



Newsletter 16th July 2021

**Shute Primary
School**

Attendance Up to this week 96 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, many children at the school performed amazingly at the Music Extravaganza which was led by Sarah Ryan our singing teacher with support from Louise Elliot with the pianists. I can't say enough positives about the children who performed and about Sarah and her commitment to the children. The event showcased singing, piano playing, acting and performing to a very high level. It was wonderful to see the confidence that the children have performing and most importantly the joy they get out of it.

Today, the children in Year 6 said their goodbyes at the leavers' celebration reflecting on their time at Shute. It certainly has been a crazy 18 months for them and I know that they are excited as they move to their new secondary schools in September. I have enjoyed each and every one of them and we wish them nothing but the best moving forward.

We have sent home your child's school report today. All of the children should be really proud of their achievements this year, it certainly has been a challenging year but all of the staff have enjoyed working with your children and seeing them shine throughout the ups and downs that this year has brought. They are all amazing and I love seeing their smiles, kindness and unique qualities each and every day. The teachers have worked hard to be honest, fair and accurate in their assessments of where your child is currently at. If you wish to discuss anything further please speak to your child's teacher.

Each class has now had two transition afternoons with their new class and teacher in preparation for September. This has been really valuable for both the children and their teachers. The staff are really looking forward to their new classes for September and the transition afternoons have allowed us to get to know them a little better.

Finally, as this is the final newsletter before the summer holidays I wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents, children and staff. It has been a very challenging year but we have all come through it stronger in so many ways. The school continues to go from strength to strength. The school continues to have many positive changes made to it thanks to the support of the PTFA and the new Devon Moors Federation we are now a part of.

A reminder that school is a full day next Thursday, 22nd July when the children break up for the summer holiday. We have a staff INSET day on Monday, 6th September with the first day back for the children on Tuesday, 7th September.

When the summer holiday finally comes next week, please enjoy it with your children, relax and have fun. May the new school year in September bring what we all want, health, happiness and stability. Thank you for all your support this past year, it is much appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

NEWS FROM THE PTFA

Summer Hamper Draw – the winner!

Many thanks for your generous support of the Summer Hamper Prize Draw. We made a total of £445.92, including donations for the singing show refreshments, which is a fantastic amount! The money raised will go towards buying some exciting new outdoor play equipment for the school.

We're pleased to announce that the prize draw winner is Freya O! Congratulations to Freya and Mum Karen.

Big thanks again to Richard Easton and Annette Burrough (Aurelia and Sasha's parents), and to Wes and Lynsey Dowell (Maddie and Florrie's parents) for your brilliant donations of Ganesha Wholefoods and Lyme Bay Brewery goodies.

Ice Lollies

Your purchase of ice lollies every Friday has also helped build funds for the school, the full total will be announced next week, along with the total made from today's uniform sale. Today is the last day of the lolly sale – next Thursday we will be giving each child a free ice pop as an end of term treat. We hope to continue our weekly lolly/ treat sales next term. Can anyone who still owes money from previous lolly sales please pay today, thank you.

We'd like to thank Tracey Sutton (Mum to Poppy) for her kind donation of the freezer which has allowed us to run this fundraiser and make money for the school.

Sunflower Competition

The sunflowers have been growing well and next week we'll announce the winner of the tallest sunflower competition, watch this space!

Wishing you all a relaxing and fun filled summer break.

Many thanks

PTFA Team

School Uniform

Here is a reminder about school uniform. It is important that the children have the correct school uniform in September.

You can order school uniform using this link:

<https://www.a1printandstitch.co.uk/online-shop/schools/shute-primary-school>

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

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 Hall 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 |
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| Friday, 16 th July (outside stage area- Year 6 parents) | KS2 (Hedgehogs and Badgers) end of summer celebration along with our Year 6 leavers and Year 6 parents |
| Friday, 16 th July | School reports sent home to parents |
| Thursday, 22 nd July (Full day) | Last day of summer term |
| Monday, 6 th September | STAFF INSET DAY |
| Tuesday, 7 th September | First day of school for the children |