



## Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Shute Primary  
School

Attendance Up to this week 95%

Target 95%

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with sadness that we would like to wish Ange Haysom a fond farewell after 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  years at Shute Primary School as Office Manager. Both her children are now grown-up and it is time for her to start a new adventure as SEND area co-ordinator for Devon. She is particularly excited about taking term time holidays! Her last day with us will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, I know we all miss her, but wish her all the best in her new role. We have placed an advert for this position and will keep you informed.

See Ange's comments below:-

*I have enjoyed every minute of my time at Shute and will leave with amazing memories of all of the children, parents and staff, past and present. Thank you for your smiles, kindness and support over the years. It will be very strange not to be travelling to school every day and seeing you all on the playground, but I am looking forward to my new challenge.*

Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

### **Parents evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. It was important to have a catch up with your child's class teacher(s) to discuss how they are progressing and how together we can best support their learning at home and at school. If you were unable to make a meeting this week please re-arrange with your child's teacher(s) as soon as possible.

On a positive, the children have all begun to settle back into the routine of school life and we all are hoping that as restrictions start to ease we can start to return to normal at Shute as well.

### **Parking**

Can I remind everyone to park sensibly outside the school gates, down along the church and at the bottom. The orange cones outside the school are there to keep families safe as they walk up to the entrance so please respect not parking in this area. Thank you.

### **Uniform Expectations**

Please see below the school uniform requirements:-

Reception to Year 6

**Girls: -**

Grey skirt or pinafore dress or dark grey trousers  
Sky blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved)  
Burgundy sweatshirt or sweatcardi  
Grey tights or white socks (plain)  
Blue and White Gingham dress (Easter-October half term)  
Fleece Jacket with school logo (optional)  
Waterproof Reversible Coat with school logo (optional)  
Black school shoes (closed Toe) with low heels ;No trainers or boots please  
Year 6 Navy Leavers Hoodie

**Boys: -**

Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts  
Sky blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved)  
Burgundy sweatshirt  
Grey socks (plain)  
Fleece Jacket with school logo (optional)  
Waterproof Reversible Coat with school logo (optional)  
Black school shoes (Velcro preferred) ;No trainers or boots please  
Year 6 Navy Leavers Hoodie

**PE Kit: -**

Burgundy Tee shirt (logo)  
Black shorts  
P.E. shoes or trainers for outdoor lessons  
White socks  
track suit  
Hairband  
(It is helpful if the child's P.E. kit is put in a drawstring bag and hung on their peg during weekdays)

**Jewellery**

Only watches and ear studs may be worn - no other jewellery is permitted. All jewellery must be removed for PE.

**Makeup**

No make-up or nail varnish should be worn in school.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

**Forest School**

Each class will be having a 6 week block of forest school before we break up for the summer holiday. Badger class have really enjoyed having forest school the past 6 weeks on a Friday afternoon. Hedgehog class have already started their forest school on a Monday afternoon to be followed by Fox and Squirrel classes.

## Clubs

We still have spaces for the clubs below:-

Summer Term 2021 - First half of Term Clubs starting week commencing Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May (only children who have consented online using ParentPay will be allowed to take part) Clubs requiring payment - Please make all payments payable to provider (as stated below) handed into office.

	<b>Afterschool 3.30 – 4.30pm</b>	<b>Payment to</b>
Monday	<b>Biscuit Club for Year 5 &amp; 6 with Mr Germscheid</b>  <b>Consolidation of skills learnt in Reading and Numeracy, no cost starts week of 10<sup>th</sup> May – July 19th</b>	
Tuesday	<b>Spanish Club with Leonora Allen Year 3-6</b>  <b>Max 10 children starts week of 4<sup>th</sup> May – July 20th</b>	<b>Cheques made payable to Shute CP School PTFA £30 for 10 lessons</b>
Wednesday	<b>Art Club starting 5<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> July Year 3-6</b>  <b>Mrs Farwell</b>  <b>Max 10 children</b>	<b>Payment to be made by Parentpay</b>  <b>£20 for 10 sessions</b>

## **NEWS FROM THE PTFA**

### **Summer Ice Lolly Fundraiser**

We're delighted to reveal that, starting today, we will be distributing ice lollies at pick up time every Friday afternoon. For our first day today, the popsicles are free (many thanks to Ella and Olivia's Mum Tasha for arranging this with Tesco).

From next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May onwards the ice lollies will cost £1 per lolly per child. To avoid queues at school, we're asking parents to ideally please pay directly into the PTFA bank account in advance, rather than bringing in cash on the day. You can pay £1 a week at a time; £4 for the Fridays up to half term; or £10 in advance for the whole term.

Here are the PTFA bank details to make your payment:

Account name: Shute C.P School P.T.F.A

Sort code: 30-90-37

Account no: 00120391

Reference: Lolly

Once you've paid online then we will place your child on our "paid list" to receive a lolly.

We don't want any child to miss out on this or other fundraising events due to financial constraints, so please do contact Mrs Haysom if this is a concern.

### **Professional Electrician needed**

Do we have any Shute primary parents who are professional electricians?  
We're looking for an electrician to do a PAT test for the freezer we're borrowing for the ice lolly fundraiser. If you can think of anyone who could do this for us please let Flora know asap via her email address: floracruft@hotmail.com

### **PTFA Zoom Meeting on Tuesday**

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm via Zoom. Please feel free to join us then, all are welcome. A link to the meeting will be sent out via Parentmail on Tuesday.

### **100 club winner for April**

The 100 club winner for April was Mary Wall. Congratulations Mary!  
The club is now closed and not accepting new entries. Those who bought numbers are entered into monthly draws for the next 12 months, and we will announce a winner at the end of every month.

### **Bag2School**

Bag2School will be collecting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, with some changes. Please collect any good quality clothes, shoes, bags, hats, jewellery and belts in your own bin bags and leave outside school at drop-off and pick-up times on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May; Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May; and at drop off only on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

This is so that the school won't have to keep the bags indoors due to Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for supporting this brilliant fundraising event, which enables us to clear out our unwanted clothes and in the process make money for the school.

### **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/Absence-request-form.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:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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