



Shute Primary School Newsletter 8th February 2019



Attendance Up to this week 93 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

Happy Chinese New Year! This year is the year of the pig. On Monday in assembly we talked about China and some of the things that the Chinese do to celebrate. The Chinese New Year calendar has **12 years in a cycle**. Each cycle is named after an animal, in a particular order: **rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig**. When the cycle is over, on the Year of the Pig, the Year of the Rat starts and so on. Badger class have been learning about China in their topic work this term.

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, 28th 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, 1st 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.

Attendance

I met with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) on Thursday and she discussed with me the importance of children attending school. As a school we are aiming for at least 95% attendance.

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and adult life.

So why is attendance so important? Here are the facts:

1. Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days.
2. 90% attendance may sound good, but it is the same as missing half a day each week or four weeks off school each year. During five years at school this would add up to missing half a year.
3. A child on holiday for two weeks during term time will miss 50 one hour lessons.
4. There are 190 school days each year, that leaves 175 days not in school for holidays.
5. 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school.

If your child's attendance is below 90% a letter will be sent home next week so you are aware.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

Uniform Orders.

Please could you email Mrs Haysom on 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

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th Feb 2019** at The Old Inn, Kilmington. Everyone really is welcome to come along. Meetings are informal although we do get a lot of planning done!

**Tuesday 12 February 2019
Shute Primary School PTFA meeting
AGENDA**

- 1. Any ideas for Shrove Tuesday? Possible to sell pancakes before school as Mr Germscheid suggested?**
- 2. Easter – suggestions for fund raising? Easter bonnet parade? After school egg hunt? Cakes, lucky dip, chocolate tombola?.....**
- 3. Mothers day – Gift room? Bunch of daffodils that children could add a message too?**
- 4. Any other business**

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.

Diary Dates:-

February 2019	
11.2.19	Hedgehog Class Swimming Lessons
12.2.19	PTFA Meeting Tuesday 12th Feb 2019 at The Old Inn, Kilmington
15.2.18	Lamb & Piglet visit to the school courtesy of Mr & Mrs Shaw
15.2.19	Year 3 & 4 Federation Team Building
18-24.2.19	Half Term
25.5.19	Parents Evening this week Days to be advised
28.2.19	Squirrels Trip to Seaton Wetlands
March 2019	
4.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
5.3.19	Year 6 PE Academy (Selected pupils)
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
April 2019	
2.4.19	Reception Parachute Festival
5.4.19	Last Day of Term