



Shute Primary School Newsletter 1st February 2019



Dear Parents,

It had been a productive week at Shute up until today because of the snow. I did make it out to Shute this morning to see what the conditions were like and even though the main roads were okay the side road up past the church and the school drive were too dangerous for parents and staff to attempt. Parking can be challenging on a good day so I felt it would be hazardous to attempt to park with so much ice and snow present.

This brings me on to the parking situation again. Please may I reiterate you should not park/stop on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates or park opposite the zig-zags. We need to keep these spaces clear as the safety of the children is paramount. I cannot imagine how anyone would feel if a child were hurt or seriously injured. Thank you to the majority of you who adhere to this. I had a good discussion with our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) on Thursday and he will continue to monitor the situation and I will also come down to observe from time to time.

I hope you enjoyed the snow! Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

ONLINE SAFETY MEETING FOR PARENTS

As part of our annual Online Safety Week, Axe Beacon Federation would like to invite you to a parents' session at Seaton Primary School at 9.30am on Friday 8th February. Simon Lewis, our Computing lead teacher will be exploring a range of online safety advice and information to help you support and encourage your child in the online world. Parents who have previously attended are very welcome, as are new parents, as this will explore different aspects from meetings in previous years. Part of the meeting will share examples of what pupils are doing across the Federation in their online safety education. There will be resources and advice that you can take away and previous meetings in the past have proved very informative and helpful for parents.

Refreshments will be available from 8.45am with the meeting starting at 9.30am to help parents from across the Federation to attend. It will finish by 10.30am. For those travelling from outside Seaton, we have permission to use Seaton Methodist Church's car park, which is only a short walk away from the school. I would thoroughly recommend attending this meeting – Mr Lewis is extremely knowledgeable on this subject.

AR (Accelerated Reader)

As I wrote last week we are trying to improve the home/school link to help the children both at home and at school to learn. We soon will be able let you see at home which books your child has read and how they have done on their quizzes through a link to Accelerated Reader called Home Connect.

On Wednesday we had staff training on AR (Accelerated Reader) which is a fantastic resource to facilitate reading and to check comprehension skills through quizzes. Now that we have been working with the system for over a year we can look at how to get the most from it and how to use the information to assess children's reading and challenge them appropriately in order to make excellent progress.

New Laptops

We now have 15 new laptops up and running at Shute! Thank you to the PTFA contribution of £1000 pounds towards the cost of the laptops. They will make a huge difference to the children's learning.

PTFA Cake Sale 25th January

Thank you to all that supplied and bought cakes. The sale raised £97.65 which will now go towards reading raffle prizes for every class as Mr and Mrs Proctor kindly donated the resources for the before school club.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be in the first week back after half-term. Sign-up sheets will be in the school lobby from Wednesday morning.

Medicine Permission Form

Please ensure you have handed in a spring term permission form for your child if they have medicines in school, this includes inhalers. If you have not, please collect a form from Mrs Haysom at morning drop off asap.

Uniform Orders.

Please could you email Mrs Haysom on admin@shuteprimary.org.uk any uniform requirements for your child. School Trends are still operating and she wishes to put in a bulk school uniform order and retain supplies in school again. All uniform payments would then be paid via your ParentPay account.

Trips

All trip information will be sent out via **Parentmail** requesting all consents for the trips are given via your **ParentPay** login. Please keep an eye out for these notifications.

ParentPay

There has been an amazing uptake to the ParentPay system you will now not only be able to pay for and order lunches, but also consent to trips. Remember lunch order deadlines are always the Thursday before the week you wish to order. For trips, you will always receive a ParentMail communication prompting you to log in to ParentPay and consent. Paper copies will only be issued as a last resort.

To see a before school club balance in your ParentPay account, just ask Mrs Haysom to add your balance.

PTFA

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th Feb 2019** at The Old Inn, Kilmington. Everyone really is welcome to come along. Meetings are informal although we do get a lot of planning done!

Data Processing Consent

As a school, under GDPR, we need to have clear consent to use your child's personal information in ways that fall outside our legal obligations. You may give and update your consent at any time by completing this short form:

<https://www.axebf.org.uk/information/privacy-policy/consent-form/>

Should access to this form online be difficult, paper copies are available from the school office.

Sickness

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 FSU) and in Year 3 and above is **£2.40** per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance via ParentPay.

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.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – BAD WEATHER

A REMINDER FOR EXISTING PARENTS AND NEW INFORMATION FOR OTHERS

All possible efforts will be made to keep the school open. However, we will close the school if the following reasons apply which impacts on our ability to ensure the safety of your children.

These are:

- We cannot ensure that a sufficient number of staff can get in safely to supervise the children adequately
- The school site is dangerous or there is a lack of amenities e.g. frozen pipes, no heating etc.
- The weather forecast is predicting further severe weather that day and we cannot guarantee getting the children home safely

Closing the school is taken in consultation with the Executive Headteacher and Chair of Governors and will be made at around 7.30am to allow as much time as possible for you to make alternative arrangements.

We alert parents that the school is closed by Parentmail by text and by posting a closure notice on our school website. This should be the first place to look if in any doubt. The school website address is www.shuteprimary.co.uk

Closure notice will be posted on the local radio stations (BBC Devon, Heart FM). A notice will also be placed on the Devon County Council Severe Weather Website.

Please do not let children walk to school unaccompanied if the weather is severe and there is a doubt the school will be open.

If the school is open but you judge it is too dangerous to transport your children to school then please stay at home. We do ask that you let the school know as early as possible so that we know that they will not be attending.

Should the weather deteriorate during the day and we have to close the school early then you will be sent a text message. Therefore it is vital that your Parentmail contact number is up-to-date and that mobile telephones are switched on. Thanks.

Diary Dates:-

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| February 2019 | |
| 4.2.19 | Hedgehog Class Swimming Lessons |
| 6.2.19 | Move, Make Motivate session 2 (selected pupils) |
| 8.2.19 | Parents online safety meeting – Seaton Primary School 9:30am |
| 11.2.19 | Hedgehog Class Swimming Lessons |
| 12.2.19 | PTFA Meeting Tuesday 12th Feb 2019 at The Old Inn, Kilmington |
| 15.2.19 | Year 3 & 4 Federation Team Building |
| 18-24.2.19 | Half Term |
| 25.5.19 | Parents Evening this week Days to be advised |
| 28.2.19 | Squirrels Trip to Seaton Wetlands |
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| March 2019 | |
| 4.3.19 | Fox Class Swimming |
| 5.3.19 | Year 6 PE Academy (Selected pupils) |
| 7.3.19 | World Book Day |
| 11.3.19 | Fox Class Swimming |
| 15.3.19 | Red Nose Day |
| 18.3.19 | Fox Class Swimming |

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| 19.3.19 | Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Festival |
| 20.3.19 | Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala |
| 25.3.19 | Fox Class Swimming |
| 26.3.19 | Fox Class Trip to Seaton Wetlands |
| 27.3.19 | Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival |
| April 2019 | |
| 2.4.19 | Reception Parachute Festival |
| 5.4.19 | Last Day of Term |

JUNIOR SHORT TENNIS 2019



JUNIOR INDOOR TENNIS COACHING
ON FRIDAYS in January – March 2019
at Kilmington Village Hall, EX13 7RF.

4-5pm INFANTS. 4-7yrs
5-6pm JUNIORS 8-11yrs +

WITH parents, grandparents or carers!

Fridays 18 January, 15, 22 Feb., 15, 22 March
(and maybe a Saturday later in the season)

£2 per session. Coaching, Games, Quiz & Drinks
available. Book in please. First 12 at each session.

Organised by Kilmington Tennis Club.

Tel. Simon Holloway 07986 274393. PTR Coach

Supported by Jane Chalk

Email: simonholloway55@yahoo.co.uk

SEARCHING for the next Andy Murray and Johanna Konta?

