



# Newsletter

## 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016



Dear Parents,

What an exciting week! We were so impressed with all of Hedgehog Class on their television debut for **BBC Spotlight** this week. Yet again demonstrating the outstanding behaviour and enthusiasm of the children in our school. Please vote for 'THE KING JOHN'S OAK' using the following link. It will only take a couple of minutes and could mean we have £500 or £1000 to spend on preserving the tree!

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/tree-of-the-year/england/>

The School has recently been formally told that our Grounds Campaign is to go forward as one of three finalists in this year's Tesco Bags of Help awards. Voting will take place in Axminster, Honiton and Seaton Tescos from 31 October to 13 November. This is amazing news and means we will ultimately get an award of £8000, £10,000 or £12,000 depending on votes. It also means that we will likely have enough to landscape and build the seating for the outdoor stage. We will be sending out information about voting and spreading the word a bit nearer the time but we will need all of your help with this.

Last Friday all of the classes had a rare opportunity to look around Shute Barton as part of our work on understanding our locality. The children learned so much about our rich historical surroundings. Thank you to Samantha Omrani and Leigh Philp, the area National Trust Ranger, for organising this for us.

Over the next few weeks, The Holt will be inviting some furry friends into the classroom. The Cats Protection talk this week was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Clark for organising this for the children. Hedgehogs also went to Colyton Primary School for a theatre production teaching them about internet safety. The class enjoyed the show and clearly understood the message. Badger class represented the school at our Federation Sports Day on Thursday. Many positive comments were passed on to us about their excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Obudo for stepping in to take them in Mr Gundry's absence.

The PTFA were thrilled with the turn-out and support at the AGM on Monday. We are pleased that all of the roles have now been filled and that the PTFA will continue to thrive. Thank you to Paula Smith for agreeing to continue in her role as Chair. Without the support of all of the committee members, we would not have many 'little extras' that help the children to learn and thrive at our school.

Next Friday will be our first celebration assembly in church at 3pm, all welcome to attend. If your child has received any certificates outside of school please bring them to the office so they can be presented at the assembly.

Kind regards,  
Clare Rinaldi

## Year 1,2 and 3 Flu Vaccination forms.

Please ensure these forms are returned by Monday 26th September, please return even if you do not want to consent.

Reception and Year 6 Height and weight letters going home today, please look out for these.

## King John's Oak

Shute Primary School have nominated our very own King John's Oak, an 800 year old Veteran English Oak tree in the medieval deer park at Shute, for the Woodland Trust Tree of the Year Award. This could win a Care Package to help this magnificent tree survive for a few more hundred years. It is an online ballot so you can vote at <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/tree-of-the-year/england/>

For over 800 years King Johns Oak has grown in the medieval deer park at Shute, whilst the world changed around it. It witnessed King John hunting in the park thinking about his troubled reign, 400 years later the grounds it sat in were confiscated by Queen Mary as they belonged to the family of the recently be-headed challenger for the throne of England the 9 day queen Lady Jane Grey . Meanwhile the landscape changed around it and so did the world, it has survived through the Battle of Trafalgar , two World Wars, the invention of steam engines, electricity and the internet and still it sits peacefully within the Deer Park.

The King Johns Oak is now a magnificent tree, very different to most people's vision of a tree but a great resource for people to learn about the importance of veteran trees, their longevity, the unique life that they support and their future in the landscape. Shute Primary School have adopted this ancient giant of a tree and are determined to bring it to local people's attention.

It needs help as it is surrounded by bramble which is out competing the tree for nutrients and water, is shaded by nearby trees, we also wish to take some grafts so preserve its genetic heritage to plant out in the deer park and surrounding area.

## Vacancies

Vacancies – there are several vacancies being posted over the next few days for TA's / Admin / Premises / Cleaners / MTA's. Please check [www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk](http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk) or contact school for more details.

## Common Sense Media

Popular apps and games for children and young people are constantly changing and it can be difficult to understand what an app is about. <https://www.common sense media.org/> is a very useful website that give parents clear information about the suitability and benefits of a wide range of media, including games, apps, movies, TV and books. If you want to know more about any of these, use the search on the website to find out more. There are also reviews available from children and parents. The website also has helpful advice about common concerns of parents, including technology addiction and privacy.

Should you be concerned over your child's use of technology, please speak to the school as we can often provide help and if we cannot, we will be able to put you in touch with someone who can.

## 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.** 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.

## PTFA

We are proposing to have our 'Grounds Day' on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October where all are invited to help to clear the school grounds. More information to follow.

## 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:

<b>Sept</b>	
26.9.16	Dogs trust visit the Holt
28.9.16	Dog Visit in the Holt
29.9.16	Woodroffe Open Morning (Y6)
30.9.16	Cat visit in the Holt
<b>October</b>	
5.10.16	Fox and Holt Theatre trip
6.10.16	Living History Day trip for Hedgehog class - more to follow
8.10.16	PTFA GROUNDS DAY
10.10.16	Year 1 & 2 Multiskills CGS
11.10.16	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
21.10.16	<b>CHANGE OF DATE Harvest Service in Church 2:30pm</b>
20.10.16	Evensong Service
21.10.16	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
<b>31.10-13.11</b>	<b>VOTE FOR SHUTE GROUNDS CAMPAIGN @ TESCO</b>
<b>November</b>	
2.11.16	The Holt Donkey Day
2.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
9.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
14.11.16	Year 5 & 6 PE Academy Workshop
16.11.16	Otters Wetlands Trip
16.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
17.11.16	<b>PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY WITH CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON</b>
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
<b>December</b>	
1.12.16	KS2 Orchestra Experience Northcott Theatre
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
<b>January</b>	
4.1.17	PUPILS RETURN

## **Local information:**

### **LYT Class Times Autumn Term 2016**

Please find below details of Lyme Youth Theatre class times for this Autumn term. Here's the link on our website: <http://www.marinetheatre.com/lyme-youth-theatre/>.

### **LYT Beginners and Middles**

Every Monday starting 12th September (excluding 1/2 term and holidays) with Victoria Balster

4.30pm-5.30pm : Beginners – ages 5-8

5.30pm-6.30pm : Middles – ages 9-12

£8 per session or £70 for 10 sessions in advance

6.30pm-7.30pm : One-to-one sessions (to be booked in advance) – £15 for 30 min session, or £25 for an hour.

LYT welcomes members and newcomers to an exciting season of drama!

Be the first to get involved with our stage version of ALIENS LOVE UNDERPANTS, a tale based on the best-selling children's book by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort. Adapted & directed by Victoria Balster.

Aliens love underpants of every shape and size, but there are no underpants in space so here's a big surprise!

Have fun with costume-making, prop & set designing, acting, ET, UFO's & more!

So bring a spaceship full of friends with you and laugh your pants off!

### **LYT Company:**

#### **Rehearsing for National Theatre Connections Festival 2017**

Every Tuesday 6pm-8.30pm starting Tues 27th September (excluding 1/2 term and holidays)

LYT Company is for teenagers aged 13-19 and the weekly rehearsal classes cost £12 per session. Members must commit to weekly rehearsals until the performance week at the end of March 2017; 10 sessions in the Autumn term and 10 sessions in the Spring Term. The project involves performing for a run of days at the Marine Theatre from 28-31 March 2017 and at a Partner Theatre in the region during April.

#### **How to join**

Please email [marinetheatreintern@gmail.com](mailto:marinetheatreintern@gmail.com) to book a place, or call the theatre office on 01297 442394.

Payment for classes can be made in cash or cheque on the day of the class, or in advance for the term. Cheques should be made out to Lyme Youth Theatre.

£1 TICKETS TO THEATRE SHOWS! Don't forget LYT members can come along to many of our shows at the Marine Theatre for just £1! Here's a link to our forthcoming season for more info <http://www.marinetheatre.com/>