



Newsletter 14th June 2021

**Shute Primary
School**

Attendance Up to this week 95 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in the final few weeks before the start of the summer holiday. Next week the children in Years 2-6 will either be either doing NFER tests or mock SATs tests. We will also be assessing the Year 1 children regarding their phonics. We will be doing these papers to give us a baseline in order to see where the children currently are in their learning journey. These papers will help us in preparation for the new school year in September by focusing on areas of learning that the children still need further support with.

The children in Squirrel, Fox and Badger classes have had drama workshops with Rob Putner this week and last. Rob has been fantastic in getting the children thoroughly engaged and excited about drama. I enjoyed seeing Badger class being so enthusiastic and active. A huge thank you to the PTFA for paying for the cost of Rob to deliver his drama workshops to the children.

The children in all four classes have really enjoyed joining up as a whole school again during morning break outside and the atmosphere has been lovely. All of the children are really excited about the new train which has arrived and we are hoping to get it put in the correct place today after school so the children can use it next week.

The staff and children are looking forward to separate Sports days soon for both KS1 and KS2. We all are hoping for good weather. Please be looking out for further information about our Sports days which will be sent to you via Parentmail soon.

Finally, children learn in so many interesting ways. What I love about Shute is that there are so many different opportunities to learn in a style that works for you as an individual. The giant blackboard is just one way the children can learn and also express themselves at the same time. I thought this photo summed that up really nicely.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid



*Kind regards,
Mr Germscheid*

Drama fun

Fox class learnt how to mime, thinking carefully about the movements they were making as well as listening to and moving the blue sea to the poem The Jumbalies.

The children were miming wearing heavy diving boots.



Second Hand School Uniform Sale

We will be holding a school uniform sale outside on a Friday at pick up before the end of term, exact date tbc. In the meantime, if you have any old uniforms that your children have outgrown, please keep them and we will ask you to bring them to school on an allotted day in the next few weeks.

Ice Lolly Fridays

We have plenty of delicious ice lollies for sale every Friday, the lollies cost £1 each, and it helps if you can bring the correct change if paying on the day. The sale of lollies will continue on Fridays until the end of term, please remember that the cut off for advance payments is Wednesday evening each week.

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

Thanks,

PTFA Team

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 \(shute-primary.org.uk\)](#) 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
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term
Fox class forest school on Tuesday afternoons(6 weeks- 8 th /15 th /22 nd /29 th June/6 th /13 th July Squirrel class forest school on Fridays (6 weeks- 11 th /18 th /25 th June/2 nd /9 th /16 th July	Forest school
Friday afternoons for 5 weeks 11 th /18 th /25 th June/ 2 nd /9 th July	Top up swimming for Years 5/6 Flamingo pool

<p><i>Squirrel/Fox class- Drama workshops (1 hour each) Wednesday, 9th June</i></p> <p><i>Badger class- (2 hours) Wednesday 16th June</i></p> <p><i>Squirrel/Fox class- (1 hour each) Wednesday, 23rd June</i></p> <p><i>Hedgehog class- (2 hours) Wednesday 30th June</i></p>	<p><i>Drama workshops (Donation from PTFA and Shute Festival)</i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday, 30th June</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday, 7th July (reserve day if weather is bad on 30th June)</i></p>	<p><i>KS1 Sports day in afternoon from 2pm for parents to attend</i></p>
<p><i>Thursday, 1st July</i></p> <p><i>Thursday, 8th July (reserve day if weather is bad on 1st July)</i></p>	<p><i>KS2 Sports day in afternoon from 1.15pm for parents to attend</i></p>
<p><i>Friday, 9th July (rehearsal in am- whole school- outside stage area)</i></p> <p><i>Parents of musicians invited after school- outside stage area for 3.45pm</i></p> <p><i>Monday, 12th July- Reserve day as above if weather is bad on 9th July</i></p>	<p><i>Sarah Ryan's music show (all musicians)</i></p>
<p><i>Friday, 16th July (outside stage area- KS2 parents (Hedgehogs and Badgers) invited for 2.00pm</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday, 21st July- Reserve day as above for Badger parents if weather is bad on 16th July</i></p>	<p><i>KS2 (Hedgehogs and Badgers) end of summer celebration along with our Year 6 leavers</i></p>
<p><i>Friday, 16th July</i></p>	<p><i>School reports sent home to parents</i></p>
<p><i>Thursday, 22nd July</i></p>	<p><i>Last day of summer term</i></p>