



## Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Shute Primary  
School

Attendance Up to this week 95%

Target 95%

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so nice to have everyone back in school this week! The excitement outside at breaktimes and lunchtimes watching the children play and enjoying being with their friends was so lovely to see. We are all starting to get back into a normal school routine.

Thank you for following the rules and routines we have put back in place. Please continue to social distance on the playground. The mornings work best if you turn up at school just before 8.40am for KS2 and their siblings and at 8.50am for Early Years/KS1. Please make sure that your children have the correct P.E kit and school uniform. This information is on the school website.

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

As sent out previously by Parentmail, "Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return from 8 March."

For more information on this, please follow the links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

### **Non-Uniform for Red Nose Day**

Next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day so to celebrate we are asking all the children to come to school wearing something that is red and it is a non-uniform day. We are asking for a £1 donation which will go to Comic Relief.

### **Lost PE Kits**

Please can we ask that you check for 2 lost PE kits, in a Pink bag with a Sequin Heart and a Black and pink Puma bag. Both lost from the Autumn term.

Please see job advert below. We are still looking for someone to take on this role.

### **Job Vacancy**

**Closing Date:** Friday 26th March 2021 at 12.00pm

**Interview Date :** Thursday 1st April 2021

**Before School Club Supervisor - Permanent**

**C Grade £9.81 to £10.21**

5hrs per week - 5hrs 7:45am-8:45am

38 weeks

Shute Community Primary School is part of the Devon Moors federation and is a 4 class rural school set in the village of Shute, near Axminster.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our thriving primary school as it continues to grow and develop. We are looking for a highly motivated individual to join our friendly, dedicated and hard-working team as a Before School Club Supervisor. You will provide a caring, secure environment prior to the beginning of the school day, through individual attention and group activities, and to organise an appropriate range of leisure activities for children between the ages of 4 and 11, ensuring all activities are inclusive for all children to take part in.

Devon Moors Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check in line with the Government's safer recruitment guidelines. We are also fully committed to equal opportunities.

Visits to the school are welcomed. Please contact the school on 01297 33348 to arrange a convenient time should you wish to visit or have any further questions about this role. Job details and an application form are available from the school website <http://shuteprimary.org.uk/contact-us/job-vacancies/>

Please email completed applications to [a.haysom@shute-primary.org.uk](mailto:a.haysom@shute-primary.org.uk)

## **NEWS FROM THE PTFA**

### **PTFA Zoom Meeting**

Our monthly Zoom meeting will be held next Tuesday 16th March at 8.30pm. We will send out an email with the meeting link on the day. All are welcome to attend.

### **Non School Uniform day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March to support the Easter Raffle**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March will be a non-school uniform day! Instead of bringing money, we ask that each child bring in an Easter treat that morning please - any yummy chocolate or other edible Easter treats which the PTFA will collect to make into gift bags for our Easter Raffle.

At school drop off on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, please put the edible treats into one of the plastic boxes that will be available outside the school.

### **Easter Raffle**

We will be running a lucky square raffle, with delicious Easter gift bags to win. The raffle starts on Monday 22nd March and ends on Wednesday 31st, with the winners announced on the 1st April.

Squares will be sold in the school field at pick up time. Lucky squares cost £2, 3 numbers for £7 or 5 for £10. Please bring the correct change or notes. The money raised will go towards funding outdoor equipment for the school.

### **100 club**

A reminder that the PTFA are running the 100 club again, and there are lots of numbers still for sale. For those of you who are new to this it's a very easy way to raise money and you could also win a prize. It's £12 a year and there is a draw every month for 12 months. Half of the money goes to PTFA funds

that are spent on the children and half the money is prize money that could come back to you. So the more numbers we sell the more funds we have and more the monthly prize money will be!

To buy a number, you can either pay your £12 directly into the PTFA bank account or give it to Emma Sweetland at school. If you would like to reserve a number you can send an email to [emmamsweetland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emmamsweetland@hotmail.co.uk) or if you have her number just send her a text.

If you would like to transfer your money straight to the PTFA account here are the details. Please could you put 100 club in the reference details so it can easily be seen on statements.

PTFA bank account:  
Sort code 30-90-37  
Account no. 00120391.

We are aiming to start the first draw this month, so be sure to get your number soon!

### **Here's what your fundraising money has bought for the school so far:**

Many thanks to everyone for giving so generously to the PTFA projects, here's what it's being used for:

1. We've ordered a large wooden train and carriage for the children to play on in the playground, which will be installed soon.
2. Thanks to a local grandparent and PTFA money, the school will be receiving 6 picnic benches and parasols after Easter to create an outside sitting/ eating/ learning space.
3. We're in the process of arranging some outdoor shaded space for the school grounds as a permanent structure.
4. We're applying for funding for an outdoor mud kitchen/science lab, watch this space!

Thanks again for all your support!

### **Uniform Orders**

Uniform orders can be placed using ParentPay. We have a new supplier, with much quicker turnaround times, so if we do not have items in stock, it won't take too long.

### **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. [Absence-request-form.pdf \(shute-primary.org.uk\)](https://www.shute-primary.org.uk) 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:

Date	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day- Non-uniform day £1 donation for Comic Relief
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day donation of Easter Treat
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer term
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank holiday
31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half term
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Summer term