



Newsletter

16th December

2016



Thank you to Maddie's 'Ma' for our beautiful trees!



Our attendance target is 97%.

Last week..
95.4%

This week..
95.4%



Dear Parents,

What a full-on but fun-filled end of term! We all enjoyed the Christmas Lunch on Tuesday. Special thanks to Mrs Sutton and her team: Ms Young, Ms Wilson, Mrs Dare, Mrs Haysom and Mrs Ashwell who did such a fine job in serving everyone so seamlessly. All the other teachers also helped to serve the lunches and there was a definite feeling of team-work. (Topped off beautifully with a Shute Primary rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'!)

Well done to every single **SUPERSTAR** of our Christmas Performances! I'm sure that you agree that it was a great collaborative event, with the children really supporting each other and enjoying the show. It was a wonderful opportunity to perform to an audience, there are definitely a few **STARS** in the making! These performances take a lot of work to organise, so thanks to all of the staff who helped to get the most out of each child to help them to **SHINE**. It made me very proud!

The teachers have decided that from January, **toys should remain at home**. We have had to spend valuable learning time sorting out 'issues' and think that it is best to make the rules clear. Unless you have special permission from your teacher to keep a toy in your bag, you are **not** to bring in toys from home-this includes pokemon cards.

Don't forget to look for us in 'The Pulman's' next week and watch the documentary about the "Tree of the Year" on Channel 4 on Saturday 17th December 8pm.

I wish you all a restful, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Clare Rinaldi

P.S. See you all on Wednesday 4th January

School Class Reading Books

Our class bookcases have many books missing from them, could you and the children have a look at home over the Christmas holiday to see if there are any books from school. If there are could you please return in January.

Mindfulness Club

To date we only have 3 children for the KS2 club and 1 child for the KS1 club. Please see the form at the end of the newsletter if you would like your child to attend, please return the form in January. You could also email Mrs Haysom to let her know you are interested.

Online Safety for Parents

Axe Beacon Federation will be holding an Online Safety meeting for Parents on 11th January 2017 at Seaton Primary School at 9.30am. We are delighted that Peter Bowers from South West Grid for Learning will be sharing information about online safety and other useful parenting matters, e.g. screen time for children. Due to the nature of this presentation, it is important that no children attend.

The school will be open from 8.45am to attending parents with refreshments, allowing plenty of time for parents from other Federation schools to attend. Nearby parking has been arranged for parents travelling by car and details of this will follow in the new year. Digital parenting and online safety resources will also be available at this session.

If you have attended these meetings in previous years, please come again to hear up to date information and if you have never attended, please can we urge you to come. The ever-growing and ever-changing online world is very hard to keep up with and we are pleased to provide this opportunity to support all parents.

WOODLAND TRUST TREE OF THE YEAR WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED this weekend

The TV programme about the "Tree of the Year" which features King John's Oak in Woodend Deer Park, Shute will be on **Channel 4 on Saturday 17th** of December at **8pm**. This programme will feature all 10 of the final great trees of the UK and will be presented by Ardal O'Hanlon (Farther Dougal McGuire of Father Ted). Fingers crossed for an amazing victory for this amazing tree. <http://www.woodlandtru.st/tfOlx>

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.

School Diary:

December	
16.12.16	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.16	Break up for Christmas Holiday – 1pm collection
January	
4.1.17	PUPILS RETURN
11.1.17	Online Safety Meeting at Seaton for Parents
17.1.17	Federation Football Tournament After school
24.1.17	Reception Dance Festival

Axe Beacon Federation

Family Support Advisor



*Friendly, confidential and impartial family
advice and support.
Helping good parents become even better!*

AIMS

Providing an accessible service to meet the needs of parents and carers
Strengthen relationships and communication between home, school and other services
Supporting families in times of transition, stress and anxiety
To improve the achievements of children

WHAT DO I DO?

- Support with your children's challenging behaviour
- Liaison with school and other agencies
- Support when your child is transitioning to Secondary school
- Parenting advice
- Explanation of how schools support children with Special Educational needs
- Support attending meetings, the DAF process, and help completing forms and writing letters
- Information, signposting and guidance to other children's services

DROP IN SERVICE

- If you want a little advice and don't know where to turn, pop in without an appointment
- Parenting Workshops exploring different parenting strategies
- Opportunity to meet with other parents with similar problems
- Hearty discussion, brainstorming, and a good laugh over a coffee.
- Realisation that you are not alone all parents and children need help occasionally

**For more information or to make an
appointment:**

**Phone Gerry Fry 07496398656 email
gfry@axebeaconfederation.co.uk**

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

We would like to offer a Mindfulness Clubs for KS2 and KS1 to start after half term. Jenny has come highly recommended from other schools. Please see the details below:

My name is Jenny Lidster and I have trained with the Mindfulness in Schools Project to teach mindfulness to children.

In its simplest form Mindfulness is learning to pay attention in the present moment, and research studies have shown it can help with self-esteem, coping with stress, emotional self-regulation, compassion, concentration and a sense of well being.

In the sessions the children will learn;

- what mindfulness is and how it can help us, how to focus on the present moment,
- what is happening when we feel difficult emotions,
- ways to handle those emotions and calm ourselves,
- self compassion and positivity.

The sessions are designed to be fun and relaxed and will include a mixture of breathing and mindfulness techniques (there will be lots of these because the benefits come with the repetition), mindful activities, games and crafts, positive self-talk and affirmations, and guided visualisations.

The cost of 5 x 30mins sessions per child is £22.50. The sessions are once a week for 5 weeks.

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.....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 that you would only have to pay £12.50 for the 5 weeks. Please come to chat with Mrs Rinaldi if you would like to take up this offer.