



Shute Primary School Newsletter 23th May 2019



Attendance Up to this week 94 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

As we finish today to enjoy half-term I wanted to clarify what I know about the next academic year starting in September and the future of Shute primary school moving forward. I have heard some rumours which simply are not true. Please feel free to ask me any questions you might have and I am happy to tell you what I know. I believe in being open, honest and transparent.

The school will continue to have a four-class structure in September which Mr Rolls, the governors and I believe is the right structure for the long term future of the school. My role as Acting Head of School will continue for the next year. Mr Rolls will be writing to you after half-term about the leadership structure across the federation but my role at Shute will continue as it has this past year.

It is no secret that education finances nationally are a challenge for the majority of schools and this is particularly true in Devon with many schools having to make difficult choices. Whilst it is important that we maintain pupil numbers and there are no long term guarantees, Mr Rolls, the governors and I are committed to ensuring that Shute is a successful, thriving school that continues to be friendly, vibrant and provides a well-rounded education where every child is valued.

The staff at Shute are dedicated to making learning interesting, fun and challenging. I see their commitment every day, they really care and want your children to be successful and happy.

I look forward to what the future brings and believe that this is a very special school that will thrive in the years to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely holiday and we will see everyone back on Tuesday, 4th June.

Kind regards,
Mr Germscheid

Tractor visit

On Wednesday afternoon, we had a visit from a 71 year old and a 69 year old tractor. The children in Squirrel Class explored both tractors, asking questions and noticing the differences between these tractors, and tractors we see around today. A big thank you to Edward's Mum and Grandad for bringing the tractors in for us.



Year 3 & 4 Team Challenge

Hedgehog class visited Colyton primary school last Friday afternoon. The children were split into eight teams with Seaton, Colyton & Kilmington. There were lots of team building activities. It was fantastic fun! Team number 8 won but it didn't matter because everyone got ice-pops at the end.

By Hedgehogs



Trill Farm

We had a fabulous final day at Trill Farm in the sunshine. We spent the morning in the woods creating our own natural artwork inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. In the afternoon we learnt how to light our own fire using a flint and steel, before enjoying hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows around the campfire. A big thank you to Edward's Mum, Helen and Phoebe's Nanny, Sarah for accompanying us this week. Also a big thank you to Mariel and all of the staff at Trill Farm for providing us with such wonderful experiences over the past four weeks.



Team Challenge

A team from Fox class attended a team challenge morning at Axe Valley Academy on Wednesday morning.

Comments from the children were: Oaken- 'I liked the running race! I won!'

Elisabeth- 'I enjoyed the Duck, Duck, Goose game.'

Ollie- 'We made new friends on the way on the bus.'



The Ultimate Cake Fair

Raised a staggering £183 pounds, thank you for all your support with making, baking and buying. The money raised will go towards having an animal visit and talk for the whole school.

KS2 Summer performance

The KS2 summer performance has had to be changed and now it will take place on Monday, 24th June at 2pm and on Tuesday, 25th 4pm. The diary dates below now reflect this change.

Year 6 Canoe trip

The children in Year 6 went to the Axe Valley Canoe Club today in Seaton and had the opportunity to canoe along the River Axe. We will have more information and photos in the next newsletter.

Outdoor Classroom Day

The children enjoyed a fantastic day outside today to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day. At Shute we have an amazing outdoor setting and I believe it is important to get outside as much as possible to learn. We will have more information and photos in our next newsletter about our day.

PTFA News

P.T.F.A Meeting 21/05/2019

Attendees- Gemma Benson, Kate Williams, Kate Henley, Gilly Clark and Emma Sweetland.

Apologies- Louise Winward and Patrick Germscheid

The account balance on 1st April 2019 is £1453.44

Duck Race and Dog show Friday 14th June, Umborne River and Village Hall.

Umborne Hall committee have kindly said we can use the hall for free and The Brooms (local farmers) have given us permission to use river and fields for Duck race and a field for car parking.

ES will oversee Duck race

GB will organise Dog show

KW and KH Refreshments at the hall.

Volunteers are needed to stand along the river to guide the children and help with other events.

A parentmail will go out asking for as much help as possible. Also cake donations will be asked for.

Dog show- Kate Sandman has kindly agreed to judge. There will be five categories. Best dog, Waggiest Tail, Dog that looks

most like its owner, Best young handler and Dog the judge would most like to take home. Entry will be 50p per category.

Ducks will be sold in the playground after school suggested at the moment £2 per duck and Dog show entry forms will be available to be completed. PTFA will arrange between them who is available to sell. GC said she will help sell at sports day on the 6th June.

School will get children to Umborne. Parents more than welcome at 2.30 but children will stay with teachers until 3.30. PARENTS MUST COLLECT FROM UMBORNE AT 3.30pm before the Dog show.

The timings for the afternoon are as follows (approx)

Duck Race 2.30pm

Childrens treat 3.00pm

Children Handed over to parents 3.30pm

Dog Show 3.45pm

Refreshments 3.15pm onwards

There will be a meeting at school on Tues 11th June at 2.15pm for all helpers to attend.

New Parents Meet and Greet Thur 4th July

Parentmail to go out to current Reception parents asking for them to help with this.

100 Club May Winner

Well done to Ed Chester!

AOB

PTFA would like to pay for the remainder of the Animal encounter visit which the school council have worked so hard to raise funds for. KH will speak to Mrs Gaffney and sort out how much. PTFA are paying for bus to Escot. The new notice board is up and in a brilliant location. Old one will be taken down over half term.

Anyone who has any fundraising ideas or any suggestions on how past events can be improved please to do not hesitate to speak to us or even come to a meeting. There are only a few of us at the moment and would love help with ideas.

Next meeting Tues 11th June at school **2.15pm**.

Uniform Orders.

We now have stock in school, all uniform orders should be placed by ParentPay, the uniform will then be sent home with your child, or if more stock is being ordered Mrs Haysom will advise you via email.

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.

Diary Dates:

23.5.19	Break up for half term
24.5.19	Non Pupil Day
June 19	
3.6.19	Non Pupil day
4.6.19	Back to school
5.6.19	Yr 5 & 6 Girls Cricket at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club
6.6.19	Sports Day Parents arriving from 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start
10.6.19	Squirrels Swimming Lesson – Reception Children

13.6.19	Reserve Sports Day
14.6.19	Umbourne Duck Race 2:30pm
17.6.19	Squirrels Swimming Lesson – Reception Children
18.6.19	Reception Athletics at Axe Valley Academy
19.6.19	Whole School Transition Day
19.6.19	Yr 6 Woodroffe Transition day
19.6.19	Move Make Motivate Session 3 at Axe Valley Academy (selected Children)
24.6.19	KS 2 Performance 2pm
25.6.19	KS 2 Performance 4pm
24.6.19	Squirrels Swimming Lesson – Reception Children
25.6.19	Year 3 & 4 Multi Skills at Axe Valley Academy
26.6.19	Colyton Grammar School Taster Day
27.6.19	Yr 5 Challenge Day as Colyton Grammar School TBC
27.6.19	KS1 Multiskills Festival at Seaton Cricket Club
1.7.19	Squirrels Swimming Lesson – Reception Children
2.7.19	Yr 6 Junior Life Skills at the Donkey Sanctuary
2.7.19	Yr 5 and Adult Playleader Training Colyton Grammar School
3.7.19	Axe Valley Academy Small School Transition Day
4.7.19	Axe Valley Academy all school Transition Day
5.7.19	Yr 5 & 6 Federation Sports Day Seaton Primary School
8.7.19	Squirrels Swimming Lesson – Reception Children
9.7.19	Yr 5 STEM day at Axe Valley Academy
10.7.19	Reception Federation Sports day at Seaton Primary School
10.7.19	Yr 5 & 6 Multiskills celebrations at Axe Valley Academy
11.7.19	Final PE Academy Event
15.7.19	Yr 6 Bikeability Week
23.7.19	Whole School Trip TBC
24.7.19	Leavers Assembly in the Church 10:45am

Welcome to the May 2019 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

More Screen Time News!

Latest guidelines from the World Health Organisation (WHO) advises babies and toddlers should not be left to passively watch TV or other screens. The guidelines recommend:

- more physical activity, better sleep and less screen time for under 5s
- sedentary screen time, including computer games should not happen for under 2s
- limit screen time for 2-4s to an hour a day – less is better

The UK has no plans to update its own advice on screen use, although it says children should avoid screens before bedtime.

Read more from WHO [here](#)



Access and download the screen time guide and screen time parent fact sheet from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health [here](#)

Do you know the difference between Instas, Rinstas and Finstas?

Does your child use Instagram?

Did you know the recommended age for users is 13+

Review CommonSense Media's parent's guide to Instagram and watch the video [here](#):

6 Things Parents May Not Know About Instagram



Access Common Sense Media's resources to:

- Improve your family's well-being
- learn how you can help support solutions that make the digital world work better for all kids [here](#)

Apex Legends

Have you heard about Apex Legends?

Pegi Age Range is rated at 16

Apex Legends is an online game, free to play and becoming increasingly popular with children and young people. It is known as a 'Battle Royale' game – players join small 'squads' of 3 players and fight other players to be the last squad standing.

Parents/carers need to know!

- An account has to be created requiring email address, user name and age
- Can be played on Xbox One, PS4 and PC
- Play is against other players (all ages across the world)
- You can team up with people you know (and don't know)
- First person shooter game with realistic graphics
- You can make in-game purchases (Apex coins range from £7.99 to over £79.99)

Find out more from [Parentzone](#)

NSPCC Issues Warning about Yolo!

Yolo – has risen to the top of the free download charts on the App Store in the UK and US barely a week after release!

The app was developed using Snap Kit, a piece of software by Snapchat that enables app developers to integrate their own products with the popular social network. Read more [here](#)



Tools and tips and guides on:

Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp Available from [InternetMatters](#)

Worried about Online Challenges?

Find out what you need to know [here](#)

Remember you can talk to a professional at the NSPCC's helpline on 0808 800 5002 and Childline (0800 1111)

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