



Newsletter 14th January 2022

Shute Primary
School

Attendance Up to this week 95%

Target 96%

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It has been nice to start this term off with all staff back and the majority of children healthy again. This will be a busy term with many sporting events taking place, fun classroom activities planned and clubs starting up again.

We have several new children starting with us in the pre-school this term and the children in Years 3/4 are excited to be going on a three day residential to Hooke Court from February 9th-11th led by Mrs Bromley and Mrs Shrubb.

There will be a meeting after school on Thursday 20th January at 3.30pm for Hedgehog parents to ask any questions about the residential.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

School Individual Photographs

The School Photographer will be here on Monday 17th January to take individual / family photographs.

Due to COVID precautions the photographer has asked that only children attending the school can have photos together, therefore no younger siblings who are not yet of school age can be brought in. However, if your child is not attending pre-school on Monday but you would like a photograph taken with their older sibling or an individual photograph, then the photographer will do these photos at 9am.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you have any queries.

Shute School Charity Swim

Poppy Jenns (Year 5) would like to organise a swimming challenge to raise money for Shute School and the Flamingo Pool. Poppy

would very much like to invite all children from Shute School to be involved, the more children involved the more money raised.

The Challenge: To swim the distance of the English Channel of 1260 lengths equivalent to 21 miles.

How: Pupils that wish to take part can collect a token from their class teacher. This token will enable pupils to swim free by handing in the token to the reception staff at Flamingo Pool. (Tokens are only for swimming lengths / widths and not for play swims or float sessions).

Children are to record the lengths/widths with the Flamingo Pool Reception Staff and this will continue until the 21 miles have been completed. Dependant on how many children are taking part depends on how quick the challenge takes.

Children over 8 years old who are competent swimmers are allowed to swim unsupervised.

Children who need supervision, one parent can assist.

Children can wear armbands and can swim widths if needed, (please check with the pool on how many widths is a length).

If pupils have private swimming lessons the lengths can be added.

Fundraising: A JustGiving page will be available for parents, friends and relatives to sponsor the children taking part, this link will be set up next week and as soon as we have the link I will send it out via parentmail as well as putting it on the school Facebook page and the community websites.

The money raised for Shute School will help with much needed sports equipment to improve health, fitness and wellbeing for all ages.

Poppy has an interview with BBC Devon Radio on Monday 17th Jan 2022, to advertise the fundraising event and will be respectfully asking for donations from the Community / Local Businesses.

For further information please speak to Tracey Sutton (Poppy's mum).

Clubs

Mr Germscheid - Mondays from 3.30-4.30pm - Biscuit club - Consolidation of literacy and numeracy skills- Open to Years 5/6 - 10 to 12 children in total

Ms Farwell - Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30pm - Art club- Open to KS2 children - 12 children in total- cost £1 per week

Mrs Leonora Allen - Wednesdays from 3.30-4.30pm- **Spanish Club**- Open to KS1-KS2 children - Cost £3 a session -11 sessions- **£33**- Payment made to PTFA - space for 10 children

Mrs Lucy Shipley - Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm- **Archaeology Club** Cost £2 per week and runs for 11 weeks = **£22**. Payment made to PTFA - Open to KS2 children - 10 to 12 children

For payments being made to the PTFA, their bank details are as follows:

Acc Name: Shute CP School PTFA

Sort Code: 30-90-37

Acc No: 0012 0391

Ref: Either **ARCH** or **SPAN** and your child's first name.

French Cafe Afternoon on Monday 17th January

Badger Class have been working hard on their French conversation - ordering breakfast and lunch, so we are hoping to bring all their hard efforts into the cafe experience on the day.

Badgers are welcome to dress in French clothing (optional), but please do not go to any trouble in finding a full outfit. It could simply be a beret, a stripy T-shirt, or a black apron for those who wish to be a waiter. We will get changed after lunch.

Ms Farwell will be providing the cafe with French-style foods such as croissants, crepes, baguettes, jams, and fruit juice. Bon appétit!

Jewellery

A reminder that the only jewellery that the children are allowed to wear in school are stud earrings and watches. Please also ensure that your child isn't wearing nail varnish. Thank you.

Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice reported in three of the classes. I ask that you check your children's and close family members head tonight and regularly over the next 4 weeks.

Advice on treating head lice can be found on

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Reminder: Long hair should always be tied back.

Early Morning Club Information

Early Morning Club is going really well and the children are enjoying Miss Costello. We have more places available if anyone else is interested. Doors 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.

Should you require a place for your child please email me on the admin email address: admin@shute-primary.org.uk, letting me know which days you would like to book. 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.

News from the PTFA

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you had a great break and are adjusting back into the rhythms of school life. The PTFA are planning some fun days and fundraising events for the school this term, more details to be given soon. But firstly there's this:

Fundraising for Shute Community Primary School at Tesco, Axminster

Shute Community Primary PTFA is currently one of three organisations in the running for a Tesco local community grant. Fundraising tokens are given to shoppers when you pay at Tesco, Axminster and then you throw your token into the Shute Primary collection box to support the school. The more tokens our school collection box gets, the more likely we are to win the grant for the school. Out of the three collection boxes, our school is currently second. So when you next need to do a supermarket shop, please go to Tesco in Axminster, and throw another token into the collection box to help us take the lead and win that much needed funding!

The collection box for the school at Tesco Axminster will be running until March. Many thanks to Ella and Olivia's mum Tasha Morgan, Manager at Tesco, for arranging this.

Warmly

The 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

There have been some instances of sickness and upset stomachs since we have returned this term. Please remember that 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 Pre-School) and in Year 3 and above is £2.50 per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance via ParentPay. Orders must be placed by midnight the day before.

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

<i>Thursday, 20th January 2022</i>	<i>Meeting for Hedgehog parents about Hooke Court residential- 3.30pm</i>
<i>Friday, 18th February 2022</i>	<i>Break up for half term (3.15pm and 3.25pm finish)</i>
<i>Monday, 28th February 2022</i>	<i>Children return from half term break</i>