



**Shute Primary School
Newsletter
13th September 2019**



Attendance Up to this week 97 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

We are now two weeks into the school year and the children are getting used to their new classes. They are quickly learning new rules, expectations and routines.

I wanted to mention again that each class will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' open session which will run from 3.30-4.15pm on Friday, 20th September. This is an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about the coming year and to ask any questions that you might have. Your child(ren) are welcome to show you their books, work on display and other interesting information around the classroom. There will be coffee and tea and biscuits to enjoy in the hall.

Thank you to those parents who attended the 3D child meeting on Wednesday led by Simon Lewis who is ICT co-ordinator across the federation. 3D child is a school-based strategy to help champion, celebrate and value the variety of childhood. Simon mentioned the importance of having well balanced children who take part in a wide range of activities.

It was nice to see the landscapers begin to turf our field on Thursday. When the landscaping and building work is finally finished and the fences have come down, I would like to arrange a grounds day to continue to improve our outside area. Visitors to our school for the first-time marvel at the beautiful setting. This year with your support I want to make our outside area even better.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

After School Clubs

Unfortunately, due to lack of uptake we will not be running Newspaper club this term unless we manage to get more children to sign up this weekend. Kate Williams has kindly offered to run the club again in Spring term.

Art club is currently low on numbers, it would be great if we could boost these as the club has kindly been funded so no cost to parents again for the second term.

School clubs starting week commencing 16th September. Please sign up your child to their choice quickly to avoid disappointment.

Please ensure all payments for clubs are received before the club start day.

Headcount week Monday 16th - 20th September

Please could Pre-school parents who have received a Parentmail, visit Mrs Haysom the lobby after morning drop-off to sign for your child's funded hours.

Contact details

On Monday, Mrs Haysom sent home via your child's class teacher an A4 envelope containing information to be checked and returned, please do this by **23rd September at the latest**. It is important that we hold up to date contact details for your child. You have also received a Parentmail explain how to register your consent for the use of photographs for your child, please follow the instructions so that we have your consent correct.

Shute Festival

A reminder that the Shute Festival is this weekend (September 13th-15th). Activities will be taking place at both the church and the school. Please come and support the festival if you are able. A range of interesting speakers and events are planned. Profits go towards Shute Community Primary School and the building and repairs of St Michael's Church, Shute.

Inhalers and other medication:

Please ensure that we have a new medical form for the new school year and in date medication in school, should your child need regular or emergency medication in school. Please take it to the school office where you will be asked to fill out a form. We are only able to give prescribed medicine and selected Over the Counter Medicine to children and all prescribed medicine must come in the container/box it was prescribed in. Green medical forms can be requested from Mrs Haysom, please complete and hand in to her with your child's medicine.

Application Process to apply for Free School Meals

Parents should apply for Free School Meals through the **Citizen Portal** on our [Free School Meals Website](#) parents must show the school confirmation of eligibility. If parents are not online they can to apply by phoning the **Customer Service Centre** on **0345 155 1019** where an up to date application form will be posted out to them.

Schools **cannot** request application forms on behalf of parents.

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 **£2.50** per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance via ParentPay. Orders must be placed the Thursday before the week lunches are required.

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:

September	Event
16.9.19	Fox and Badger classes - Devon and Cornwall Fire Safety talk
18.9.19	Badger Class Swimming Lesson
20.9.19	Whole School – Meet the teacher 3:30-4:15pm
24.9.19	Reception Parents – Phonics meeting in the hall 2:30pm
25.9.19	Badger Class Swimming Lesson
26.9.19	Whole School – Library Van Visit
1.10.19	Whole School Trip to Magdalen Farm
24.9.19	B Sharp Music Lessons – Hedgehog Class
2.10.19	Badger Class Swimming Lesson
2.10.19	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 X-Country TBA
4.10.19	Harvest Festival Assembly 2:45pm in the Church all welcome
7.10.19	Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Gala TBA
8.10.19	B Sharp Music Lessons – Hedgehog Class
9.10.19	Badger Class Swimming Lesson
15.10.19	B Sharp Music Lessons – Hedgehog Class
17.10.19	Music Extravaganza with Sarah Ryan – 2-3.15pm