



Newsletter

7th October 2016



Dear Parents,

We are so grateful that the weather has enabled us to have more time to play and learn outside this week, long may it last! We are certainly hoping for dry weather for our **Grounds Day on Saturday 10am to 4pm**. Please bring your own tools, buckets and barrows so that we can have a good Autumn clear-up.

On Thursday, Hedgehog class went on their school trip to the New Barn Field Centre for a Living History Day. They learnt so much to support their topic on Stone Age Britain feeling like a real cavemen or ladies! Thank you to Mrs Bromley and Mrs Young for taking them. **We are ever grateful to the PTFA who agreed to cover the cost of the transport for this trip.** Foxes and The Holt had a fantastic trip to the Theatre on Wednesday. The show was enjoyed by all-especially the snow machine Mrs Clark! **Thank you again to the PTFA for funding this event and all of the teachers who organised this for the children.**

Last week I mentioned our aim at Shute Primary School to maximise attendance so that all of our children can achieve their full potential. As a school we are just below the National Average for attendance and are therefore a targeted school. This means that we must have a strategy for improving our attendance. A few parents have expressed concerns about issuing 100% attendance certificates. I would be very happy to have some parental representatives for a consultation about the best way forward. If you would like to find out more about attendance or have some ideas about maximising attendance then I would welcome your views. **The consultation meeting will be at 2:45pm next Wednesday 12th October and will include the School Council so that their views can also be taken into consideration.**

On 19th of October we will be holding an **Open Day from 10:00-11:30am and 1:00-2:30pm**. You should receive your invitation from your child within the next few days. You are welcome to bring relatives and friends and it should be an exciting opportunity to support your child with their learning.

Parents evening will be from **3:40pm to 7:00pm on 19th October** and this year we are encouraging you to **bring your child with you**. We feel as a staff team that it is important to discuss your child's learning in collaboration with them. **Please sign up in the school foyer.**

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Kind regards,
Clare Rinaldi

Data Collection and General Permission Forms

Last week the all important A4 brown envelope was sent home containing the yellow data collection form, pink census information sheet and the white general permissions forms. Thank you for those returned already, a few are missing some forms, please just have a check and see if they have been left out of the returned envelope. Please return all forms by **Tuesday 11th October**.

Pupil Premium

Did you know about Pupil Premium? You may be eligible to claim £80 per term per child to help with school trips, clubs or school uniform. The school benefit from extra funding (on top of the £80) to pay for music lessons, clubs and extra support too. If you qualify for any of the below please pick up a form from Mrs Haysom.

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less
- Universal credit

See the link for more details: <http://www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained>

Social Media Use

Are you aware of the age restrictions for different social media accounts? Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Snapchat, Tumblr, Google+, Snapchat are all 13 years and over. WhatsApp is 16 years and over, Vine is 17 and Youtube is 18 years and over (13 years with parental consent).

Many children under these ages use social media accounts. Is your child one of them? Some parents allow their children to use these social media accounts, please discuss with your child how they use it and what they use it for. We would discourage any primary age child from opening an under-age social media account, as these are unmonitored spaces where users are able to share posts without considering age-appropriateness. The guidance we give to keep safe in the real world, applies exactly the same in the online world.

Joining a social media site, is similar to joining any social gathering in real life, be it a sports club, social club or meeting mates at the pub. Imagining a child as an equal participant in these situations, should give parents pause for thought in permitting primary aged children to use social media.

Please remember, that as parents, the best thing to do to keep your children safe online, is to keep up an open discussion with your child.

For advice about talking to your child about online safety go to: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

Spare uniform in the Office

If you are considering ordering school uniform and are looking for a small Sweatshirt or polo t-shirt or 32" polo shirt, please contact Mrs Haysom.

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. 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:

October	
8.10.16	PTFA GROUNDS DAY
10.10.16	Year 1 & 2 Multiskills CGS
11.10.16	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
19.10.16	OPEN DAY & PARENT'S EVENING
20.10.16	Evensong Service
20.10.16	Go Cycle event at Bicton Year 5 & 6 – more information to follow
21.10.16	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
31.10-13.11	VOTE FOR SHUTE GROUNDS CAMPAIGN @ TESCO
November	
2.11.16	The Holt Donkey Day
2.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
9.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
14.11.16	Year 5 & 6 PE Academy Workshop
16.11.16	Otters Wetlands Trip
16.11.16	Flu vaccinations
16.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
17.11.16	PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY WITH CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON
23.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
28.11.16	Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics
30.11.16	Badgers Swimming Lesson
30.11.16	The Holt Donkey Day
December	
1.12.16	KS2 Orchestra Experience Northcott Theatre
7.12.16	Make, Move, Motivate AVCC
13.12.16	Christmas Lunch
14.12.16	Christmas Production 2pm
15.12.16	Christmas Production 6pm
16.12.16	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.16	Break up for Christmas Holiday
January	
4.1.17	PUPILS RETURN

Local information:

Adult Yoga Classes at Shute

Sam Omrani has asked if there would be any interest in adult yoga classes Wednesday's at 5pm to be held at the school, cost to be confirmed dependent on numbers. Please email the office if you are interested.

Don't be Afraid of the Dark! families activities for Museums at Night and The Big Draw



Come and see RAMM glow in the dark! With the lights down, you can see sparkly rocks and iridescent butterflies and shadow puppets, enjoy fluorescent face painting and silhouette making. There will be spooky corners with a giant spider walk, and you can make a miniature Roman lamp and join the candle-lit lantern parade around the museum at the end of the evening. There's also a chance to join in drawing a giant fantasy landscape in one of our galleries. Every ticket holder gets a free glow-in-the-dark bracelet so wear your sparkliest fashion items too.

Suitable for ages 5 to 11 but everyone welcome. There must be at least one child in each group and at least one adult for every six children. Part of national Big Draw, Museums at Night and Family Arts Festival. Supported by NADFAS and The Maynard School.

Halloween party Saturday 29 October 2016 , 5 - 9 pm (activities till 8pm)

Join us for a [Halloween Party](#) and an evening of great activities:

- Create your own silhouette shadow puppet with artist Willem Montagne
- Handle live creepy creatures (lizards and snakes)
- Make a bat box for your garden
- Enjoy scary face painting
- Explore the garden to find spooky treats
- Discover our [People's Paolozzi](#) community exhibition

Delicious wood-fired pizzas, crêpes, hot chocolate for little trick-or-treaters, DJ and bar.

*Free admission and art activities, donations welcome. Pay bar and food. Part of the national **Museums At Night** and [Family Arts](#) festivals this October's Half Term.*

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX www.thelmahulbert.com

Honiton and Axe Valley Children's Centres
24 - 28 October 2016



Half term timetable

Monday 24 October

Breastfeeding Peer Support Cafe, 10-11.30am, Acorn Studio, Axminster
Stay and Play, Crafts and Messy Play, 10-11.30am, Honiton Children's Centre

Tuesday 25 October

Bumps to Baby Buddies, Sensory Session, 10.30am-12pm, Acorn Studio, Axminster
Bumps to Baby Buddies, Sensory Session, 1.30-3pm, Axe Valley Children's Centre
Toddle-tastic, Crafts and Messy Play, 1.30-3pm, Axe Valley Children's Centre

Wednesday 26 October

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

Thursday 27 October

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

Friday 28 October

Stay and Play, Crafts and Messy Play, 10-11.30am, Axe Valley Children's Centre

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 but a suggested donation of £1 per session would be very welcome

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Friday 7th - Sunday 16th
October 2016

- Super Science Saturday 15th October with hands-on activities for all ages and all abilities
- Explore the interactive trail along the seashore at Sidmouth on Sunday 9th October
- Discover Speed at the fun family day at the Norman Lockyer Observatory on Sunday 16th October
- Learn about our Jurassic Coast with Sidmouth Museum and World Heritage Site
- Local, national & international speakers throughout the week including Simon Singh, Prof Mike Benton
- Food Science Live with bush tucker bug treats!
- Ada Lovelace Day, Earth Sciences Week, Biology Week
- Jet car races, visit a brewery, print in 3D, build a robot, look inside a dinosaur.....and much more

Programme online or from Sidmouth Information Centre (am), Sidmouth Museum, Sidmouth Library and Kennaway House

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Starts Friday



Kilmington Players

**Casting Meeting
for
Dick Whittington**

Fancy taking part in our next pantomime.....

Come along to the Pavilion on:

Monday 10th October

7.00pm for children

7.30pm for adults

For further information or if you can't make the meeting
please telephone Louise 01297 32358



**Axe Valley Seeks
Former Students!**

Whether you left 2, 5 or 20 years ago, we want you to join your alumni network.

From students to scientists, builders to business owners – we need alumni to help us inspire every student.

1. Go to www.futurefirst.org.uk
2. Click 'Former Student'
3. Type in Axe Valley Community College
4. Fill out the short sign up form

Did you go to a different school? Go to the Future First website to sign up and support them: www.futurefirst.org.uk