a pleasure to welcome new families to our school community. We have a fantastic year ahead of us, full of excitement and opportunities for great learning.

As you will have seen from the parents' workshop slides that were shared earlier this term, much of our focus this academic year is about developing the pedagogy in our classrooms to ensure that all children receive a precise and engaging curriculum in school. It has been fantastic to see the changes that have already taken place across the school and we look forward to sharing these with you at our Parents' Evenings later this term.

On Friday 11th October at 1.30pm, we will be holding our annual Harvest Celebration at St. Andrew's. I will be sending more information about this shortly, but I am looking forward to the celebration of this English tradition.

Another date for your diary for this term are our Parent's Evenings, which will be held on the 22nd and 23rd October. Information as to how to book your slot with your child's teacher will follow, but I am confident that there will be a lot to celebrate in each class.

As always, I am available at any point to discuss any questions you have and support your child's well-being and education.

Mr. Arding

Back-to-School BBQ



It was fantastic to see so many of you at our back-to-school barbecue on the first Friday of term – a new school tradition.

Many thanks to all of our fantastic FoSPs for supporting this community event.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE 
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

We raised over £60 last Friday as part of our after-school Macmillan Coffee morning. Thankyou for all of your generous contributions and to Mrs. Coombs for organising.

Morning Snack Reminder

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

Supporting Shalford

Teachers are engaged in classroom activities from 8.35 onwards and are unable to discuss learning or provision from this time onwards. If you have an urgent message to be passed on to your child's class teacher, please speak to Mr. Arding on the school gate.

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	Currently no club
Tuesday	Currently no club
Wednesday	Singing club: please speak to the school office for more details.
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) (4-11 yrs) at Shalford Primary School. Braintree Colchester United Community Foundation Powered by ClassForKids

Alice in Wonderland

The children have enjoyed using the text 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' as the basis for their learning this term. We will have some fantastic displays completed at the conclusion of this project available for parents and carers to view at Parents' Evening.

This is our first whole school project where all the children across the school will participate in shared learning that allows the whole school community to learn from each other. Each long term the school will have a different project. Once a year we will look at a classic text, but other projects will involve studying artworks, going on a trip or learning about a historical event.

Parents' Workshops

Our programme of Parents' Workshops continues throughout the Autumn Term:

4th October – **SEND**
(suitable for parents of chn w/ SEND)

7th October – **Phonics**
(suitable for parents of chn in EYFS and Y1)

8th November – **Maths Mastery**
(suitable for all parents)

22nd November – **EYFS**
(suitable for parents of chn in EYFS)

29th November – **Reading at Shalford**
(suitable for all parents)

All workshops are held from 9am to 10am in the school hall and no booking is required. Tea and coffee and biscuits are provided.

Dates for your diary:

11th Oct – Harvest Festival 1.30pm
22nd + 23rd Oct – Parents' Evenings, 3.20 – 6.00pm
25th Oct – FoSPs Harry Potter party after school
14th Dec – FoSPs breakfast w/ Santa
16th + 17th Dec – EYFS + KS1 Nativity
16th Dec – KS2 Concert at St. Andrews 6 – 7pm
18th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day + Christmas Dinner
19th – Christmas Craft afternoon from 2pm on
20th Dec – FoSPs Christmas Movie Night