



# Shute Primary School Newsletter 15th February 2019



Attendance Up to this week 93 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

It has been a really positive half-term and as we finish today, I wanted to thank everyone for making our school so special. What is obvious is how much every staff member, parent and child cares about our school. Further to this, myself and Mr Rolls would like to hold a parents' forum where we share our vision for the future and allow you an opportunity to have some input on future developments. If you would like to attend there will be a forum at 9.15am or 2.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall.

### **Parents Evening sign-ups**

There is now a sign-up sheet for parents evening which will take place after half-term on Wednesday, 27th February and Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please sign up for a ten minute slot which is available from 3.40-6.00 on both nights.

### **Celebration assembly**

There will be a celebration assembly after half-term on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.45pm at St. Michael's church which you are welcome to attend. If your child has any special awards or certificates that they have been given please give them to Mrs Haysom or myself so that they can be celebrated.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March. This year we invite children and staff to bring in their favourite book and to dress up as a character from this book. We will be celebrating the joy of reading a good book throughout the day. Parents are invited to attend at 2.45pm to share their favourite children's book or to be read to by their child within your child's house team.

### **Red Nose Day**

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 15th March. Please come dressed in something red for the day and please donate a £1 which will be sent to comic relief.

### **Medicines in school**

If you need your child to have medicine administered in school, by school staff, you must complete the relevant green forms – available from the office. Our federation policy includes prescribed medicines and over the counter paediatric paracetamol and children's antihistamine, other medicines will not be covered by this policy and would need to be administered by a parent.

### **Badgers forest afternoon**

Mr Smith, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Skinner led Badger class to Shute woods on Thursday afternoon. As a thank you and well done for working so hard this half-term, Badger class went for a sunny woodland adventure on Thursday afternoon. They played sneaking up on base with some very resourceful use of camouflage and tactics. They built three dens in their house teams for their teachers to live in.

"It was great fun hiding in the woods and sneaking up on William," said Pippa and both Graces.

"The den building was good and our team worked well," commented Ollie.

Let's hope for more good weather for those three teachers living in the woods!

## Lambs & Piglets

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Shaw and family who brought in a ewe and her baby lambs along with a couple of piglets from their farm on Thursday. It was a beautiful morning and all classes enjoyed learning about and petting the animals.



## Make, move, motivate

5 children attended the second Move, Make Motivate event run by Axe Valley Academy at Seaton Primary on 6<sup>th</sup> February. They took part in dance and then the planned event was to prepare and cook pizza. Due to timing issues our children did not get a chance to cook, however Mrs Sansom and Mrs Dare kindly arranged this event with them yesterday.



## Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) 5<sup>th</sup> March

The children will be celebrating by having a house team pancake race along with enjoying pancakes with their class and learning about the history of Shrove Tuesday.

## Shute Tree Work

Following recent tree surveys, a selection of trees over the school grounds (located around the wooden play house) have been reported as being in a deteriorating condition, along with plans for the new sewage system which requires removal of some of the trees, we have made the decision to have them removed over half term. As a school we have not taken this decision lightly and did discuss many other options, but this is best for the school. We will be arranging a tree replanting programme once the ground works for the sewage works are completed. Phase 1 will be in the Easter holidays and the final stages in the summer holidays.

## Mental Health Ambassador Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 & 6 Badger Class

The children will be learning all about Mental Health, the biology of the brain, how our senses impact on our brains development and how the children can support Shute's whole school mental health approach. This will be led by the EH4MH (Early Help 4 Mental Health) team.

Have a wonderful half-term. We will see everyone on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,  
Mr Gerscheid

### **Uniform Orders.**

Please could you email Mrs Haysom on [admin@shuteprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@shuteprimary.org.uk) any uniform requirements for your child. School Trends are still operating and she wishes to put in a bulk school uniform order and retain supplies in school again. All uniform payments would then be paid via your ParentPay account.

### **PTFA**

**Minutes attached to the newsletter Parentmail.**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at Gemma Benson's. Everyone really is welcome to come along.

### **Data Processing Consent**

As a school, under GDPR, we need to have clear consent to use your child's personal information in ways that fall outside our legal obligations. You may give and update your consent at any time by completing this short form:

<https://www.axebf.org.uk/information/privacy-policy/consent-form/>

Should access to this form online be difficult, paper copies are available from the school office.

### **Sickness**

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

### **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 via ParentPay.

### **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.



**Parent Speech, Language and Communication Programme – SUMMER 2019**

The Speech, Language and Communication Parent Programme has been designed to support parents and carers to develop a better understanding of speech, language and communication needs, and what it can mean to your child and family. The course will be delivered by Specialist Teachers in the Communication and Interaction Team.

This informal course will include the following sessions, aimed at primary school aged children. There will also be plenty of opportunity for discussion, practical ideas and opportunities to meet other parents.

1	Speech, Language and Communication Development
2	Play, Social Development and Behaviour
3	Helping my Child's Language
4	Helping My Child's Literacy

South/West Devon: Haytor View Primary, Queensway, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4BD  
1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 13:00 – 14:30

North/Mid Devon: Springfield Court, Fishleigh Road, Roundwell Business Park, Barnstaple, EX31 3UD  
5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 10:00 – 12:00 (Coffee from 9.30am)

East Devon: Date and Venue to be confirmed

For any queries or further information please contact: Sue Vanstone 01392 287239

**Diary Dates:-**

<b>February 2019</b>	
<b>18-24.2.19</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
25.5.19	<b>Parents Evening this week on Wednesday and Thursday from 3.40-6.00pm</b>
28.2.19	Squirrels Trip to Seaton Wetlands
<b>March 2019</b>	
4.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
5.3.19	Year 6 PE Academy (Selected pupils) Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
6.3.19	Parent Forum 9:15am and 2:30pm
7.3.19	World Book Day
11.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
15.3.19	Red Nose Day
18.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
19.3.19	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Festival
20.3.19	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala
25.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
26.3.19	Fox Class Trip to Seaton Wetlands
27.3.19	Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival
<b>April 2019</b>	
2.4.19	Reception Parachute Festival
<b>5.4.19</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>