



Newsletter 3rd February 2017



Our attendance target is 97%

Up until last
week..
95.4%

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Dear Parents,

What a wet and wild week! We have been enjoying the initial signs of Spring though, and the planters look amazing. Thank you to Stephen, Samantha and the Gardening Club for making the environment of the school look so inviting. Sam will not be available to run the Gardening Club after half term due to work commitments. If anyone is willing to step in for the half term please see Mrs Haysom or myself. You will have at least one more adult with you each week.

Ed Chester, the new co-ordinator of the PTFA, has requested that parents come to a short meeting either on **Tuesday 7th February 7:30pm at Hunters Lodge Raymonds Hill** or **Thursday 11th February 3:30pm in Badger Class**. This will be to discuss the exciting future of the PTFA. We hope that as many parents as possible will be able to come along to at least one (or both if you are feeling really keen!).

I hope you have seen the great articles about the Evacuee Re-enactment in *The Midweek Herald* and *Pulmans* this week.

Have a great weekend,

Clare Rinaldi

Dark days of gas masks - and Spam sandwiches!

Chris Carson
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Pupils from Shute Primary School re-enacted the wartime evacuation of thousands of children from England's Luftwaffe-targeted cities to live with host families in the countryside. They dressed in 1940s' clothes and were equipped with the essential 'gas masks' and address labels as they caught a tram from Seaton to Colyton.

Even their lunches were authentically wrapped in brown paper - some even had Spam sandwiches!

Seaton Tramway kindly provided the transport free of charge and when the children arrived at Colyton, they talked about how they felt waiting for the 'host family'.

The youngsters then walked two-and-a-half miles back to Shute, many of them surprised to hear that this distance would be quite normal for children in the 1830s and '40s, walking to and from school.

Clare Rinaldi, head of teach-



Shute pupils find out what life was like for wartime evacuees to be separated from their parents to live in the countryside.

Picture: CHRIS CARSON

ing and learning, said: "It was an excellent experience for the children, who were able to really feel what it may have been like for children in World War Two.

"Making history come alive will hopefully help them remember the events in WW2."

Seaton Tramway marketing manager Bracken Stockley said they were happy to host and

provide the transport and that it was a superb opportunity for the children to really experience what it may have been like to be an evacuee.

If you were evacuated to Dorset or Devon in the war, please contact head@shutepri.maryco.uk as the school would love to hear about your experience.

Axe Beacon online Safety

We were pleased to offer a session to parents during our recent Axe Beacon Online Safety Week and would like to offer a further opportunity to support you in helping children to make good choices and keep safe online. Thank you for completing our survey (we had nearly 100 responses) to help us support you in the areas online you need. We will be holding a meeting run by Simon Lewis, Computing lead teacher for Axe Beacon Federation, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm at Kilmington Primary School on Thursday 9th February.

This session is open to all parents from schools in the Axe Beacon Federation and will give advice about Parental Controls, Social Media, Youtube and Cyberbullying. Due to the subject matter, this is for parents only, please do not bring children.

Survey results:

What issue would you like support with?

Cyberbullying	64%
Digital Footprint	42%
Gaming	49%
Getting the most from your tablet	45%
Parental controls	84%
Sexting	29%
Social Media	72%
Youtube	70%
Other	13%

Simon Lewis

PTFA

Easy Fund raising for the School

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shuteprimary>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Shute Community Primary School. It couldn't be easier!

You can access thousands of retailers, travel, hotel, utilities, stationery supplies or insurance companies through this site and those companies will give the school a certain percentage of the sale.

Last Swimming for Hedgehog Class

A reminder please remember swimming kits for Wednesday Mrs Burleigh and Mrs Young will be accompanying the children to the pool.

Uniform Orders for The Holt and School:

School uniform is available from School Trends please visit www.stparent.co.uk. **Orders will be placed on the 15th of the month for delivery at the end of the month.**

Please feel free to come to the office and check out the various sizes to ensure you order the correct size online. For The Holt check sizes with Mrs Clark. Remember anything with an embroidered logo is non-returnable to School Trends. The Holt polo shirts can be worn if your child moves on to the Otter Class in September before growing into a school polo shirt.

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 below or a hard copy is available from the entrance.** <http://www.shuteprimary.co.uk/parents/general-information-for-parents/illness-and-absence/> 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 a member of staff they have arrived. 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.

Nut Allergy

We have a child in school with a **severe nut allergy** so please **do not** bring any foods into school containing nuts under any circumstances.

School Diary:

February	
6.2.17	Hedgehog Gym Celebration
7.2.17	Move, Make & Motivate
8.2.17	Aspire Primary Event – selected Yr 5 &6 pupils
8.2.17	Hedgehog Swimming Lessons
9.2.17	Supporting Parents Online Meeting at Kilmington Primary School (see poster below)
13.2.17-17.2.17	HALF TERM
20.2.17	Cubs Donkeys
22.2.17	Year 3&4 Swimming Gala
28.2.17	Pancake Races on the field (9:00am) SHROVE TUESDAY
March	
1.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
2.3.17	WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT
2.3.17	Devon Library Service Mobile Library
3.3.17	Celebration Assembly in the Church parents welcome
6.3.17	Fox class trip to Seaton Wetlands – More information to follow
6.3.17	Otters Group Donkeys
8.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
9.3.17	Playleader Training for year 4s
15.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
17.3.17	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival
22.3.17	Parachute and Skipping Festival Otters
22.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
23.3.17	PARENTS' EVENING
27.3.17	Otters Group Donkeys
29.3.17	Fox Swimming Lessons
30.3.17	Devon Library Service Mobile Library
31.3.17	BREAK UP FOR EASTER

Honiton and Axe Valley Children's Centre February Half Term Timetable 2017



Come along and join us for a week of Valentine's Day themed activities, crafts and messy play!

Monday 13 February

Stay and Play, 10-11.30am, Honiton Children's Centre
Breast Friends, 10-11.30am, Acorn Studio, Axminster Primary Academy

Tuesday 14 February

Bumps to Baby Buddies, 10.30am-12pm, Acorn Studio, Axminster Primary Academy
Bumps to Baby Buddies, 1.30-3pm, Axe Valley Children's Centre

Wednesday 15 February

Child Health Clinic, 9-11am, Seaton Hospital
Child Health Clinic, 9.15-10.45am, Honiton Children's Centre
Bumps to Baby Buddies, 10-11.30am, Honiton Children's Centre

Thursday 16 February

Child Health Clinic, 9.30-11am, Scott Rowe, Axminster Hospital
Stay and Play, 10-11.30am, Acorn Studio, Axminster Primary Academy

Friday 17 February

Stay and Play, 10-11.30am, Axe Valley Children's Centre
Little Pips Baby and Toddler Group, 1.30-3pm, Pippins Community Centre, Axminster

Please note our Toddle-tastic groups are not running this week.

Honiton Children's Centre

t: 01404 540 820

Axe Valley Children's Centre

t: 01297 20542

facebook.com/honitonandaxevalleychildrenscentres

All activities are free of charge - a suggested donation of £1 per session would be welcome.

Charity Registration No. 221124

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Dear Parents,

My name is Anna Crabbe and I live in Kilminster. In June next year Shute Theatre Arts Guild, a local theatre group, are planning to perform Oliver! I am looking for some younger members of the cast and if your child/children would be interested, I would love to hear from you.

The performance dates are JUNE 21st- 24th in Kilminster Village Hall. Rehearsals will start the Sunday March 12th and will be on Sunday afternoons 4.00 – 6.00pm.

I was a Key Stage One primary school teacher at Marshwood Primary, Dorset, for many years and was responsible for music. I have produced Joseph, Wind in the Willows, The Mikado, Pirates of Penzance and Oliver! for Young STAG over the past twelve years. We last performed Oliver! in 2007, so it is time to do it again!!

We also need some adult chorus so please do say if you would like to take part too or help with the production in any way.

If you are interested, please could you contact me at anna.crabbe@icloud.com or telephone 01297-32777 / 07765971841

Best wishes

Anna Crabbe

tel: 01297 32777; email: anna.cope@btinternet.com; www.shutetheatreandartsguild.org.uk



FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS

**February half term full activity days on:
Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, or Thursday
16th February 2017*.**



- 11.00 Guinea Pig Fishing
- 12.00 Creepy Crawly Show
- 13.00 Otter Feed and Talk
- 14.00 Reptile Rampage
- 15.00 Meerkat Feed and Talk



*Limited activities on other days in February
Half term



Learn about animals in love this February half term by completing our animal love quiz/trail



Kilminster Players

~ Present ~

Dick Whittington

by *Limelight Scripts*



Wed 15th - Sat 18th
February 2017
7:30pm
Kilminster Village Hall

Tickets on sale Monday 30th January from
Hurford's Stores - Adults £7.00, Children £3.00
www.limelightscripts.co.uk