



Shute Primary School Newsletter 18th October 2019



Attendance Up to this week 97%

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

I wanted to say thank you to so many of you for your kind words and support when I returned from America, it meant a lot to me.

Music Extravaganza

This week at Shute there were lots of preparations for the Music Extravaganza which was a huge success. What an amazing job the children did singing and performing! A massive thank you to Sarah Ryan for her time, energy and enthusiasm to make such an event happen and a special thank you to Annette Burrough for her time working with the children on their dances. Thank you to Louise Elliot for her dedication with helping some of the children learn to play the piano. For such a small school I am so impressed with the number of children who take part. The children performed with such confidence and skill and everyone who took part should be very proud of their achievements!

Halloween fun

On Thursday, 31st October we will be having a non-school uniform day. The children are welcome to come to school in Halloween fancy dress for a £1 donation. We will also be having a pumpkin competition. We ask that the children bring in a carved pumpkin from home if you wish and enter the competition for £1 with a winner chosen from each class. We will put all carved pumpkins entered outside after school so everyone can see the carved pumpkin creativity. All proceeds raised will go to the PTFA.

Please see the letter from David Whelan who is the community safety and anti-social behaviour Co-ordinator for East Devon at the end of the newsletter.

Bake sale

Please see the bake sale poster which is at the end of this newsletter. The bake sale is Friday, 1st November after school in the hall. Please bring donations of cakes and biscuits to the school hall on Friday morning. All proceeds raised will go to the PTFA.

Parents evening

We will be having parents evening Wednesday, 6th November from 4-6pm and Thursday, 7th November from 4-6pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the school entrance on Monday, 28th October for you to arrange a time when you would like to meet the class teacher(s). Parents evening will take place in the school hall. You are welcome to look at your child's work in Mr Smith's classroom (Year 5/6) before your meeting with your child's teacher(s) in the hall.

PTFA

The PTFA have asked that we let you know that the children have designed a Christmas picture which was sent off and returned back to us today. This will be coming home with your child. The image will be able to be placed on a number of items such as Christmas cards, tea towels and mugs. Ideal Christmas

presents! The information will be coming home today on how you can order the above items. These order forms will need to be returned by Friday, 1st November if you would like to order any of your child's designs. A percentage from each item ordered will go back into the school.

Shute Shuttle Newspaper

Our second edition of the 'Shute Shuttle' is on its way to the printers and will be available to buy after school on Thursday 17th October for the bargain price of 50p. Please support our team of editors and reporters by purchasing a copy. A big thank you to Kate Williams for running newspaper club again this term.

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

Irve will be restarting lessons on Monday 28th October with a new teacher Matt Bowskill. Existing parents will be receiving information direct from Irve, anyone interested in lesson should contact Irve by email irve@me.com

Have a lovely half-term and we will see everyone back on Monday, 28th October.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid



Do you know any families that would like to join our school?



Squirrel class will be running stay-and-play mornings from 9.30-10.30am every Tuesday in November, starting on November 5th. These play sessions are aimed at 3 to 5-year-olds and are a great way for families to get to know our school. Any questions just ask Mrs Gafney or Mrs Clark.

Please help by spreading the word!

Shute Apple Day - Sunday 20 October 12-4 pm

Little Orchard Alpacas, Haddon Lane, Shute

Lots of fun activities for children and adults including apple pressing, apple tasting, feeding alpacas, apple bobbing, crafts and others. Bring your families, empty bottles to take away apple juice, local apples (if you have any spare).

Tea and cake served in Shute Church and at 4:30 pm there will be a talk by poet, shepherd and cider-maker James Crowden on cider-making and apple heritage. Cider will be served. Entry to the Apple Day and talk is free.

Shute Barton is also open by the National Trust all weekend (charges apply to that unless you are a NT member).

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 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:

October	Event
21.10.19-25.10.19	Half Term
28.10.19	First Day back to school
29.10.19	B Sharp Music Lessons – Hedgehog Class
29.10.19	Fox Class Morning Trip to Seaton
30.10.19	Shute Open Morning for new and prospective parents
30.10.19	Hedgehog Class Swimming Lesson
November	
1.11.19	Individual School Photographs
6.11.19	Hedgehog Class Swimming Lesson
6.11.19	Parents Evening 4-6pm
7.11.19	Parents Evening 4-6pm
11.11.19	Remembrance Day
13.11.19	Hedgehog Class Swimming Lesson
13.11.19	Fox Class Gymnastics at Axe Valley Academy
14.11.19	Hedgehog Class Trip to Haynes Motor Museum
20.11.19	Hedgehog Class Swimming Lesson
20.11.19	Yr 1 & 2 Multi-Skills Festival
21.11.19-26.11.19	Scholastic Book Fair
22.11.19	NON PUPIL DAY
27.11.19	Hedgehog Class Swimming Lesson
28.11.19	PE Academy workshop (Individuals will be notified)
December	
2.12.19	Flu Vaccination Day

2.12.19	Move, Make, Motivate (Individuals will be notified)
4.12.19	Hedgehog Class Swimming Lesson
10.12.19	Reception Team Challenge TBA
11.12.19	Nativity Production 2pm in the church
12.12.19	Nativity Production 4pm in the church
13.12.19	Christmas Fair 3:15-4pm

INFORMATION SESSIONS

(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and all other interested parties very welcome.)

Sessions are 1:30 – 3pm, repeated 3:30 - 5pm, in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Notes
How to talk so kids will listen and learn	Friday 1 st November	Back by popular demand! 😊 - helps for home and school.
Communicating & Interacting, Language & understanding	Friday 8 th November	How would I know if my child had a language problem? Why language problems are so often seen as behaviour problems . Retired Ed Psych co-presenting.
Friendship issues	Friday 15 th November	Great session for understanding different sorts of friendship issues seen in classroom or at home with strategies. Retired Ed Psych co-presenting.
Preparing for Christmas for those children who have suffered loss or any change	Friday 22 nd November	How to help a child suffering from one of these debilitating issues, in the classroom or at home, including working through the stages of grief. How loss, grief, separation and change are linked. Ways you can help a grieving parent. How children of different ages react. Covers divorce and bereavement too.
Aspects of DYSLEXIA – ‘Can you be a bit dyslexic?’ and ‘How to help children learn to read better’	Friday 29 th November	Hints and tips for empowering those who struggle to read. Straightforward and effective strategies for school and home, resources supplied. Ideal for volunteers hearing reading in school. Also CODE book scheme info.
Understanding boys’ learning and motivation	Friday 6 th December	Boys can under-achieve, show disruptive behaviour and lack motivation for learning. We will learn about boys’ brains, matching needs to activities and creating boy-friendly lessons, classrooms and homes. We’ll look at shame too. Retired Ed Psych co-presenting.
Preparing for Christmas; keep calm and MISP	Friday 13 th December	Children who overreact /are not maximising their potential; could this be the way forward for your child (in class/at home)? Learn strategies to keep yourself and the class calm . Message in Schools Programme – feel free to ring for more details.

😊 **NO CHARGE** – REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED! 😊 PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS 😊

To book a place or ask for further information, please ring 01395-263397 ext 2 (do leave a message) or email chollingsworth@wrpschool.org. Thank you

Gambling

The NHS has opened its first clinic for young people addicted to gaming and gambling, a year after a Gambling Commission report found that 55,000 11-to-16-year-olds in the UK were problem gamblers. (BBC News 8/10/19)

**Concerned?
Need to find out more?**

Visit BigDeal's website designed to help young people (and parents/carers) to:
Increase [knowledge about gambling](#) – what it is, how it works and why people do it
Watch BigDeal's videos [here](#)
Hear real stories and take helpful quizzes in the [explore section](#)
Learn about the [support](#) that is available and more:
<https://www.bigdeal.org.uk/>

Digital Resilience Toolkit for Parents

Looking for advice and help on how to help children become more resilient online?

Working with their 'Online expert ambassador' Dr Linda Papsadopoulou, Internet Matters has created a number of age-specific resources. Help children to become more resilient and cope with whatever the online world throws at them.

Toolkits including easy to watch videos:

[Supporting 6 – 10 year olds](#)

[Supporting 11 - 13 year olds](#)

[Support 14+ year olds](#)

[Online Safety Age Guides](#)

[Interactive Guides](#)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/>

How safe are the sites, apps and games your child uses?

Would you like to:

- Keep up to date with the latest sites, apps and games?
- Find out about anonymous messaging apps such as Tellonym and more?
- Find out how to keep your child safe when playing online games?
- Find out if Harry Potter: Wizards Unite is appropriate for your child?

Visit NSPCC's NetAware site:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the 03 and NSPCC helpline 0800 800 3002
Or visit any 03 Guru in an 03 store

Have you heard about Loot boxes?

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published an article providing key information about:



- loot boxes
- what they mean for young people and their online safety
- how to encourage safe and responsible usage

Did you know:

Users can purchase loot boxes in games with real money?

Loot boxes are common in games such as:

Fortnite

Apex Legends

Star Wars Battlefront II

FIFA Sports games

Review the article '11 things you should know about loot boxes': <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/11-things-you-should-know-about-loot-boxes>

Live Streaming

Live streaming allows the user to broadcast real-time, live video to an audience over the internet.

To live stream you need:

Smartphone, tablet or any internet enabled device

Platform to broadcast on, such as YouTube, Facebook,

Instagram and more!

What are the risks:

Most platforms recommended age = 13+

Difficult to moderate

Possibility of sharing something private which might later regret

Can endanger privacy through exposure of personal information

Find out more about Live Streaming at

ParentZone: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/live-streaming-everything-you-need-know-about-online-phenomenon>

NETFLIX

Have you heard of TikTok?



Recommended Age 13+

TikTok is a social network for sharing user-generated videos, mostly of people lip-synching to popular songs.

It was originally called musical.ly

Users can sign up with a mobile phone number, email address, Instagram or Facebook account.

Users can change privacy settings but the account is public by default when opened.

Warning! If privacy settings are not set anyone could send messages, see your child's videos and use their location information

Read Common Sense Media's [full review of TikTok - Real Short Videos](#), and help your child use this app safely.

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Stop norovirus spreading this winter

Norovirus, sometimes known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the **most common stomach bug** in the UK, affecting people of all ages. It is **highly contagious** and is transmitted by contact with contaminated surfaces, an infected person, or consumption of contaminated food or water.

The symptoms of norovirus are very distinctive – people often report a sudden onset of **nausea** followed by **projectile vomiting and watery diarrhoea**.



Good hand hygiene is important to stop the spread of the virus.

People are advised to:


- Wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water and drying them after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating
- Not rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus


An infection with norovirus is self-limiting and most people will make a full recovery in 1-2 days. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Do not visit either A&E or GPs with symptoms as this may spread the virus.

Further information and advice is available from NHS 111, including an online symptom checker at nhs.uk.

Gateway Number: 2013189



Fight the Flu! 


Protect your children and family against Flu!

FREE annual nasal Flu spray!!

All years included: Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6!

For further information and to complete a consent form please access:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>



Bake Sale



Friday 1st November

After School in the hall



Grab yourself a treat ready for
Bonfire celebrations



Please bring in donations of cakes and biscuits to the
school hall on Friday morning

The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

A Partnership between East & Mid Devon District Councils, Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon County Council, Northern, Eastern & Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.



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Dear Parent or Carer,

For a number of years we have been writing to you concerning the Partnership's annual Autumnal Safety Campaign as we continue to remain committed to tackling anti social behaviour in both districts. No doubt many of you will have received a similar letter from us in previous years. I have taken over from Gerry Moore and wish to continue this key safety campaign.

The Campaign is about reducing the anti social behaviour associated with Halloween on 31st October, Bonfire Night on 5th November and the days leading up to them. Thanks to the cooperation from parents and carers in the past and also with the assistance of local retailers and the Police, I am pleased to say that over the years our campaign has been successful and reports of anti social behaviour in East Devon at the above times of the year, still remain relatively low.

Having said all that there continues to be some incidents involving the throwing of eggs and flour and problems concerning loud fireworks and the misuse of them. It goes without saying that such incidents cause alarm and distress to certain members of the community. Some older and also other vulnerable people do get very frightened by this type of behaviour and again it cannot be emphasised too much the fear that even one or two incidents can cause. Many of you have parents, other relatives and friends who are elderly and I feel sure that you would not want them to be alarmed by such irresponsible acts. Once again I ask you to advise your children that this type of activity is anti social as it is likely to cause unnecessary alarm and distress.

'Trick or Treat' under adult supervision is of course acceptable but please be sure of the whereabouts of your children if they engage in this type of activity. Many people still don't like answering the door to callers taking part in this and often get both frightened and concerned.

Police Officers do pay particular attention at this time of the year in order to monitor behaviour but I hope that if we all work together reports of anti social behaviour will continue to remain low.

Yours sincerely

David Whelan

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Community Safety and Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator.