



Newsletter

27th January 2017



Our attendance target is 97%

Up until last
week..
95.4%

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Dear Parents,

We have been focussing on healthy eating this week at school. In our team assemblies and School Council meetings we have discussed ways of encouraging healthy eating choices. One popular idea was to have some different fruits and vegetables to try at break-times...watch this space! Your child/ren will be bringing home a pack encouraging the use of the food-smart app. Many parents and children have found it helpful to consider the healthy aspects of different foods. We want to get the message across that a healthy choice is also yummy choice!

Ed Chester (Daisy Chester in the Cub's Dad) has gallantly agreed to be the PTFA Co-ordinator. It will be super that our PTFA can start planning the years events. Many thanks Ed, you will be a great asset to the team. Next meeting date to follow soon.

On Tuesday Otters had a fantastic trip to the **Dance Festival**. They had a brilliant time and were a credit to the school with impeccable behaviour and consideration for others. Thank you to Mrs Burleigh and Mrs Dare for taking them.

This festival was based on the popular book Gerald can't dance. After a warm up, the children thought of animals that live in the sea and then used these to inspire dances. The children had great fun learning a motif of an awkward giraffe 'whose legs were awfully bandy'. In small groups, year 9 dance leaders from Axe Valley Community College taught a creative dance composed from ideas the children had produced after discussing the animals in the jungle dance. Each group were given an animal to make up a 16 steps routine to move into and out of a 'jungle'. Towards the end, the children learnt another routine which involved some street dance moves. 'Gerald could dance he just needed the right music!' This emphasised values and the students could see how Gerald would feel sad, and how the other animals then showed empathy.

Having considered some of your concerns at the changes to the start of the day, Mrs Clark will now be at the gate (by the Holt) until 8:55am so that you can pass on any messages or simply have a chat! The parking has improved significantly at the start of the day but *please* be considerate when parking.....not in front of school gates opposite the zig-zags. **Thank you.**

Next **Friday 3rd February** we will be having our half-termly **Celebration Assembly** in the church. If your child has received any certificates outside school please hand them to Mrs Haysom by Friday 27th January. All parents welcome.

Have a great weekend,

Clare Rinaldi

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.

Swimming for Hedgehog Class

A reminder please remember swimming kits for Wednesday Mrs Burleigh and Mrs Young will be accompanying the children to the pool.

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.

School Diary:

February	
1.2.17	Hedgehog Swimming Lessons
3.2.17	Celebration Assembly in the Church <i>all parents welcome 2:45pm</i>
6.2.17	Hedgehog Gym Celebration
7.2.17	Move, Make & Motivate
8.2.17	Hedgehog Swimming Lessons
13.2.17-17.2.17	HALF TERM
20.2.17	Cubs Donkeys
28.2.17	Pancake Races on the field (9:00am) SHROVE TUESDAY
28.2.17	Year 3&4 Swimming Gala
March	
1.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
2.3.17	WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT
2.3.17	Devon Library Service Mobile Library
3.3.17	Celebration Assembly in the Church parents welcome
6.3.17	Otters Group Donkeys
8.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
9.3.17	Playleader 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	BREAK UP FOR EASTER

RUGBY GIRLS FUN DAY

Sidmouth Rugby Club welcomes all girls, any ability to come and have fun, play rugby and make new friends

WHEN
 Sunday 5th February '17
 Starts: 12.30pm
 Ends: 4.30pm

WHERE
 Sidford Pavilions
 Byes Lane
 Sidford EX10 9QX

RUGBY FUN DAY
 6 yrs - 18 yrs

For more information please contact Pam : 07799 090 900

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS

**February half term full activity days on:
Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, or Thursday
16th February 2017*.**



- 11.00 Guinea Pig Fishing**
- 12.00 Creepy Crawly Show**
- 13.00 Otter Feed and Talk**
- 14.00 Reptile Rampage**
- 15.00 Meerkat Feed and Talk**



*Limited activities on other days in February
Half term



**Learn about animals in love this February half
term by completing our animal love quiz/trail**



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www.axevalleypark.co.uk

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Nr Axminster, EX13 7RA

Closed Mondays except during school holidays

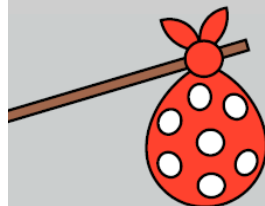
Kilminster Players

~ Present ~

Dick Whittington



by Limelight Scripts



Wed 15th - Sat 18th
February 2017
7:30pm

Kilminster Village Hall

Tickets on sale Monday 30th January from
Hurford's Stores - Adults £7.00, Children £3.00

www.limelightscripts.co.uk