



Newsletter 16th October 2020

Shute Primary
School

Attendance Up to this week 96.43%

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who have attended parent's evening this week. I hope you found it useful to have a conversation with your child's teacher(s) about how they have settled into their class and how their learning is going. Each class will be having a final parent evening next week so if you still haven't returned your form please do so to enable a meeting to be set up with your child's class teacher(s).

The meeting will take place in the school hall with a KS1 parent coming in the Pre-school/Reception entrance by the side gate and a KS2 parent coming in the front entrance. If you arrive a few minutes before your scheduled meeting please wait under the canopy outside of Squirrels classroom for Early Years/KS1 parents and either outside or inside the school entrance for KS2 parents depending on the weather. There will be at least a 2 metre distance between the teacher(s) and the parent. We ask you to please wear a mask/face shield and so will the teachers as it will be indoors.

The timetable is as follows:

Fox class (Y1/2) on Thursday 22nd October

Badgers class (Y5/6) on Thursday 22nd October

Squirrel class (Pre-school/Reception) on Monday 19th October

Hedgehog class (Y3/4) on Monday 19th October

Thank you for your support on this.

Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr Germscheid

Food Bank Donations

Next week we will be celebrating the Harvest in each class with the teacher and children doing a range of activities. We want to continue to make a difference to families across the local area so we will be collecting for the Axminster Foodbank all of next week and then on Friday delivering the food that is collected. Please could you bring in items for the food bank? We will have a box and table to collect food items on the top playground throughout the week. Thank you in advance for your food contributions for the food bank.

Halloween costumes

To celebrate Halloween which is during half term and to raise money towards further outdoor activities at the school we would like the children to come to school dressed in a Halloween costume next Friday, 23rd October. In lieu of wearing a costume we are asking for a £1 donation.

Win a Pumpkin!

To celebrate Halloween and to raise money to put towards having further exciting outdoor activities delivered we will be holding a guess the weight of the largest pumpkin and also having a pumpkin lucky square competition. From Wednesday 14th October until Thursday 22nd October there will be a table at the bottom of the playground from 3.15pm each day. To be in with a chance to win the largest pumpkin or to win a lucky pumpkin please bring 50p (exact change please) a go and a pen to write your entries on the squares. These pumpkins were grown in the Shute pumpkin patch! Winners will be announced on Friday, 23rd October.

Ancient Greek Day

News report from Friday 9th October 2020

On Friday, Year 5 and Year 6 (Badger class) had an Ancient Greek day and came in dressed as Ancient Greeks with armour and weapons. The first thing we did was have a Greek breakfast, there was pita bread, hummus, wine (fizzy grape juice) and cheese! ☺

"I really enjoyed the pita bread and I sort of liked the wine, but the cheese was disgusting," said a Year 6 girl.

A Year 6 boy replied, "It was very delicious, but I personally did not like the cheese."

Lily and I thought that the pita bread and hummus were very nice, as well as the wine, but we both found the cheese horrible!

After we had eaten our Greek breakfast we went outside onto the playground and we did some play fighting with our weapons, we each chose a partner to do so. After we did eight Ancient Greek fighting moves, we all got our shields and made a phalanx.



After we did this we went outside for break then we went back inside. Mr Omrani gave us a long talk about the Ancient Greeks. We passed around precious artefacts.

Thank you to Mr Omrani and Mr Smith for a fantastic morning!

By Poppy

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken on **Thursday 22nd October**. Due to the current restrictions we will only be able to offer individual photographs on this occasion for the children attending on this day, as unfortunately we cannot allow parents into the hall, therefore no siblings or family groups photographs.

Before School Club

Mrs Sandman will be running the before school club every morning. If you would like your child to attend for the first time, please contact Mrs Haysom, email admin@shute-primary.org.uk for further details.

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 see Mrs Haysom 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.

Mindfulness Club

After half-term mindfulness will stop and resume in the Spring/Summer term.

Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

There are 4 elements to pupil premium:

1. Free school meal eligibility
2. service children
3. adopted from care, special guardianship order and residence order
4. children in care

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility (based on the free school meal criteria) will help raise pupil premium money for the school. For 2020-21, the additional funding will be £1,345 for a primary school, for each registered child.

Do I need to apply for pupil premium? (based on free school meal criteria)

You only need to apply if you have a child in reception, year 1 or year 2 and both of the following apply:

- you do not have an existing free school meal claim

- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits (see [School meals](#) for a list of the qualifying benefits).

How to apply

Through the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

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.

Schools advice to parents and carers

Keeping our children, schools and communities safe

Currently only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested:

A high temperature

OR new, continuous cough

OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Visit the 111 [online symptom checker](#) and [check the government website](#) for changes to testing guidance.

People without COVID-19 symptoms don't need to get tested, unless asked to by a health professional, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive. Close contacts should isolate for 14 days and only get tested if they develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Stay up to date with the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) advice in Devon at devon.cc/covid-19 and sign up to receive updates at devon.cc/connectme

What if...	You need to...	Return to school...
My child has COVID-19 symptoms?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school they have COVID-19 symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get your child tested and tell school the result. • Self-isolate whole household while waiting for test result (If unable to get a test, child must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days) 	if your child's test result is negative and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours.
My child tests positive for COVID-19?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school test result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate your child for 10 days from when their symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms). • Self isolate your whole household for 14 days from when your child's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time. 	after completing 10 days self-isolation and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours. They can return to school even with a cough or loss/change of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

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What if...	You need to...	Return to school...
Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school a household member has COVID-19 symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household member with symptoms should get tested. Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result (if unable to get a test, household member with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days). 	when the household member's test result is negative, and your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school test result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from when this person's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time. 	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
NHS Test and Trace identifies my child as a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive for COVID-19?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self isolate your child for 14 days (even if they test negative during that time). Rest of household doesn't need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too. 	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
We have travelled and must self-isolate due to quarantine rules?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household members that travelled must self-isolate for 14 days, even if someone tests negative in that time. Please do not take unauthorised leave during term, and consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel. 	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
We receive advice from a medical/ official source that my child must resume shielding?	<p>Keep your child at home and contact school to discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shield your child until you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again. 	when you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.
My child has a runny/ stuffy nose or sore throat, but does not have COVID-19 symptoms	<p>Think about whether your child is well enough to go to school or not</p>	If you think your child is well enough, and they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. Use the NHS111 symptom checker if you're not sure

For a more accessible version of this information please visit devon.cc/covid19-school-absence and if you require this information in another format or language please email communications@devon.gov.uk

Symptoms checker

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Symptoms	COVID-19 Mild to severe	Cold Gradual onset	Flu Rapid onset
Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
New cough	Common (usually dry and continuous)	Sometimes	Common (usually dry)
Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell	Common	Rare	No
Fatigue	Sometimes (common in children)	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare (sometimes for children)	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

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Diary Dates:

October	
22.10.20	Individual Photographs
October 19 th -23 rd	Harvest Donations- Axminster Food Bank Collection- Top playground
23.10.20	Halloween Costumes- £1 donation
October 26 th -30 th	Half Term
2.11.20	Autumn Second half term starts