



## Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Shute Primary  
School

Attendance Up to this week 96%

Target 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all have had a good week and are enjoying the crisp, sunny autumn weather.

Wow, the Readathon has been a huge success!! There has been £2565 donated on the giving page when I last looked. Thanks to your generosity, we've smashed our initial target of £500 five times over (including cash donations)! For a small school to make such a large sponsorship total is a phenomenal achievement. If you have collected any cash donations please could this be brought into school at the latest by Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. If anyone still wishes to donate to the giving page the last day will also be Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

If you have any reading challenge activity photos that you would like to send in please do so either via Tapestry or [admin@shute-primary.org.uk](mailto:admin@shute-primary.org.uk) by Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. If there is any work such as posters or letters that your child has done for the challenges please have your child give to their class teacher or to Mrs Hall on the playground.

We will be celebrating our fantastic readathon challenge at assembly on Thursday. Thank you to all parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of the school who have donated, we can't wait to purchase new books in due course.

On behalf of all the teachers and everyone in the PTFA we can't thank you enough.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

### Christmas cards

Another exciting fundraiser that the PTFA have organised and that the children have been involved in has been the making of a Christmas card. We will be handing out your child's sample Christmas card along with an order form and details if you wish to make any purchases on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December and we are asking anyone who wishes to purchase to please return the order form by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

### Christmas Nativity

Mrs Gannon and Mrs Gafney in Squirrel class and Miss Percival in Fox class are planning on putting together their own class video of the Nativity similar to last year. They are then

planning on having parents in after school from 3.30pm to watch the video in the hall and to have a mince pie and mulled wine dependent on the Covid situation. More information will follow from them but the dates are as follows:

Fox class: Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 pm and Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 pm.

Squirrel class: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm and Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm.

### **Sarah Ryan's Christmas Singing Extravaganza**

Sarah Ryan who does singing lessons with some of the children at Shute will be having a Christmas concert in St. Michael's church for her singers joined by the dance club dancers which Annette Burrough is running after school on Wednesdays. This concert will be at 3.45pm on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Cross Country**

There will be 6 girls in Years 3/4 taking part in the East Devon cross country finals at Bickton College. The date has now been changed to Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, the event organiser has had to change the date because of Covid. We wish the girls all the best in the race on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Important Lunch Reminder**

Please can I remind all parents that lunches MUST be booked by midnight the night before. Recently late orders have been placed which has created an issue with the incorrect amount of lunches being ordered and we have not had enough food sent to us for our children. We rely on the ParentPay system to get these numbers right and as long as the system is used correctly there should not be an issue.

I will remind all parents on Sunday evening to book your child's lunch. However, if a lunch is still not booked then, with effect from Monday 8th November, we will contact you to ask that you bring in a packed lunch for your child. Thank you.

Mrs Hall

### **Bikeability**

The children in Year 6 will get the opportunity this year to do bikeability training which teaches them all about bike safety. This will take place at Kilmington Primary school with the first 6 children chosen to begin training on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9am-3pm. Those Year 6 children not chosen will get their opportunity in the summer term. Bikeability will be led Charlotte Wilson who is a qualified instructor. Please could the children chosen return their forms as soon as possible.

### **Safe parking**

Parking before and after school has always been a major problem at Shute because of the lack of parking spaces near to the school. I do understand the frustrations that you all have finding a parking space before and after school each day. The safety of children and parents is paramount so please can I remind everyone again to be respectful to each other and the public whilst parking and to park sensibly and safely.

### **Children in Need**

We will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. We are asking for any spare change that you might have to be brought in and placed on Pudsey with the idea being to fill him up with coins. All monies raised will then be sent to this charity.

### **Clubs**

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for the following clubs: Fizz Pop Science (Thursday), Art (Tuesday) and Dance (Wednesday). Spanish Club continues to run on a Tuesday. We are also hoping to have a new Forest after school club soon similar to what Heather Gibbard ran.

### **Early morning club information**

We are pleased to welcome Miss Costello to Shute Primary School. Miss Costello will be running the Before School Club with effect from Monday 8th November, as well as working as a Teaching Assistant during the school day. Doors will open at 8am and there is a £2.50 charge per child, per session. Please note, this is a childcare facility only and no breakfast will be provided.

We can accommodate a maximum of 15 children per session. Should you require a place for your child please email me on the admin email address: [admin@shute-primary.org.uk](mailto:admin@shute-primary.org.uk), letting me know which days you would like to book for next week and if you would like to book places right up to the end of this term. Payment must be made in advance for all sessions booked. Please note, we are unable to refund any fees should your child be unable to attend a session.

Unfortunately due to staff ratios, we are unable to take pre-school children.

Please let me know if you are interested and days required, no later than 10am on Friday 5th November.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me

Mrs Hall

### **News from the PTFA**

#### **Lolly/Treats survey**

Now that the weather is cooler, the PTFA have decided to stop the Friday night ice lolly sales for this term. In the last half term you've raised £263 through ice lolly sales, so thank you! The lolly sales generate a large amount of money toward paying the £450 class subsidies each term and are always popular with the children, but they take a bit of organising and we know that the pounds quickly add up for parents week after week.

Those of you who are members of our Shute Primary Facebook page will have seen that we're running a survey to help us decide when to start selling treats again. Please fill in the online survey to let us know when/ what you'd like us to start selling next term or from Easter

onwards. If you'd like to join the school Facebook page, you can apply for membership to the private group by clicking the link here, you just need to be signed in to Facebook first:

[Shute Primary School | Facebook](#)

## **Festive Floral Workshops 26th November & 3rd December**

Charlie Maddox would like to ask everyone coming to the festive floral workshops to bring secateurs and gardening gloves if possible please. She looks forward to seeing you on Friday 26th November and Friday 3rd December, 7-9pm at Reece Strawbridge Hall, Colyton. If you need to contact her please text Charlie at Parish Petals on 07507 897 585.

### **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**

Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3/4 girls (6) cross country finals at Bickton college
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1/2 Multi-skills festival Colyton Grammar School
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December and Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Fox Class Nativity Video in hall
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Squirrel Class Nativity Video in hall
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Non-school uniform

	<i>Christmas jumper day</i>
<i>Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Sarah Ryan's singers/Annette Burrough's dancers concert in St.Michael's church 3.45pm</i>
<i>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15/3.25pm</i>