



# Shute Primary School Newsletter Friday 1st March 2024

# Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week are:

Pre-School Ada Squirrel Emilia

Fox Lucas & Yara
Hedgehog Eve & Henry
Badger Poppy & Megan

Well done to you all!



## Golden Rules Reward

These children have done really well following the Golden Rules this week and have had their reward with Mr Marriott.

SquirrelTheoFoxRemyHedgehogTeegoBadgerAustin

Well done to you all!



## E Safety - Digital Parenting

As children become more exposed to the digital world at younger ages, we as parents (and teachers!) can sometimes find it difficult to keep up.

Keeping our children safe online can be a real challenge so starting this week I will be adding information about different aspects of online safety to each newsletter. The first one is Digital Parenting produced by Vodaphone.

I hope you find them useful information for yourselves or as a starting point for conversations with your children.

In school, we continue to address these issues through our PSHE and Computing curriculums.

Useful websites include:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety/e-safety-facts/

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/

## Hedgehog Class Residential

The children visited Hooke Court last week and had a wonderful time.

They were able to take part in Bushcraft activities which included food preparation, making fires and den building as well as orienteering and rocket making.

Everyone had a fantastic experience and the children were very well behaved despite the lack of sleep.





### World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March it is World Book Day please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. We will be reading lots of stories on that day and talking about our favourite book characters.

At the end of the day Miss Percival will be running a 'Book Shop', where the children can use their £1 tokens to choose a book from a selection available. However, you may prefer to use your book token to purchase a book from one of the local book stores.

This year's theme is "Read your way!"

To continue promoting reading for pleasure after World Book Day, we would love to create a display of children reading in strange places and reading different types of books (magazines, non-fiction, picture books and longer stories for example) to show that everyone who loves reading, loves it in their own special way.

Please send these photos to admin@shute-primary.org.uk or through Tapestry for Fox and Squirrel classes by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 if you would like your child to be included in the display.

Thank you Miss Percival



## **Autism Workshop**

Colyton Caterpillars are running an Autism Workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. If anyone is interested, please see the attached flyer for further information.

Please contact them to book your place.

#### **PTFA News**

#### Readathon

The PTFA is running a Readathon starting on World Book Day and finishing on the last day of term. This is to encourage children to read for pleasure, and to raise funds for a new KS2 trim trail area. There will be prizes for the most reading. There will also be book swap afternoons so you can exchange some of your old books for new and exciting reads. More details to come soon.



Attached is a sponsorship form for you to record your child's progress. Please complete it and return it to your child's class teacher on the last day of term. We will then pass them on to the PTFA, who will give out prizes after Easter.

#### **Easter Jars**



We'll be asking each child to bring in a chocolate or sweetie filled Easter Jar on Monday 25th March. These are like Christmas jolly jars, only Easter themed. We'll be using these Easter Jars to create a tombola for our Easter celebrations in the last week of term. Prizes will be awarded for the best jars.

#### **Grizzly Run**

We're looking to find 2 people to join our 3 confirmed volunteers as marshals to help out at the annual Grizzly race taking place in Seaton/Beer/Branscombe on Sunday 17th March 2024.

In return for providing marshals for the run, we receive a donation towards our PTFA charity, which is used to support projects for the school. Last Grizzly Run we received a fantastic £398 thanks to the volunteers who took part.

The event is held in a beautiful spot behind Branscombe village hall leading up the hill. It's a great opportunity for parents/ guardians to offer support to the PTFA and take part in a local popular event which attracts runners from around the country.

Volunteers need to be available from 10.30am - 3.00pm approx. depending on the time of the last runner. In return you can be part of an amazing atmosphere, ensuring the safety of the runners and handing out drinks and treats.

If you would like to volunteer, or would like some more information then please contact with Mrs Hall or Di (email: difreespirit@yahoo.com)

#### Big thanks to Squirrels

Many thanks to Squirrels class and all the parents who supported their cake sale before half term in aid of the PTFA. They made a superb £103.05 with their delicious bakes!

Have a great weekend! The PTFA Team

## Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Squirrel class trip to Alpaca Farm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Badger class trip to Norman Lockyer Observatory

Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Summer term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May – Last day of first half of Summer term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Second half of Summer term

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 5/6 Residential to Adventure

Okehampton

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of Summer term