



Newsletter
17th September 2021

**Shute Primary
School**

Attendance Up to this week 98%

Target 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the school year and the children have adapted to their new classes, classrooms and teachers really well. We have all settled into a routine that feels comfortable without all the restrictions that we had previously, long may it last.

We are hoping to get more involved off the school site this year with school trips, welly walks, sporting events and other activities planned. It has been so nice having assemblies all together in the hall, break and lunch times together and an overall feeling that we are one school and not isolated from each other.

The teachers would like to hold parents evening the week of October 18th with Tuesday, 19th and Thursday 21st October being the dates to meet the teacher(s) to talk about how your children are getting on. We are planning on inviting both parents to come if you so wish. We will hold the meetings in the hall and will be giving you the opportunity to sign up soon for a time period and day that suits you.

I want to say a big thank you to the PTFA and to all parents and friends of the school who have so kindly supported the school by giving their time, resources and money to help improve the children's learning experience. The money raised and items purchased have helped to make a huge difference. There will be many opportunities this year to help support the school so please continue to help.

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hawkins in two weeks. Mrs Hawkins has been a valuable member of the Shute staff and I have enjoyed working with her in Badger class and at lunchtimes. She is leaving us to take on an exciting job opportunity as the manager of the Lyme Regis library. We wish her well.

We have advertised on the Devon jobs website (www.devonjobs.gov.uk) for a combined before school club leader, general teaching assistant and 1:1 teaching assistant so if you know of anyone who has teaching assistant experience and is looking for a job in our lovely school please direct them to the website.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

Clubs

These are the clubs that currently we are having this term, as and when we have further clubs available I will let you know.

Spanish club run by Leo Allen on a Tuesday from 3.30-4.30pm who is from Colombia and is a native speaker has lived in East Devon for many years and has taught Spanish to individuals at all levels- adults and children and regularly teaches at primary schools in the area. Cost £30 for 10 sessions. New beginners welcome.

Forest school crafts on a Friday from 3.25-4.00pm for Fox class (Y1/2) and Hedgehog class (Y3/4) with Heather Gibbard. Maximum of 10 children, first come basis- cost £1 per session. Please email Mrs Hall in the office.

Fizz Pop Science- Hedgehogs (Y3/4) and Badgers (Y5/6)

We will have a KS2 assembly on Monday 18th October with the children given a leaflet about signing up online starting for 6 weeks on a Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm from 4th November through until 9th December.

NEWS FROM OUR PTFA

Ice Lolly/ Tasty Treat Fridays

A warm welcome back from the PTFA! This afternoon we will hand out a free ice lolly to every child to celebrate our return to school.

From next Friday onwards the ice lolly sale will continue weekly until half term. After half term we plan to sell tasty treats – cookies, biscuits or little cakes, with some gluten/dairy/nut free options - on the Friday afternoons.

To remind you, the lollies cost £1 each, and it is preferable to pay in advance online. Please note that the advance payment cut off is every Wednesday evening.

If you wish, you can pay £5 which would buy your child a lolly every Friday until half term; or you can simply pay in advance by Wednesday evening for the Friday's lolly.

Here are the PTFA bank details:

Bank account name: Shute C.P School P.T.F.A

Sort code: 30-90-37

Account no: 00120391

Reference: Lolly

If you're paying on the day then please bring the correct change.

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.

Getting Involved

As mentioned in last week's email, our fundraising relies on parental support so we encourage you all to get involved, support and have fun in helping us to raise money. Even if you have a limited amount of time, we would value your input. Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? Please speak to a member of the committee if you have any ideas for fundraising activities or would like to join our members WhatsApp group. The more people who get involved, the more we can achieve.

Thanks,

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 can be placed each day up till 9am.

Illness and Absence

If your child is absent from school, you are requested to contact the school office before 9.10am. 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 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
Tuesday, 5 th October	Reception Phonics meeting with Mrs Gafney and Mrs Gannon 2.45-3.15pm
Tuesday, 19 th October and Thursday 21 st October	Parents evening 4.00-6.30pm
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th October	Half term

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