



Shute Primary School

Newsletter

21st June 2019



Attendance Up to this week 94 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

This week we have had a range of exciting activities across the classes which have included transition day, summer production preparation, sporting activities such as swimming and athletics along with new literacy topics in each class. Please remember that the KS2 (Year 3/4/5/6) summer production, 'Darwin Rocks!' takes place on Monday, 24th June at 2.00pm and Tuesday, 25th June at 4.00pm at St. Michael's church.

A reminder that KS2 Creative Computing Club will not take place on Tuesday after school because of the summer production.

Reception Athletics

The reception children in Squirrel class enjoyed a morning of athletic activities hosted by staff and students from Axe Valley Academy on Tuesday. The children had great fun running relays, throwing javelins, experiencing a variety of jumping styles with children from other local schools.

Move, Make, Motivate

On Wednesday, a few children in Years 5/6 attended the move, make, motivate session at Axe Valley Academy. The session was about how to set up and complete a range of athletic activities which included relay race, standing long jump, throwing event and speed bounce.

Transition

The children enjoyed their transition day on Wednesday and got a feel for what their new class and teacher will be like in September. I am also pleased to confirm that Mrs Shrubb will continue to be the Year 3/4 teacher on Mondays/Tuesdays for the next year. She will continue to job share with Mrs Bromley. We will have another transition day on Thursday, 4th July to give the children/teacher another opportunity to prepare with their new class for September.

PSHE-SRE

The school nurse has confirmed a SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) session for Year 6 children will take place on Friday, 5th July. This session is called Growing Up and further information will be sent out to parents soon.

Attendance

It was brought to my attention that of the four schools in the Axe Beacon Federation, Shute has the poorest attendance up to this point in the school year. This is disappointing and I hope the last few weeks our attendance improves which currently is 94.4%

We are keen that parents realise when their child's attendance rate has slipped. We regularly monitor attendance and send out letters when your child's attendance falls below 90%. An attendance rate of 90% means that in the whole school year of 190 days, there would be 19 days of schooling missed. This is nearly 4 weeks in a year and understandably will have an impact on a child's attainment. An attendance of 90% and below falls into the persistent absence category, as defined by the Department for Education.

Good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically
- Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with
- Regular attenders find learning more satisfying
- Regular attenders settle into school more easily

As a parent/carer you can help us by:

- Ensuring your child attends school regularly. Absence should only happen when your child is significantly ill and therefore unfit to attend school, or if there is an unavoidable/unforeseen reason or circumstance which is causing a difficulty.

Thank you for your support with improving our attendance.
Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr Germscheid

Reception Swimming Monday 24th June

Just a reminder to remember to send your child in with their swimming kits and that collection is from the Flamingo pool at 3:15pm.

Uniform Orders.

An order will be placed on Monday 24th June, please order via ParentPay before then if you would like to order uniform for your child for September.

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 S2 form which can be found on the school website. <https://shuteprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/03/S2-October-2018.pdf> 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:

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
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 6 Growing-Up session with the School Nurse (AM)
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

CLIMATE CHANGE

Should we be
concerned?

A TALK BY

Dr Anthony Hereward
And
Rev. John Hereward

Followed by a Question and Answer session
At Dalwood Village Hall on

Sunday, 23rd June at 5:30pm

Lasting for approx. one hour

Cake and Tea will be served at 5pm

This is a free event and all are welcome

Including children

For further information please call Caroline on 01404 881 313