



# Shalfleet C.E. Primary

The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best they can, now and throughout their lives.

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Headteacher: Mrs. E Grainger

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. G Westhorpe

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## Message from the Deputy Headteacher

I just wanted to introduce myself to those of you across the Federation who do not know me. My name is Georgina Westhorpe and I have been a teacher at both the Yarmouth and Shalfleet sites, most recently the Reception Class teacher at Yarmouth for the past seven years and Deputy Head of that site. This Autumn I have taken on the role of Deputy Headteacher for the Federation after our lovely Sue Shynn retired this summer.

I have had the privilege of spending time in every class across the Federation over the past couple of weeks and of meeting all the children. The atmosphere across the Federation is one of enthusiasm and respect and I have been very impressed with the attitude to learning all the children have returned to school with.

We are living in changeable and unique times and we ask that you bear with us while we navigate the 'new normal' whilst thanking you all for your support at the start of this academic year.

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 1** – Photographer in to take individual photos

## Letters Home

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**Isaiah 43:18-19** “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

**19** See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

## Important Information

### How we communicate with you

The ClassDojo system is the most efficient way for us to communicate with you and so it is very important that you regularly check it for messages. ClassDojo is how we will tell you that there has been a change to the school, ask for your feedback when planning around the covid-19 pandemic or send you other important information that will affect your child's day at school.

**Stay in the know, log in to ClassDojo!**

### Email for absences

If your child is absent from school please may we ask that you send an email to  
[office@shalfleetceprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@shalfleetceprimary.co.uk)

with the child's name, year group, reason for absence and the dates they are going to be off from school. A phone call is nice but doesn't give us the paper trail we need to properly document absences.

### Staff Change

Krista Bratton, our office administrator, is off to pastures new so her last day with us will be on the 24th September. May we take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and professionalism and wish her well for the future. Natalie Keith will replace Krista. Natalie has been completing her training at Yarmouth and will be over to Shalfleet from this Monday to learn the ropes. I am sure that you will join us in making her welcome.



## In the Community

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## More Important Information

### What's cooking?

Our new school cook, Wendy Lohse, is!

Wendy came to the Island, from America, four years ago. Under her belt Wendy has degree in Le Cordon Bleu Culinary, an apprenticeship at the Ritz-Carlton San Francisco and over 20 year's experience in the culinary industry (including being a pastry chef, a partner in a World Cuisine restaurant and Banquet Chef in a restaurant on the edge of San Francisco's Chinatown).

For the last two years she has worked for Caterlink as a Relief Cook, which had her cooking in schools all over the Island. During this time she also reached the National Finals of the School Chef of the Year Competition, which is a Master Chef style competition based on the budget and nutritional standards of schools in the UK. "This was an intense competition with a lot of creative talent. I learned a lot about our government standards and guidelines. It was an honor to represent the Island last year but this year I hope to return and represent Shalfleet CE Primary".

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work in the school's kitchen. I believe it is the best school on the Island and have great pride in it. My son, Kroy aka Mini Chef, is in Year 1 and I love seeing him and his friends every day. I look forward to meeting new faces and enjoy seeing all the ones I do know. Thank you for letting me cook. I really hope the children will enjoy their school dinners."

# Lunchboxes in September

When your child return's to school, we sometimes need to help them open lots of things in their lunchboxes.

Please could we ask that they practice opening items by themselves.

The following items are easier to open. If we have to help them with these, we will not be putting our hands on parts that will go in their mouths.



The following items are harder to open. If you send these

in, please have your child practice opening it. If we help them to open the items, we are putting our hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



If your child can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting

with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!

Even with all staff washing their hands and disinfecting, we would like to minimize risks as much as possible.

Thank you for your help and understanding.