



Shute Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week are:

Pre-School	Walter
Squirrel	Arfie
Fox	Hunter & Verity
Hedgehog	Alba & Teddy
Badger	Lizzie & Freya



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.

Squirrel	Kit
Fox	MH
Hedgehog	Rae
Badger	Maia



Well done to you all!

Jewellery Workshop

On Monday, Badger Class took part in a Jewellery Workshop run by Eloise Freeth. All the children had a chance to design a bracelet or necklace as part of our Art topic on the Mayans and then make it using a range of beads and shells. All the children produced a great piece of jewellery and had a fun afternoon - Thank you Eloise!



Smart Watches & Mobile Phones

Please can you make sure that your child does not bring in a smart watch that may have a camera on it, as this is a safeguarding issue. If any child comes into school with one of these watches it will be removed and taken to the office where it can be collected at the end of the day.

Also, should your child need to bring in a mobile phone to school, it must be handed in to the office at the beginning of day and collected at home time.

Animal Experience

Last week we were lucky enough to have Chris from Animal Encounters visit the school. He spent an hour with each class showing and talking about a range of animals from Africa and Asia including a skink, Royal Python, a Tenrec, a three-banded armadillo and some beetles.

The children were all very excited to see these unusual animals up close but they were all very patient waiting to see and touch the animals and also managed to stay (fairly!) quiet. All the children had a fantastic experience and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th 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.

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 8th March 2024 if you would like your child to be included in the display.

Thank you
Miss Percival

PTFA News

Charity Status

We are now a registered charity!

On 23 January 2024, we received formal notification from the Charity Commission for England & Wales that our registration had been accepted and our registered charity number is 1206655.

As far as most of our parents and staff are concerned, little will change but it does mean that anyone can now search the Charity Commission's website to find out about our charity for information such as:

- Who the trustees are;
- What are our rules and regulations (our constitution); and
- What our accounts show.

The formal constitution was put in place at the AGM which was held on 12 December 2023 and it was then that this year's committee was elected. We will stay in place until this year's AGM (which will hopefully be held in September 2024) at which the members of the PTFA (the parents, carers and staff) will receive a report on what we've done this year, our accounts for the year just ended (to 31 August) and that will be the time to elect next year's committee (who stay in place for one year).

That will be your opportunity to get involved with the PTFA as a committee member. The duties are not onerous and mainly just involve attending a short zoom committee meeting (usually once a month apart from during the holidays), deciding what events we can put on to raise funds for the school and then deciding how those events are going to be run, quite good fun really!

We are going to need some additional members in the next eighteen months or so as most of the current committee will be retiring when children move on to their new schools so, please, start volunteering as and when you can.

Finally, thanks for all your help in the past and we look forward to meeting you all at lots of exciting functions this year (and when the lolly sales start!). Remember, our children's lives at school are that much richer, and their activities that much cheaper, with the support of the PTFA.

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 Di (email: difreespirit@yahoo.com).

Have a great half term break!

Thanks

The PTFA Team

Diary Dates

Friday 9th February – Last day of first half of Spring term

Monday 19th February – Second half of Spring term

Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd February – Year 3/4 Residential to Hooke Court

Wednesday 20th March – Badger class trip to Norman Lockyer Observatory

Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring Term

Monday 15th April – Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 16th April – Start of Summer term

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday

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

Monday 3rd June – Second half of Summer term

Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st June – Year 5/6 Residential to Adventure Okehampton

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of Summer term