



Newsletter

21st October 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents and visitors who came to our fantastic Open Day on Wednesday. Here are a few of the many encouraging comments:

'The Badger boys gave us a super tour, very knowledgeable, thank you!'

'Lovely classroom. Great activities.'

'Brilliant guides.'

'Brilliant balloon experiment and fabulous tour!'

There was such a positive buzz in the school and all the children enjoyed learning with our visitors.

Thank you to the staff for their continued hard work with preparation for the parent's evening. We have had some very positive feedback on the changes we have made to the format this year. Many liked the way that it felt more sociable. Some felt, however, that they couldn't hear very well and preferred the individual consultations in the classrooms. The staff, especially Mrs Ashwell, preferred being together in the hall as we felt more of a team and it allowed Mrs Ashwell the chance to clean the classrooms! If you have any further comments we would like to hear them.

This week the Otters had a superb trip to the vets and the Badgers were out cycling and visiting the Tank Museum. I'm sure all of the children learnt a lot from the experience to support their learning in school. Thanks again to the staff for providing such enriching learning opportunities.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Harvest Festival at 2:30pm in the Church.

The PTFA have organised a Halloween Celebration on Monday 31st October. There are no limits to the number of entries whether dressing up or making crafts. All money collected will go to the PTFA to support the children (Please see the attached flyer).

Thank you for your continued support this half term and enjoy the break and we will see you back on the 31st October!

Kind regards,
Clare Rinaldi

Don't forget the Shute Festival of Literature and Landscape 29th and 30th October.

Halloween fun day on Monday 31st October

The PTFA are organising a Halloween fun day on Monday 31st October. Children will be invited to come to school in Halloween Fancy Dress, to bring a carved pumpkin, to have made something scary (perhaps a picture or a model) during half term or to have baked a tasty Halloween themed treat. Entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Entrance into each category will cost 50p and as there are four categories the maximum entrance fee would be £2. There is no requirement to take part, but the PTFA are hoping that parents will support efforts to raise funds for the school and that each child could perhaps enter into at least one of the categories.

The PTFA will also be providing refreshments for parents at 3.15pm during the judging. Please come along and see the costumes and creations. Any donations of cakes or biscuits would also be welcomed, please bring them into school on the Monday morning.

Mindfulness Club 1-1.30pm Tuesday afternoons

We would like to offer a Mindfulness Club for KS2 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 6 x 30mins sessions per child is £27.00. The sessions are once a week for 6 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.

I would like my child.....to take part in the Mindfulness Club starting after Half Term and include a cheque for £27.00 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 £13.50 for the 6 weeks. Please come to chat with Mrs Rinaldi if you would like to take up this offer.

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.

Poppies

We have a variety of Poppy Appeal items that will be on sale from next week. Suggested donations are £1 or 50p. Badger Class will come around every afternoon next week.



The image displays a variety of Poppy Appeal merchandise. At the top, there are four friendship bracelets in different colors (red, black, black, blue) and a red poppy keychain. Below these are several slap rulers, some with 'LIVE ON' and 'www.poppy.org' printed on them. There are also several wristbands in various colors (red, yellow, blue, pink, black) with 'Poppy Appeal' printed on them. A stack of pencils is also visible. On the right side, there are several 'LIVE ON THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION' stickers in different colors (blue, purple, green, red).

Content	Suggested Donation Prices
Friendship Bracelet	£ 1.00
Slap Rulers	£1.00
Wristbands	£ 0.50
Reflectors	£ 0.50
Pencils	£ 0.50

WARNING:  0-3 not suitable

Shute Community Primary School Grounds: Fundraising Campaign



Stage area now and photo image of seating

The School has launched its fundraising campaign for the exciting Grounds Project which aims to re-landscape the outside spaces in the School. We are aiming to raise a total of £25,000 by the end of summer term 2017. To date we have raised over £18,000 and have recently been selected as one of three finalists in the Tesco Bags of Help Devon area. The money we receive from this will be spent on creating a tiered seating area for the stage and landscaping and planting surrounding it. This will hugely benefit the School and local community alike. The local theatre group STAG are very supportive of our project as they will be able at last to use the stage for outdoor productions.

We have already completed the first phase of the project which involved re-painting the Holt's outdoor classrooms, and building a mud kitchen (see pictures below). This was done with volunteer assistance from Axminster Tesco Community Champion and a donation of paints and materials from Bradford's.



Holt Outdoor Class: before and after

The next phase will be to transform a rather forlorn classroom at the back of the school into a colourful area with painted walls, artificial turf, shrubs along the wall and planters.

PLEASE VOTE FOR US IN STORE IN AXMINSTER, HONITON, SEATON AND LYME REGIS

Donations can also be made by sending a cheque to Mrs Ange Haysom, Shute Community Primary School, Haddon Road, Shute EX13 7QR payable to "DCC County Fund Account" and marked "Shute Grounds Campaign" on the reverse.

For further information please contact Mrs Ange Haysom on admin@shuteprimary.co.uk or on 01297 33348.

School Diary:

October	
21.10.16	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
31.10-13.11	VOTE FOR SHUTE GROUNDS CAMPAIGN @ TESCO
November	
2.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
7.11.16	Year 6 Bikeability Shute
8.11.16	Year 6 Bikeability Kilmington 9:15am-3.15pm
9.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
10.11.16	Year 6 Bikeability Kilmington 9:15am-3.15pm
14.11.16	Year 5 & 6 PE Academy Workshop
16.11.16	Otters Wetlands Trip
16.11.16	Flu vaccinations
16.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
17.11.16	PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY WITH CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON
23.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
28.11.16	Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics
30.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
30.11.16	The Holt Donkey Day
December	
1.12.16	KS2 Orchestra Experience Northcott Theatre
2.12.16	CHRISTMAS FAIR 2pm-4pm
7.12.16	Make, Move, Motivate AVCC
13.12.16	Christmas Lunch
14.12.16	Christmas Production 2pm
15.12.16	Christmas Production 6pm
16.12.16	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.16	Break up for Christmas Holiday
January	
4.1.17	PUPILS RETURN

Local Information:

Adult Yoga Classes at Shute

Sam Omrani has asked if there would be any interest in adult yoga classes Wednesday's at 5:30pm – 6:30pm to be held at the school starting 2nd November 2016, cost to be confirmed dependent on numbers. Please email the office if you are interested.