



Shute Primary School Newsletter 14th September 2018



Attendance Up to this week 95%

Target 97%

Dear Parents,

The children have all really settled back into school life with our first full week back. Thank you for your understanding regarding dropping your children off. We are really trying to promote being independent on a morning and more importantly trying to improve our safety measures about coming into school. On that note, please could I ask that you do not walk up and down the drive in the morning or collection times. Cars are still using the drive and the safety of you and your children is paramount.

Please feel free to say hello, I am on the door in the morning or afternoon to answer any questions you may have or to pass messages on to your child's teacher.

Yesterday, many of our teaching assistants attended a course at school on 'How to bring gardening into the school curriculum'. This was as a result of a grant we successfully received from the Legacy to Landscape project. Along with the training we also received £500 worth of equipment to help develop a love of the outdoors. We hope to see the benefits soon!

We have successfully started the Daily Mile each day from 1.00-1.10. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the children and the older children supporting the younger ones.

New Catering Assistant

We would like to welcome Mrs Karen Bowskill to the Shute Team, who has started as our new catering assistant.

We have been notified that the road will be closed to bring fibre broadband to the area from 17.9.18-3.10.18 They will be closing Haddon road from the crossroads at Kilmington woods and working down the road during the week. We have been reassured that we will still have access to the school and they will work on that part of the road during the weekend. Please be aware driving up the road may cause difficult turning further up.

Have a lovely weekend.

Patrick Germscheid

Reminder for Year 6 parents

Open day/Evening Axe Valley Academy 20th September 2018

Your Year 6 child should have brought home a letter containing the details. Malcom Brooks (Executive Head) has said that Year 5 parents are also welcome to visit. Please let Mrs Haysom know if you are attending so we can authorise the absence.

Un - named Clothing

We are being advised of lots of lost items of uniform, please ensure your child's name is clearly written in their clothing.

Pre-School Squirrels – Headcount Week

Please visit Mrs Haysom in the hall next week after you have dropped off your child to class. There she will ask

you to sign for the funded hours you are claiming.

Class trip

Class trip reminder for Squirrel and Hedgehog classes for Tuesday, 18th September. Please read the letters handed out for more information and return consent forms by Monday.

Sickness

In line with NHS and Department of Education guidelines, children should not come in to school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention parking is becoming an issue once again, especially opposite the entrance to the school. It is unsafe to be blocking the exit to the school. A PCSO will be visiting the school at pick-up time, so please ensure that you are parking considerately.

Opera

Today the children in KS2 took part in a workshop led by Chloe Stratta and her team are who performing the opera of Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice this afternoon from 4.30-5.45 outside on our stage. Some children in KS2 will be staying to perform in the chorus. All parents and children are welcome to attend at a cost of £10 per family so please come along.

Club Letters

Please return by Monday at the latest.

Music Lessons

We are excited to offer the children violin lessons, please see Majorie Thomas' address below.

If your child would like the opportunity to learn an instrument, please contact the relevant teacher to discuss. We currently offer:

- guitar/ukulele with Irve Griffiths email: irve@me.com
- piano, recorder, flute/woodwind with Louise Elliot email: elliottlouise@hotmail.co.uk
- singing with Sarah Ryan email: nickandsarahryan@hotmail.com
- cello with Imogen Hovil email: ihovil@hotmail.fr
- **New Addition – Violin- Majorie Thomas email: musicmthomas@gmail.com**

Pupil Premium

To qualify for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals) parents need to be in receipt of certain benefits. Not only will your child benefit from a dinner each day (if they want it) but the school receives £1320 towards supporting your child's education. The money is primarily spent on our academic and pastoral support staff, but each pupil is allocated £80 per term towards a variety of costs to support families e.g. subsidy of school uniform and trips. To see if you are entitled please log onto the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

School lunches

Reminder that the cost of school meals for pupils aged 3-4 (In Squirrels FSU) and in Year 3 and above is £2.40 per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance at the beginning of the week (half termly payments are also allowed, just contact Mrs Haysom to confirm the amount). Cash or cheques (**made payable to Devon County Council**).

PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 18th September
Shute Primary School First PTFA meeting and AGM 2018/2019
AGENDA

1. Committee members that have said they would like to step down:
Chair Person - Margi Steiner
Treasurer – Karen Todd
Secretary – Lucy Pearce
Suggestions for replacements:
Chair Person – Gemma Benson
Treasurer – Kate Henley
Secretaries – Kate Williams’ and Emma Sweetlland
2. Summary of last year’s finances, what was raised and how it was spent.
3. Suggestions for where the money needs to be directed for this year?
4. A look at events that are already in the school calendar and that need volunteers. What events should be repeated this school year?
5. Ideas for Harvest festival, Halloween, Christmas?
6. Are we starting with a cake sale on the last Friday of every month?

Calling all parents!

You’re invited to a short, friendly
PTFA ‘networking event’
in the school hall on
Tuesday, September 18th
at 2.45pm

Come along, have a drink (and some
cake) and find out a little more about
what the PTFA does for your child
and give any ideas you have.

Did I mention the cake?



Uniform Orders.

The next orders will be placed Friday 14th September. School uniform is available from School Trends please visit www.stparent.co.uk

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 L5 form which can be found on the school website. <http://www.shuteprimary.co.uk/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 the office and a member of staff will come and let you in to sign them in. 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.