



Newsletter

9th December

2016



Many parents are surprised that we are a target school for attendance. I will be letting you know how our attendance is improving week-by-week. Our attendance target is 97%.

Last week..
95.6%

This week..
95.4%

Dear Parents,

The Governing Board voted at the last FGB (Full Governing Board) meeting for a new chair the outcome was that Tim Leat is now the new chair and new joint vice-chairs - Louise Quincey & Alan Morbey.

Thank you all for supporting our **CHRISTMAS FAIR** last Friday. Thanks to the staff and helpers too...we really couldn't have managed without everyone mucking in. Thank you especially to Father Christmas and his Elves and Olivia Miller who donated the spectacular hamper for the raffle which was won by Mrs Churchill.

A fantastic

£659.75

was raised!

On Wednesday there was a meeting held at school to discuss the on-going parking issues we are experiencing. It was a very positive meeting with many influential people present. The councillor Mr Moulding was there and a smaller committee has been formed to set up an official feasibility study. I will be having a meeting in the New Year to see what we can do as a school to alleviate the problem. Please let me know if you would like to be involved. Please continue to park responsibly to minimise any upset to our neighbours.

Next week we have our Christmas Lunch and performances of 'Superstar!' The PTFA will be selling mince pies and mulled wine at both performances. Tickets will be available from Monday next week so that we have an indication of numbers. Many children have important parts in the play, so please make arrangements now, to ensure they will be attending the evening performance on Thursday. They will need to be in school between 5:30pm and 5:45pm. I am really looking forward to seeing the polished performance! School will be closing at 1pm next Friday and the children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers for a small donation to Save the Children. Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Have a great weekend,
Clare Rinaldi

Change of Dessert for the last day of Term

On Friday 16th the dessert will be Chocolate Bear Snow Cake instead of Chocolate Brownie. Allergens = Wheat, Milk & Eggs. Please let Mrs Haysom know if this changes your child's choices.

Spring Term Menu Choices

Please return to Mrs Haysom As soon as possible.

AVON

All orders from Shute Primary School will get 5% donation to the PTFA. Please go to www.avon.uk.com/store/michele-emily-shop to place an order by 12th December @ Midday. Thank you!

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:

December	
12.12.16	NSPCC Assemblies and workshops
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 – 1pm collection
January	
4.1.17	PUPILS RETURN

Shute Primary School bags £12k Tesco grant

10:30 09 December 2016

[Callum Lawton](#)



Shute primary pupils and headteacher Clare Rinaldi celebrate their £12,000 Tesco award. Ref mha 49-16TI 3104. Picture: Terry Ife

Staff and pupils at Shute Community Primary School in Axminster are celebrating after landing a £12,000 grant from a Tesco initiative.

The school secured £12,000 from the company's Bags for Help scheme, which sees the money raised by customers through the company's five pence bag charge go directly back into the local community. The bag charge is used to fund local projects to create or improve outdoor spaces in communities across the UK.

The money will go towards a project which aims to re-landscape the outside spaces at the school.

This includes building tiered seating and landscaping the outdoor theatre, creating a free-flow area for pupils to learn and play. The end result will be a space which can be used by all pupils and staff for outdoor learning as well as music, dance and theatrical productions.

It will also be open to local community groups such as Shute Theatre and Arts Guild (STAG) and Exeter-based groups which already stage productions in the local church.

The grounds project, lead by Samantha Knights, has already raised more than £15,000 through other fundraising, meaning the school has £29,000 to spend making its vision become reality.

Clare Rinaldi, head of teaching and learning at the school, said: "This grant will be revolutionary for the school and community alike and will allow us to use the outdoor stage which is currently without any seating.

"We have a strong emphasis at the school on outdoor learning and this area will add a fantastic new dimension to this."

Local Events:

Christingle Service

At St Michael Church, Shute - Sunday 11th December 3pm all welcome.

SHORT TENNIS

on Saturdays 21&28 January; 4 & 11 February 2017
4-6pm at Kilmington Village Hall.

Calling all 4-11yr olds! WITH parents, grandparents or carers!

COME and TRY SHORT TENNIS for an hour or more on either of these Saturdays in the New Year!
£3 per session.

Coaches: Jane Chalk & Simon Holloway

Organised by Kilmington Tennis Club.Tel. Sue Wells 07912 272102.or

Wreath making at Seaton Wetlands, Sunday 11 December, 2pm to 4pm

Get that festive feeling with the Countryside rangers at Seaton Wetlands. Make a beautiful Christmas wreath for your front door, enjoy mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas carols. Booking required, £12 per person. Book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk, or call 01395 517557.

Reindeer trail, Tuesday 20 December, 10:30am to 3pm, Seaton Wetlands

Father Christmas needs your help! Follow the clues around the Wetlands to help track down his missing reindeer. Followed by Christmas crafts and hot drinks. No booking required, £3 per child. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

Wassailing walk, Saturday 7 January, 10am to 11am, Cranbrook

A wassailing walk down to the Cranbrook Community orchard with the Country Park Ranger to bless the trees and encourage a new harvest. No booking required, free donations welcomed. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

Countryside calendars

This year the Countryside service ran a photography competition. There were over 150 entries of views and wildlife found in East Devon. The top 12 are included on the Countryside calendar which are being sold for just £6 each.

View photos included here; <https://goo.gl/OetqFd>

Purchase calendars online: <https://goo.gl/mrFGMZ> or call 01395 517557

All funds raised will go back into the management of East Devon District Council Nature Reserves.

NEW LEARN TO SNORKEL SESSION
11.00 to 11.45am on either
19, 20 or 21 December 2016

£6.00 per session

 the flamingo pool
Tel. 01297 35800

Session must be pre-booked to ensure a place. Suitable for level 8+ swimmers. Maximum age 16 years

Mindfulness Club 1-1.30pm Tuesday afternoons KS2 1.30-2.00 KS1

We would like to offer a Mindfulness Clubs for KS2 and KS1 to start after half term. Jenny has come highly recommended from other schools. Please see the details below:

My name is Jenny Lidster and I have trained with the Mindfulness in Schools Project to teach mindfulness to children.

In its simplest form Mindfulness is learning to pay attention in the present moment, and research studies have shown it can help with self-esteem, coping with stress, emotional self-regulation, compassion, concentration and a sense of well being.

In the sessions the children will learn;

- what mindfulness is and how it can help us, how to focus on the present moment,
- what is happening when we feel difficult emotions,
- ways to handle those emotions and calm ourselves,
- self compassion and positivity.

The sessions are designed to be fun and relaxed and will include a mixture of breathing and mindfulness techniques (there will be lots of these because the benefits come with the repetition), mindful activities, games and crafts, positive self-talk and affirmations, and guided visualisations.

The cost of 5 x 30mins sessions per child is £22.50. The sessions are once a week for 5 weeks.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact me on the email below and I will be happy to help, jenny.lidster@talktalk.net

Please fill in the request form below to secure your place.

.....
.....

I would like my child.....to take part in the Mindfulness Club starting after Half Term and include a cheque for £22.50 made payable to **J. Lidster**.

Signed.....

Dated.....

The school may be able to subsidise the cost of these sessions so that you would only have to pay £12.50 for the 5 weeks. Please come to chat with Mrs Rinaldi if you would like to take up this offer.