



# Shute Primary School Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Attendance Up to this week 99 %

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year! All the children have really settled into their classes. We would like to welcome our nine reception children to Squirrel class along with nine pre-school children. Both Mrs Clark and Mrs Gafney have been impressed with how quickly they are learning the routines of the early years unit.

As I mentioned in my parentmail to you on Monday, thank you for your patience while the grounds are still being developed as a result of the building works. I have been told that next week the grounds maintenance team will begin to turf, seed, lay bark chippings down and begin to erect a new P.E and Wendy shed. It will be exciting when everything is completed!

## **After School Clubs**

A Parentmail was sent yesterday detailing all the school clubs starting week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please sign up your child to their choice quickly to avoid disappointment. We are pleased to have such a variety of activities on offer.

## **Contact details**

On Monday, Mrs Haysom will be sending home via your child's class teacher an A4 envelope containing information to be checked and returned, please do this by 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the latest. It is important that we hold up to date contact details for your child. You will also receive a Parentmail explain how to register your consent for the use of photographs for your child, please follow the instructions so that we have your consent correct.

## **Mrs Haysom Additional Role**

On Tuesdays Mrs Haysom will be spending the day at Seaton Primary School as she has taken on elements of HR for our Federation of schools. On this day Mrs Brenton, the newly appointed Federation Receptionist will be joining us for the day, some of you may have seen her on the door Thursday morning with Mrs Haysom. I'm sure you will make her all feel welcome.

## **3D child information/meeting**

Today we are sending home information about 3D child which is a new initiative we will be running along with all the schools in the federation. This is a school-based strategy to help champion, celebrate and value the variety of childhood. Mr Simon Lewis is the 3D child project lead. Mr Lewis is the ICT leader across the federation along with being a class teacher at Seaton Primary. I will be talking to the children about 3D child in assembly on Monday morning and **Mr Lewis would like to invite all parents to a meeting after school (3.35pm) on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September for about half an hour to explain 3D child to you. We do hope you can make it to the 3D child meeting.**

## **Meet the teacher/Curriculum planner**

On Monday the teachers will be sending out their autumn curriculum planner which gives you an idea of what the children will be covering this term.

**Each class will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' open session which will run from 3.30-4.15p on**

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September.** This is an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about the coming year and to ask any questions that you might have. Your child(ren) are welcome to show you their books, work on display and other interesting information around the classroom. There will be coffee and tea and biscuits to enjoy in the hall.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Each Friday we will have a celebration assembly in school. We will be awarding 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. If your child has any recent special awards they have earned we are happy to share their achievements with the rest of the school at this special assembly. At this assembly all parents are welcome to attend and to celebrate with us.

### **Before School Club**

We would like to welcome Mrs Sandman to the Shute team, she will be running the before school club every morning. If you would like your child to attend for the first time, please contact Mrs Haysom, email [admin@shuteprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@shuteprimary.org.uk) for further details.

### **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 and selected Over the Counter Medicine to children and all prescribed 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.

### **Application Process to apply for Free School Meals**

Parents should apply for Free School Meals through the **Citizen Portal** on our [Free School Meals Website](#) parents must show the school confirmation of eligibility. If parents are not online they can to apply by phoning the **Customer Service Centre** on **0345 155 1019** where an up to date application form will be posted out to them.

Schools **cannot** request application forms on behalf of parents.

### **PUPIL PREMIUM**

Do you know anything about Pupil Premium?

- Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to school each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children
- The school receives £1320 pounds for each eligible child.
- Often, all of the children in a class will reap some benefit from how the school spends its pupil premium: for example, if the money is used to fund an additional teacher assistant who works across the whole class, rather than providing one-to-one support. But research shows that the fund does help to narrow gaps between disadvantaged children and their peers, particularly in English and Maths.

With budgets being ever stretched, the Pupil Premium funding is extremely valuable to schools, so we want to encourage people to investigate whether they might be eligible. There is absolutely no stigma attached to this- it is there for those who need it so people should be encouraged to access it. Currently, one of the ways our governors have elected to use some of the funding is to provide a bursary of £80 per term, that parents can use to pay for a whole range of items: uniform, trips, music lessons, books from the book fair and educational days out- a family trip to a museum for instance.

If you are interested in finding out more, I have found this link which explains in more detail:  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained>

Have a lovely weekend.  
Kind regards,  
Mr Germscheid

### **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 **£2.50** per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance via ParentPay. Orders must be placed the Thursday before the week lunches are required.

### **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. <https://shuteprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/03/S2-October-2018.pdf> 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: TBC in next newsletter**

#### **Federation Vacancy Mealtime Assistant**

Job term: Permanent, Part time

Scale: Grade A (£9.00 per hour)

Hours: 6 hrs 15 minutes pw 38 weeks per year

Start date: 30th September 2019

Based at: Kilmington Primary School

**Closing date: Friday 20th<sup>h</sup> September 2019, midday**

**Interview date: W/C Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

We are looking for a motivated and experienced individual to join our friendly and hard-working federation team to assist with Mealtime supervision duties in at Kilmington Primary School.

Using any previous skills involving working with children you will assist with the supervision and support of pupils throughout the midday lunchtime session, supporting children in the school to create a positive dining experience at lunch time. You will also be expected to supervise children's free 'play' time in the playground – promoting high standards of behaviour and ensuring that children play safely at all times. Working through the

midday period you will need to be committed to working 1 hour 15 minutes a day, however it could work as a job share - working certain days, or working one week on / one week off. You will need to be flexible to some changes in school timetable events throughout the year.

We are looking for an appropriately skilled person (specific training will be given) who are enthusiastic, hard-working, enjoy working with children and are committed to promoting healthy eating.

A DBS disclosure is required for this post. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

For a further information on this post please contact Angela Haysom via [recruit@axebf.org.uk](mailto:recruit@axebf.org.uk) Job details and application form are available from the Federation website [ <http://www.axebeaconfederation.co.uk/joining-us/recruitment/>].

Please email completed applications to [recruit@axebf.org.uk](mailto:recruit@axebf.org.uk)

Axe Beacon Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check in line with the Government's safer recruitment guidelines. We are also fully committed to equal opportunities.

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

(Teachers, parents, child-minders and other interested parties all very welcome.)  
1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Experienced retired Educational Psychologist presenting.
<b>5 aspects of a successful team</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Come along and find out how to work better as a team, class or family!</b> Building trust, Mastering conflict, Achieving commitment, Embracing accountability, Focusing on results.
How are auditory processing and working memory affected by poor <b>Executive Functioning?</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Looking at <b>working memory</b> , reasoning, organisation, time management, flexibility, <b>problem-solving</b> as well as planning and task completion. Recognising working memory failure. Games and activities to develop <b>auditory memory</b> . How to build attention, focus and concentration.
How to help a child settle in September - in class and at home <b>including separation anxiety</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Many children are <b>anxious</b> in September – what does it look like and how can we help reduce it so they can learn effectively?
<b>Learning to Wait</b>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Why is it so important to be able to wait? It is the basis of <b>resilience</b> , social interaction ( <b>turn-taking</b> ) and <b>self-control</b> (internal discourse). We can also consider undetected <b>language</b> problems.
How <b>social stories and comic strips</b> help anxious children or those with autism.	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	As <b>anxiety</b> is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending. We will look at strategies including social stories, ideas for in & out of the class /at home. Retired E.P. here.
<b>Answers to problems with eating/sleeping/toileting</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Useful information for those who would like hints and tips in these areas, free pack provided by school nurse service. Please book for this session so we can prepare the packs.

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

To book a place or ask for further information, please phone 01395-263397 ext 2 or email [chollingsworth@wrpschool.org](mailto:chollingsworth@wrpschool.org) and I will get back to you. Thank you.