



Newsletter

9th September 2016



Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to the new school year! I have been particularly impressed with the way the new Otters have settled in to the routine of coming to school and how the 'Badger Buddies' have taken on the responsibility of their roll. Thank you to Mrs Clark, Mrs Dare and Miss Winward for making the start of term such a positive experience for all concerned.

From next week the newsletter will be sent out via Parentmail or e-mail **unless you have requested a paper copy**. Please ensure that you read it! There are often important messages about events in the weeks ahead. Please see Mrs Haysom if you are not receiving them.

We welcome new staff Mr Gundry and children; Poppy year 1, Ben & Grace S year 3, Guy & Ollie year 4, Ella and Bella year 5 and Robin year 6. We trust you have enjoyed your first week at Shute and we hope you will be very happy in your new 'school family'.

Thank you for making an extra effort to have a punctual start to the school day. It has really made a difference! We respectfully ask you to be prompt collecting your children at 3:30pm too. Teachers have many other jobs and responsibilities to do after school and waiting for parents prevents them from being able to do so. If you are running late please call the office so that a message can get to the class teacher. If you arrive after 3:45pm your child/ren will be in their classroom. Please collect them from a member of staff. Thank you!

We are currently working on a strapline that sums up Shute Community Primary School and would like your help. I will be putting up a 'thought bubble' on the daily notice board. If you have any thoughts we would love to have your input. Paddy, a neighbour and former parent at Shute Primary, has offered to turn our thoughts into an appropriate phrase. I am looking forward to some suitably positive comments.

A big **THANK YOU** to Simon Hanley for his tremendous tree surgery work last weekend which has removed much of the overhanging canopy in the garden and has made it a much lighter and a more attractive area.

The **PTFA AGM** will be held on **20th September at 3:30pm** in the School Hall. **Refreshments and Cream Teas will be available**. There will also be a crèche for children 4+. If you are unable to make it and wish to be involved, please give Mrs Haysom your e-mail contact so that we can keep you informed. **Please come along even if you are only able to help in a small way**. The more people we have, the less we will all have to do. Getting involved in your child's school is not only rewarding, it has also been proven to help your child

achieve better results! We have a number of roles to fill and are aiming for a record turn-out this year.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend. I think we are all in need of it!

Kind regards,

Clare Rinaldi

Governor Update

Following the parent governor election held at the end of last term Michael Brown was elected to serve on the Federation Governing Body for a term of 4 years. Michael is a parent at Kilmington Primary School and looks forward to serving on the governing body and working with all four federation schools. The governors would like to thank all the candidates that stood in the recent election.

School Lunches

Reminder that the cost of school meals for pupils aged 3-4 (In The Holt FSU) and in Year 3 and above is £2.40 per day, £12 per week. Please make payment at the beginning of the week by cash or cheques made payable to Devon County Council. Please let the office know by Thursday of the week before the choices you would like to make for lunch.

Music/Singing Lessons

If your child would like to try out either music or singing lessons please contact Mrs Haysom who, with your permission, will pass on your information to the teacher.

Currently we have :-

Sarah Ryan providing singing lessons

Nick Ryan providing guitar, ukulele and drums

Louise Elliott providing piano and flute

Please ask if there is another instrument your child would like to learn and we can source lessons for you.

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.

Inhalers and other medication:

Please ensure that we have a new medical form for the new school year and in date medication in school, should your child need regular or emergency medication in school. Please take it to the school office where you will be asked to fill out a form. We are only able to give prescribed medicine to children and all medicine must come in the container/box it was prescribed in. Green medical forms can be found in the shelving unit in the entrance, please complete and hand in to Mrs Haysom with your child's medicine.

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 20th September, 8.30 start to take family and groups for those with children of non-school age. Then each individual child or sibling will be called from their class for their photo. All children must go to class at 9am

and can be called back after registration.

Uniform Orders for The Holt and School

School uniform is available from School Trends please visit www.stparent.co.uk. **Orders will normally be placed on the 15th of the month for delivery at the end of the month, but due to waiting times at the moment, I will place an order on Monday 12th instead.**

Please ensure you order the correct size online, anything with an embroidered logo is non-returnable to School Trends, we can always check sizes in school.

PTFA

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

Uniform

Many thanks for making an effort to ensure that your children arrive suitably smart and ready to learn. It makes a huge difference to your child's attitude to learning. **May I remind you that jewellery and nail varnish are not part of the School Uniform.**

School Clubs

School clubs will start on the week beginning 19th September, More information to follow next week.

Wasps

There are two nasty wasps' nests in the churchyard and on the road opposite the school. We have informed the church and made the matter urgent to be dealt with immediately. Please be extra vigilant.

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.

Term Dates 2016-17

Autumn Term starts: 5.9.16

Half term : 24.10.16-28.10.16

Non Pupil Day: 18.11.16

Autumn Term Ends : 16.12.16

Non Pupil Day : 5.1.16

Spring Term Starts: 6.1.17

Half Term: 13.2.17-17.2.17

Spring Term Ends: 31.3.17

Non Pupil day : 18.4.17

Summer Term Starts : 19.4.17

Non Pupil Day: 26.5.17

Half Term: 30.5.17-2.6.17

Non pupil Day: 6.6.17

Summer Term Ends: 26.7.17

School Diary:

Sept	
13.9.16	Otter's parent Phonics workshop 2.45pm
15.9.16	Yr 6 open day at Axe Valley Community College
16.9.16	Shute Barton Tour for KS2
20.9.16	Individual School Photographs
20.9.16	PTFA AGM at 3:30 in the hall
21.9.16	Hedgehog Class trip to The New Barn Centre – Living History Day – more info to Follow
21.9.16	Cats protection talk in the Holt
23.9.16	PAT Dog visiting the Holt
26.9.16	Dogs trust visit the Holt

Local information:

Legacy to Landscape Community Heritage Project – encouraging all to discover, explore, and enjoy the rich wildlife and history of the area that covered the old Shute Estate 1783 map.

'Wild about streams' Saturday 10 September, 2pm-4pm

Discover the fascinating water loving inhabitants that thrive in the Umborne stream.

Dip with special stream dipping nets. Insect expert Martin Drake will be helping us identify the creatures we catch. Wellies essential.

No booking required. Follow signs from Chantry Bridge, King Street, Colyton, EX24 6LJ. Free event.

Further details: legacytolandscapelandscape@gmail.com or 01404 310012