



Newsletter

10th February 2017



Our attendance target is 97%

Up until last
week..
95.4%

Up until this
week..
95.2%



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the parents who attended one or both of the PTFa meetings this week. We have some exciting events to look forward to over the coming weeks. Bring in your pennies for **Pancakes** after school on **28th February** after the pancake races. You are all most welcome to watch. On **2nd March** we will be 'Making Story Sacks' together in teams for **World Book Day** and would love to have your help. Watch out for your invitation coming soon. There will be an **Easter Bonnet Parade** and infamous **Egg Rolling Competition** at 9:00am on **31st March** and a **Disco** open to all from **3:30pm-4:30pm** (Cubs to be accompanied by an adult please). Thank you to Ed Chester for stepping up to the role of Co-ordinator!

We have had a delivery of 40 high-viz jackets too this week from Daisy's Grandad! Many thanks Keith, these will make our welly walks much safer.



This week Hedgehog Class represented the school at the Colyton Grammar Gymnastics Festival. Their behaviour was fantastic, as usual. I was so impressed with their gymnastic sequences too. Well done all! Some children from Badger Class have had the opportunity to attend an Aspire 'Print-making workshop' and others a chance to 'Get Moving, Making and Motivated' learning about healthy food and dance. It is wonderful for the children to bring their experiences back to share with the class.

Let's hope that the weather warms up a bit for the Half Term break. Have a very good rest and see you all on the 20th February.

Kind regards,
Clare Rinaldi

Monday Choir Club with Gilly & Peter Lea-Cox – 3:30pm-4:15pm

The club starts Monday 20th February, if your child has not yet signed up it's not too late, simply drop Mrs Haysom an email on admin@shuteprimary.co.uk

Absence

Please ensure you advise Mrs Haysom of the nature of your child's illness just in case she needs to give you any further advice.

Axe Beacon Federation Online Safety Resources

This week has seen Safer Internet Day held across different organisations across the country and Axe Beacon Federation has been part of this. We are grateful for parents coming to Thursday evening's meeting to help support parents nurture and protect their children online. If you were unable to attend or are looking for advice about Online Safety, please visit the Axe Beacon Federation website. There is a dedicated page to online safety with links and resources to a wide range of support, from Parental Controls to keeping in touch with trending apps and much more as well. Please take the time to look through, from the feedback we've received from parents, our meetings and information have been very helpful.

Please find the resources on <http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk/information/online-safety/>

PTFA

Easy Fund raising for the School

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shuteprimary>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Shute Community Primary School. It couldn't be easier!

You can access thousands of retailers, travel, hotel, utilities, stationery supplies or insurance companies through this site and those companies will give the school a certain percentage of the sale.

Uniform Orders for The Holt and School:

School uniform is available from School Trends please visit www.stparent.co.uk. **Orders will be placed on the 15th of the month for delivery at the end of the month.**

Please feel free to come to the office and check out the various sizes to ensure you order the correct size online. For The Holt check sizes with Mrs Clark. Remember anything with an embroidered logo is non-returnable to School Trends. The Holt polo shirts can be worn if your child moves on to the Otter Class in September before growing into a school polo shirt.

Illness and Absence

If your child is absent from school, you are requested to contact the school office before 9.15am. As required by our Safeguarding Policy if the administration team have not heard from you by early morning they will contact you to establish why your child is not in school. If we are unable to establish contact we may have to report this to the School Education Welfare Officer. **If your child needs to attend a medical appointment in school time, please complete the S2 form which can be found on the school website below or a hard copy is available from the entrance.**

<http://www.shuteprimary.co.uk/parents/general-information-for-parents/illness-and-absence/> or ask Mrs Haysom for one prior to the absence.

If a child is late, he or she must be signed in by a parent or carer, they must follow the instructions in the entrance and use the intercom to alert a member of staff they have arrived. Persistent lateness has a negative impact on learning and we support families to ensure all children arrive in good time. A letter or email must be sent to school with the child on their return to school and for any planned medical appointments.

Nut Allergy

We have a child in school with a **severe nut allergy** so please **do not** bring any foods into school containing nuts under any circumstances.

JOB VACANCY

2 x Teaching Assistant Posts / MTA (Fixed Term)

Based at Colyton Primary School

This is an exciting opportunity to join our thriving primary school as it continues to grow and develop. We are looking for two highly motivated individuals to join our friendly and hard-working team. You will need to be a patient, flexible, enthusiastic and committed teaching assistant with a caring and sensible approach who is able to use your own initiative and work as part of a team. You should possess an understanding of child development and have excellent communication skills with both adults and children. Experience preferred, but not essential as training can be provided. These posts are Fixed Term in the first instance linked to funding for individual SEN needs.

We are seeking two individuals to provide 1:1 support for pupils across differing age ranges. We are ideally looking to fill two full time positions (school day, term time only), but will consider job share combinations. The working arrangements will be discussed as part of the interview. Both posts have a lunchtime assistant requirement attached to the position.

A DBS disclosure is required for this post. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please call the School Office on 01297 552231 to make an appointment. Job details and application form are available from the Federation website www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk. Please email completed applications to Natalie Markham (Federation Personnel Manager) at recruit@axebeaconfederation.co.uk.

Hours: 8.50am to 3.20pm (term time only)

Payscale: Grade C (from £8.04 p/hr)

Closing date: Monday 27th February 2017, midday

Interview date: Thursday 2nd March 2017

Start date: ASAP

School Diary:

February	
13.2.17-17.2.17	HALF TERM
20.2.17	Cubs Donkeys
22.2.17	Year 3&4 Swimming Gala
28.2.17	Pancake Races on the field (3:00pm) SHROVE TUESDAY
March	
1.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
2.3.17	WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT 1:30pm-3:30pm Parents Welcome
2.3.17	Devon Library Service Mobile Library
3.3.17	Celebration Assembly in the Church parents welcome
6.3.17	Fox class trip to Seaton Wetlands – More information to follow
6.3.17	Otters Group Donkeys
8.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
9.3.17	Play Leader Training for year 4s
15.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
17.3.17	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival
22.3.17	Parachute and Skipping Festival Otters
22.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
23.3.17	PARENTS' EVENING
27.3.17	Otters Group Donkeys
29.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
30.3.17	Devon Library Service Mobile Library
31.3.17	EASTER PARADE & EGG ROLLING 9am DISCO 3:30pm-4:30pm
31.3.17	BREAK UP FOR EASTER

Local Information:-



Welcome to year 2 of the Legacy to Landscape Project – the full 2017 programme will be available shortly – details of February and March events below

Ancient Tree Hunting to start the new season there will be the first of 3 seasonal walks into Woodend Park, the former medieval deer park, near Shute, where the majestic 800 year old King Johns Oak resides. The focus for this walk is to learn how to record ancient trees.

Please we would like help this year in a search of the legacy landscape to find any trees that as yet haven't been recorded.

If interested, please contact us below and/or come along to the Ancient Tree Hunt.



Ancient tree hunt in Woodend Park

Sunday 26 February, 2pm to 5pm

Learn how to record ancient and other veteran trees and meet the more elderly tree residents in the Legacy Landscape. With Jill Butler, Woodland Trust. Please bring flexible tape measure, and if you have them a GPS, smartphone or tablet.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com
Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR
Meet village noticeboard at start of Haddon Road (Shute Barton end)



The making of the landscape

Sunday 26 March, 2pm to 4pm

How the rocks, geology and structure beneath our feet have been fashioned by the forces of erosion to make the landscape we see and enjoy today. Geologist, Richard Edmonds explains, from the vantage point at Musbury Castle Iron Age Hill Fort which affords spectacular views of the Legacy area. Bring binoculars.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com
Park/meet Musbury Village Hall car park



Introduction to use of OS Maps in historical research

Tuesday 21 March, 10.30am to 12.30pm

A practical hands on workshop led by Hugh Dyer-Westacott, showing how OS maps can be used to investigate changes in the landscape.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com
Colyford Memorial Hall Swan Hill Road
EX24 6QJ



Surveying for dormice

Saturday 18 March, 10am to 3pm

Learn about and help set out dormice tubes to allow monitoring of the expanding dormouse population at Cottshayne Wood. Some light clearance of vegetation is also planned.

Booking essential

Free

Christina Bows, 01297 23822
tinabows@hotmail.co.uk
Parking: CR 226 935

Wildlife gardening, Tuesday 14 February, 10am to 2pm at Seaton Wetlands, £7.50 per bird box, £3 for other crafts, No booking required. Help the Seaton Wetlands Rangers in the wildlife garden

Bird watching for Children, Tuesday 14 February, 3pm to 4pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Suggested donation £2 per child, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)

Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of bird watching

Bird and bug box making, Thursday 16 February, 1pm to 3pm, Phear Park, Exmouth, £7.50 per bird box, donations for other crafts, book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk (or contact the Countryside team 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk)

Join the Countryside Education Rangers and make homes for the wildlife in your garden.

Bird ringing demonstration, Tuesday 21 February, 9am to 11am, The Discovery Hut at Seaton Wetlands, free, no booking required

Bird ringing demonstration by Axe Estuary Ringing Group. An exciting chance to see wild birds up close as they are ringed to allow us to obtain important data about them.

Wildlife gardening at Cranbrook, Saturday 25 February, 10am to 12noon, Younghayes Community Centre, Cranbrook, free, no booking required.

Help the Country Park Ranger in the Cranbrook Country Park Wildlife garden

What's that bird? Saturday 25 February, 11am to 1pm, The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands, Free, no booking required.

Whatever your experience come along and improve your bird identification skills

Dear parents

Mindfulness Club 1-1.30pm Tuesday afternoons KS1& 1.30-2.00 KS2

We would like to offer a Mindfulness Clubs for KS2 and KS1 to start after Half term. If you would like your child to continue/join the club the cost of 5 x 30mins sessions per child is £22.50. The sessions are once a week for 5 weeks starting 21st February.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact me on the email below and I will be happy to help, jenny.lidster@talktalk.net

Please fill in the request form below to secure your place.

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*I would like my child.....inClass to take part in the Mindfulness Club starting after Half Term and include a cheque for £22.50 made payable to **J. Lidster**.*

Signed.....

Dated.....

The school may be able to subsidise the cost of these sessions so, please come to chat with Mrs Rinaldi if you would like to take up this offer.