



Newsletter
18th December 2020

**Shute Primary
School**

Attendance Up to this week 96.5%

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

We have made it to the Christmas holiday! Thank you to everyone for all of their support this term. It certainly has been a challenge for all the staff, children and parents but now I hope that each and every one of us are able to enjoy a well-deserved break. May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

We have said goodbye to Mrs Clark and Mrs Dare this week. They both have been dedicated, enthusiastic and simply amazing during their time at Shute. They both will greatly missed and I wish them all the best. They both have played a vital role in the children's education at Shute by starting off their education in Pre-school/Reception in the best possible way.

Thank you to all parents who have signed the permission slips for 'Tapestry'. This will be a great way for all classes to communicate with parents and children moving forward. If you haven't yet returned the permission slip please do so as soon as possible.

We had interviews for the Early Years teaching position (Squirrels) starting in January which is for three days a week and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Gannon who will now do a job share with Mrs Gafney. Both teachers will be working together one morning a week to ensure the best transition possible. This will allow planning, assessment and communication to take place along with teaching the children together.

We also have interviewed for a teacher for three afternoons a week for Year 5/6 (Badgers) starting in January and we are pleased to say that Mrs Farwell will now be with us for the next two terms. She has been working with the children in Badgers this half-term.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for all the money that has been raised for the school this term.

Thank you to Keith Sweetland for providing Christmas masks and Father Christmas hats to the children.

We will see all the children back at Shute on Tuesday, 5th January 2021

Kind regards,
Mr Germscheid

News from the PTFA

We're delighted to announce the winners of the Christmas Hamper raffle:

Amy Williams (Harry and Evie's mum) won the large hamper, and **Mel Proctor** (Megan's mum) won the chocolate raffle.

The winners will be given their prizes at school this afternoon. Many thanks to Annette Burrough and Richard Easton (Aurelia and Sasha's parents) from Ganesha Wholefoods store for their kind donation of both hampers.

The raffle made a fantastic £535!

Here are the full totals of the PTFA fundraising:

Christmas hamper raffle £535

Second hand book sale £90.50

100 Club £192

Christmas jumper day £91

This means that the grand total of money raised is: **£908.50**

Thank you to everyone, all the parents, teachers and children who contributed to help us raise such an amazing amount of money for the school. The money will go towards creating a covered outdoor area, and play equipment for the children.

We hope that your children enjoyed the livestream pantomime of Goldilocks And The Three Bears, and will be excited to receive their chocolate gifts this afternoon. Big thanks to Tasha Morgan (Ella and Olivia's Mum) for arranging this generous free gift for every child from Tesco Honiton.

On behalf of Flora, Heather, Diane, Holly, Hayley, Leti and everyone else in the PTFA we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Diary Dates:

4.1.21	INSET day for staff
5.1.21	Start of Spring term for the children



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Friday 18th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Public Health England have requested that all schools are able to support contact tracing until 24th December 2020.

If you or your child return a positive test result after school has closed for the Christmas Holidays but before 24th December please email admin@shute-primary.org.uk. If you do have to notify us of a test and result please give the following information:

- Child's name
- Child's Bubble
- Date of test
- Date of conformation of result
- Date last in school

Should there be case of covid-19 and notification of your child needing to self-isolate you will be informed via Parentmail.

Until the end of term please continue to notify the office of any impending test results and please confirm the result as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this challenging time.

Kind regards

Patrick Germscheid

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