



## Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Shute Primary School

Attendance Up to this week 95 %

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Last Friday, we said goodbye to Mrs Haysom who has played such a huge role at Shute the last 8 ½ years as office manager. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best in her new role.*

*As a result of her leaving, we held interviews on Monday for her replacement. I would like to update you on our search for an Office Manager. We were successful in finding someone to take over but we are still waiting for her to tell her current school and their families. I should be able to update you further after half-term.*

*Just a reminder that if you have an urgent message, please call the school and leave a message, the answerphone will be checked regularly throughout the day. The admin email account will also be checked throughout the day, but please be patient, someone will get back to you as soon as possible.*

*Please see the diary dates below for the last half term. It will be a busy few weeks at Shute after half term with lots of activities and events planned before we break up for the summer holidays. We hope for sun and warm weather to make it enjoyable for all of us.*

*I also wanted to mention that after half term the wearing of masks to drop off and pick up your children will now be optional along with the staff having this choice. Please continue to practise social distancing and we ask you to still drop off and pick up your children at the set times.*

*The children have missed mixing across the school so after half-term we will start to have morning break together again outside as a first step in getting back to the way it was Pre-Covid. We really hope that by September when we return after the summer holiday we will be able to be one school again in how we function.*

*Thank you to everyone who has returned a parent survey. We will be able to use the results to help improve the school for the children, parents and staff.*

*Thank you for your support this half-term. May you and your family have a relaxing and fun half-term. We will see everyone back on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Kind regards,  
Mr Germscheid*

## **Parking**

*Parking continues to be a massive issue, especially down by Shute Barton. We have had complaints from residents saying that a few people are being inconsiderate as they are parking on the grass or blocking the guests of Shute Barton by double parking. Please do not obstruct the road so that residents cannot exit or access their homes. The school has a friendly agreement to use their car park if a space is available. This is a private residential area and not meant to be a public parking area. I would hate to lose any privileges that we do have. Thank you to everyone who is parking sensibly and to those of you who are parking and walking from a long distance to the school. Shute is a special place and the residents do appreciate that the school has a parking problem and that attempts have been made to find a solution, the community does understand and supports us. We just need to make it work for everyone in a safe and respectful manner.*

## **NEWS FROM THE PTFA**

### **Winner of our 'name the Busy Bee Bin' Competition**

Thank you to all those children who put forward their suggestions to name the new playground Busy Bee Bin. We received some great name ideas including *Beauty, Bella, Bob the Bin, Honey, Candy, Martha*; lots of you suggested *Buzz, Buzzy, Busy Bee, Buzz Buzz, Bee Bin, Bizz, Busy Buzz, Buzzbox*; eight of you from Badger Class suggesting *Tubbo*; we had a suggestion to call the bin *Kevin* and another suggestion for the bin to be called *Brenda*... All great names!

We really liked the name *Bumble*; two children chose to give the bin that name: Annabella in Hedgehog Class and Victor in Fox Class, therefore we have given them each a bee inspired craft kit as runners up prizes. Thank you for your suggestions.

However, after much deliberation over all the names, we have decided on the name.....

She (the bin) will be called *Betsy*! Daisy S put forward this great name, well done Daisy and thank you. We hope you enjoy your prize - a ceramic beehive and acrylic paints and paintbrushes.

Daisy, Annabella and Victor, we would love to see pictures of your finished bee creations.

### **100 Club Winner**

This month's winner of 100 club prize money was Hayley Jones. Congratulations Hayley!

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 every month.

### **Bag2School**

Thanks to your kind donations of clothes and shoes we made a grand total of £114, which will go towards PTFA projects.

### **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 after half 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.

## **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>
31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Hedgehog class</b> forest school on Monday afternoons (2 weeks remaining- 7 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> June) <b>Fox class</b> forest school on Tuesday afternoons(6 weeks- 8 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> June/6 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Squirrel class</b> forest school on Fridays (6 weeks- 11 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> June/2 <sup>nd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Forest school</b>
Friday afternoons for 5 weeks 11 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> June/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Top up swimming for Years 5/6 Flamingo pool</b>
<b>Squirrel/Fox class-</b> Drama workshops (1 hour each) Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Badger class-</b> (2 hours) Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Hedgehog class-</b> (2 hours) Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June <b>Squirrel/Fox class-</b> (1 hour each) Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Drama workshops (Donation from PTFA and Shute Festival)</b>
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Year 6 Transition day Year 6 children attending Woodroffe in September</b>
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July (Small school day) Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July (All students coming)	<b>Year 6 Transition days Year 6 children attending Axe Valley Academy in September</b>
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 5 Sports/Science based STEM day at Axe Valley Academy</b>
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July (reserve day if weather is bad on 30 <sup>th</sup> June)	<b>KS1 Sports day in afternoon from 2pm for parents to attend</b>
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>KS2 Sports day in afternoon from 1.15pm for parents to attend</b>

Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July (reserve day if weather is bad on 1 <sup>st</sup> July)	
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July (rehearsal in am- whole school- outside stage area) Parents of musicians invited after school- outside stage area for 3.45pm Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July- Reserve day as above if weather is bad on 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sarah Ryan's music show (all musicians)</b>
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July (outside stage area- KS2 parents (Hedgehogs and Badgers) invited for 2.00pm Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July- Reserve day as above for Badger parents if weather is bad on 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>KS2 (Hedgehogs and Badgers) end of summer celebration along with our Year 6 leavers</b>
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School reports sent home to parents</b>
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Last day of summer term</b>

### **Community Information**

#### **Food providers in East Devon( information from East Devon District Council)**

Because half term is only a few weeks away I wanted to bring to your attention the food providers in the district who will be able to give support to families on free school meals and others who might find they need extra food with their young people at home all week.

As you can see we have at least one provider in each of our towns and some of these support the surrounding villages too.

We are all working together as East Devon Food Hub to share good practice, gluts of food and to try to ensure no one who needs food support is missed out.

#### **Axminster Foodbank,**

Sheila [info@axminsterwellbeing.com](mailto:info@axminsterwellbeing.com) 01297 32331  
Health and Wellbeing centre, Chard rd

#### **Nourish Axminster**

Karen [nourishaxminster@gmail.com](mailto:nourishaxminster@gmail.com)

The Guildhall, Axminster

Provides frozen home cooked style meals to Axminster and surrounding parishes and to Seaton.

#### **Axminster Foodsave**

Jemma via Olio

Provides waste supermarket food to anyone living in Axminster.

#### **Broadclyst foodbank**

Angie Hurran [clerk@broadclyst.org](mailto:clerk@broadclyst.org)

#### **Cranbrook Foodbank**

Aynsley Jones [cdw@cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cdw@cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### **Grow Eat Do (Cranbrook)**

Grow Eat Do facebook page or message [groweatdo@outlook.com](mailto:groweatdo@outlook.com)

Provides frozen home cooked style meals to Cranbrook and surrounding area

#### **Exmouth Larder (Foodbank)**

[www.exmouthlarder.co.uk](http://www.exmouthlarder.co.uk).

#### **Littleham Community Fridge**

Sam Burnett 07902 217228 and on FB

**Honiton SAVE**

Email: [honitonfoodsaver@gmail.com](mailto:honitonfoodsaver@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/honitonfoodsaver>

**The King's Centre Food Bank (Honiton)**

Lees Buildings, High Street, Honiton, EX14 1DH

Tel:- 0140443800

Email:- [stevem@thecommunitychurch.co.uk](mailto:stevem@thecommunitychurch.co.uk)

[office@thecommunitychurch.co.uk](mailto:office@thecommunitychurch.co.uk)

[foodbank@thecommunitychurch.co.uk](mailto:foodbank@thecommunitychurch.co.uk)

**Ottery Foodbank**

Chris l'Anson [osmfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:osmfoodbank@gmail.com)

**Ottery Community Larder –**

Dean Stewart

**The Institute, Ottery**

[www.facebook.com/otterylarder](http://www.facebook.com/otterylarder), <https://bookeo.com/otterylarder>, Tel: 01404 600013

**Foodbank in Seaton**

Number One, Harepath Road, Seaton

[foodbankseaton@gmail.com](mailto:foodbankseaton@gmail.com)

**Seaton SAVE –**

Contact via FB

Waste food given to anyone in Seaton, community shop and hub.

**Sid Valley Food Bank**

Chris Chapman

Address: Youth Centre, Manstone Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9TS

Tel: 07936 917507

**Sidmouth SAVE**

Rich – Twyford house, 01395 512221

Waste food given to anyone in Sidmouth.