



Shute Primary School Newsletter 8th March 2019



Attendance Up to this week 94 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

What a busy week! As you will read and see below the children have had a range of varied activities that they have participated in during the past week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Gernscheid

MP Neil Parish visit

Last Friday, Badger Class welcomed MP Neil Parish who came and spoke to the children about democracy and kindly gave his thoughts and opinions on a range of issues. Badger class asked interesting and relevant questions which impressed all of the adults in the audience and which Neil Parish answered openly and enthusiastically. Who knows maybe a future politician is in Badger class! A special thank you to Mr Parish for visiting our school and to Mr Smith for organising.



Pancake Day

The children all enjoyed eating pancakes in the morning and participating in pancake races outside against other house teams within their own class. It was great to see the enthusiasm and smiles as the children tossed their pancakes into the air while the other classes cheered and clapped each other on. In the afternoon the children had an assembly about pancake day.



Parent Forum

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent forum in the morning and afternoon on Wednesday. Along with Mr Rolls and myself we had 7 parents attend and moving forward we hope more parents might be able to come. We would like to make the forums a regular event every half term.

We will be sending via parentmail the powerpoint slides which Mr Rolls presented to the parents who attended. In addition we had an open conversation with the parents about what they felt the strengths of the school were and areas to improve which we will be sharing with you soon. It was a successful conversation and both Mr Rolls and myself value the home/school link and your thoughts.

World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day at Shute. The children looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book character and it was lovely to show off our costumes together in assembly and to talk about World Book Day. The children got together in the afternoon with their house teams and had fun sharing their favourite book with each other. It was nice to see so many parents come into the school to share the joy of reading with their children. Please use your book token to claim one of ten books available from your favourite bookshop or to use the book token to get £1 off any book.



Fox Class Cake Sale Tuesday 12th March

The children of Fox Class will be making tasty goodies and there will be a guess the number of sweets on the Ginger bread houses competition for after school on Tuesday 12th March. This is to raise funds towards the cost of their Seaton Wetlands Trip for later in March. Please support the children by purchasing their goodies and entering their guessing competition.

New Clubs coming after Easter

We have further good news on the after school club front. Two new clubs will run in the summer term funded by the Shute Festival of Literature and Landscape through an outreach grant from the East Devon AONB. Both will be run by experienced teachers in the relevant field and open to Years 1-6. Art Club (run by Heather Fallowes) will run on Mondays and a Wild Club (run by Ceri Richards) on Fridays. The latter will involve gardening, bushcraft, woodland walks and landscape activities. The clubs are being run in summer term at no cost to parents but to ensure their viability we will need some parent volunteers to help. No previous experience in art or the wild necessary! More information will follow in the end of term newsletter with instructions on how to register your child for a place on the clubs and of how to volunteer to help out.

Spring Sing Performance with Sarah Ryan's Performers

On Thursday 4th April Sarah's Singers will be putting on a performance in St. Michael's church between 2:30-3:30pm. All are welcome to come along and watch.

Address or Contact Changes

Please ensure you inform Mrs Haysom if your address, Telephone or email changes. It is important that the school has up to date contact details.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 15th March. Please come dressed in something red for the day and please donate a £1 which will be sent to comic relief. **The red noses are now sold out, well done we sold 3 boxes.**

Fox Class Swimming Reminder

Please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit.

Uniform Orders.

Please could you email Mrs Haysom on admin@shuteprimary.org.uk any uniform requirements for your child. School will retain supplies in school again. All uniform payments would then be paid via your ParentPay account.

PTFA

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th March 2019** at Gemma Benson's. Everyone really is welcome to come along.

Shute Parish Survey

The Shute Parish would like you to complete the Shute Parish Survey. The deadline for its return is 1st April. Please follow this link to complete the survey online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M779NWR> - please do share this link with others who might like to complete the survey. If you have a paper copy there is a box in the school lobby.

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.

Diary Dates:

March 2019	
11.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
15.3.19	Red Nose Day
18.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
19.3.19	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Festival
20.3.19	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala
25.3.19	Fox Class Swimming
2.4.19	Reception Parachute Festival
26.3.19	Fox Class Trip to Seaton Wetlands
27.3.19	Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival
April 2019	
5.4.19	Last Day of Term
23.4.19	Non Pupil Day
24.4.19	First day back
30.4.19	Reception Class Trill Farm Visit 1 of 4

May 2019	
1.5.19	Class Photographs
2.5.19	Yr 3 & 4 Quad Athletics (Team of children)
3.5.19	Yr1 & 2 Federation swimming Gala (Team of children)
7.5.19	Reception Class Trill Farm Visit 2 of 4
8.5.19	Yr 5 & 6 Quad Athletics (Team of children)
10.5.19	Yr3 & 4 Maypole Celebration – PTFA event
13.5.19	Yr 6 Sats week
14.5.19	Reception Class Trill Farm Visit 3 of 4
21.5.19	Reception Class Trill Farm Visit 3 of 4
22.5.19	Yr5 & 5 Mixed Qwik Cricket
23.5.19	Break up for half term
24.5.19	Non Pupil Day
June 19	
3.6.19	Non Pupil day
4.6.19	Back to school

INFORMATION SESSIONS

(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and any other interested parties all very welcome.)

1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Notes
Working Memory / Auditory Processing/ Executive Brain Functioning	Friday 1 st March	Recognising working memory failure. Games and activities to develop auditory memory. Attention, focus and concentration. Making short-term and long term plans. Extra input from retired educational psychologist.
Sensory Integration 'Out-Of-Synch' Child ADHD	Friday 8 th March Retired Ed Psych co-presenting	We will look at children who are out-of-touch with their senses; often under- or over-sensitive to tastes/textures/etc Does your child rock on their chair or fiddle? Also covering how to cope with an ADHD diagnosis/whether to go for one.
THRIVE – Is it still useful? What are the alternatives?	Friday 15 th March	Learn more about this extremely useful way of interacting with children. Examples of activities for home and school. Useful in every relationship! ☺ Looking at BOXALL/ELSA too.
Understanding and managing stress; preparing your child for exams – including helping shy & withdrawn children	Friday 22 nd March Retired Ed Psych co-presenting	Brilliant ideas for aiding concentration and ensuring children are ready to learn and remember (including executive function, MISP, flexible thinking, etc.) As anxiety is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending.
Am I maximising the potential of my gifted or talented child? ☺	Friday 29 th March Retired Ed Psych co-presenting	'Gifted' refers to a child who has abilities in one or more academic subjects, such as English or maths. 'Talented' refers to a child who has skills in a practical area such as music, sport or art. Come and find out more!

☺ NO CHARGE – REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED! ☺ PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS ☺

To book or ask for further information, please call 01395-263397 ext2 and leave a message if no answer or email chollingsworth@wrpschool.org Thank you.

☺ If in doubt, just turn up! ☺