



Shute Primary School Newsletter 7th September 2018



Dear Parents,

I hope you all have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Head of School. I am excited to be a part of such a wonderful school and community. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome already. I am looking forward to meeting you all soon. Please feel free to come and introduce yourselves, I will be on the front entrance at the beginning and end of the school day. I have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new classes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Patrick Germscheid

Learning powers

On Wednesday during assembly we re-visited our learning powers which are on display in each classroom. Each learning 'Woodland Friend' has a special learning style. The aim is to teach children to become better learners and what learning looks like in practice. Each week for the next five weeks we will focus on a particular learning style. The first one is called 'Keeping Going'.

Communication

This will be the only newsletter going home in paper format, so please ensure you have registered your Parentmail account. This is our main means of letting you know what is going on. If you have changed address, email or phone number recently then please ensure that the office is aware of this. This includes changes to second or third contacts for other family members etc. Data collection sheets will be coming home soon for you to check the information we hold.

If you need a new registration email for Parentmail, please let Mrs Haysom know. It also allows us to contact via sms in urgent situations.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention parking is becoming an issue once again, especially opposite the entrance to the school. It is unsafe to be blocking the exit to the school. A PCSO will be visiting the school at pick-up time, so please ensure that you are parking considerately.

Opera

Grassroots Opera are running a workshop and performance of Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice at Shute Primary on Friday, 14th September from 4.30-5.45. The KS2 children will be performing in the chorus. The letter regarding the opera went out on Wednesday to KS2 children. Could parents please return the permission slip as soon as possible so we have numbers regarding the performance? All KS1 parents are welcome to attend the performance with the cost being £10 per family. It should be an exciting afternoon of opera!

Break time snack

Thank you to KS2 parents who are providing a nutritious snack for break times. The children in EYFS and KS1 are provided by county each day with a nutritious fruit/vegetable snack and we are asking the KS2 children to continue with this by bringing their own in each day.

Daily mile

Starting on Monday the whole school will be participating in the daily mile each day from 1.00-1.10. This is an initiative that I really support as I have seen the benefits in a very short time. Children quickly improve their fitness, social skills, concentration levels and confidence.

Celebration Assembly

Each Friday we will have a celebration assembly. If your child has any recent special awards they have earned we are happy to share their achievements with the rest of the school. We will be awarding Learning Power certificates along with Star of the Week certificates which celebrate the week's successes. At the end of each half term/term we will have a special assembly in the church where awards/certificates will be given out and celebrated. This assembly all parents are welcome to attend and to celebrate with us.

Clubs

Mrs Haysom has been busy sorting out clubs. There will be a letter going out next week about clubs and we will start the week beginning 17th September. Music lessons will start next week if they haven't started already. If your child would like the opportunity to learn an instrument, please contact the relevant teacher to discuss.

We currently offer:

- guitar/ukulele with Irve Griffiths email: irve@me.com
- piano, recorder, flute/woodwind with Louise Elliot email: elliottlouise@hotmail.co.uk
- singing with Sarah Ryan email: nickandsarahryan@hotmail.com
- cello with Imogen Hovil email: ihovil@hotmail.fr

Pupil Premium

To qualify for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals) parents need to be in receipt of certain benefits. Not only will your child benefit from a dinner each day (if they want it) but the school receives £1320 towards supporting your child's education. The money is primarily spent on our academic and pastoral support staff, but each pupil is allocated £80 per term towards a variety of costs to support families e.g. subsidy of school uniform and trips. To see if you are entitled please log onto the Devon County Council Citizen Portal.

Inhalers and other medication:

Please ensure that we have a **new** medical form for the new school year and in date medication in school, should your child need regular or emergency medication in school. Please take it to the school office where you will be asked to fill out a form. We are only able to give prescribed medicine to children and all medicine must come in the container/box it was prescribed in. Green medical forms can be requested from Mrs Haysom, please complete and hand in to her with your child's medicine.

School lunches

Reminder that the cost of school meals for pupils aged 3-4 (In Squirrels FSU) and in Year 3 and above is £2.40 per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance at the beginning of the week (half termly payments are also allowed, just contact Mrs Haysom to confirm the amount). Cash or cheques (**made payable to Devon County Council**).

Before School Club

Before School Club runs from 8:00am Monday to Friday supervised by Mrs Skinner We will be charging £2:00 per day per family from 8-8:30am and £1 from 8:30am-8:45am. Please bring your child to the front door and ring the Before school Club doorbell located in the lobby, Mrs Skinner will then register them.

After School Arrangements

School finishes at 3:30pm, if you are going to be late collecting your child please call the office and leave a message if no one is able to answer. At 3:45pm, if we have not heard from you, we will call you to check the situation and your child will continue to be looked after in Hedgehog Class, closest to the entrance lobby. Unless we have had confirmation from you directly, we will not be able to release your child to another parent on their instruction. Our priority is to safeguard your child at all times

Calling all parents!

You're invited to a short, friendly
PTFA 'networking event'
in the school hall on
Tuesday, September 18th
at 2.45pm

Come along, have a drink (and some
cake) and find out a little more about
what the PTFA does for your child
and give any ideas you have.

Did I mention the cake?



Uniform Orders.

The next orders will be placed Friday 14th September. School uniform is available from School Trends please visit www.stparent.co.uk

School Uniform Reminder-Reception to Year 6

Girls:-

- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or dark grey trousers
- Sky blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey tights or white socks (plain)
- Blue and White Gingham dress (Easter-October half term))
- Fleece Jacket with school logo (optional)
- Waterproof Reversible Coat with school logo (optional)
- Black school shoes (closed Toe) with low heels ;No trainers or boots please

Year 6 Navy Leavers Hoodie

Boys:-

Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts

Sky blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved)

Burgundy sweatshirt

Grey socks (plain)

Fleece Jacket with school logo (optional)

Waterproof Reversible Coat with school logo (optional)

Black school shoes (Velcro preferred) ;No trainers or boots please

Year 6 Navy Leavers Hoodie

PE Kit:-

Burgundy Tee shirt (logo)

Black shorts

P.E. shoes or trainers for outdoor lessons

White socks

track suit

Hairband

(It is helpful if the child's P.E. kit is put in a drawstring bag and hung on their peg during weekdays)

Jewellery

Only watches and ear studs may be worn – no other jewellery is permitted. All jewellery must be removed for PE.

Makeup

No make-up or nail varnish should be worn in school.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

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 L5 form which can be found on the school website. <http://www.shuteprimary.co.uk/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 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.