



Devon Moors
Federation



Shute Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

Stars of the Week

This week's Star of the Week are:

Pre-School	Arthur
Squirrel	Sebastian
Fox	XH & MH
Hedgehog	Henry & Victor
Badger	Oakley & EM



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	EF
Fox	Iris H
Hedgehog	Florrie
Badger	Beatrix



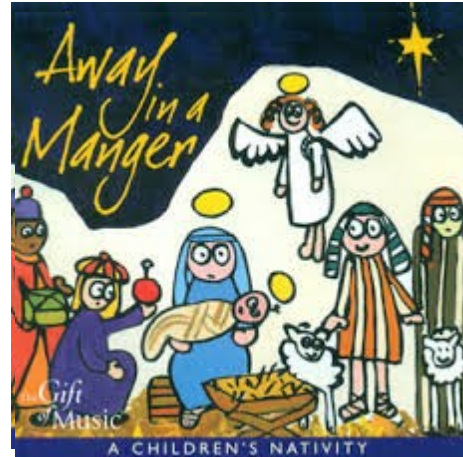
Well done to you all!

Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity

On Wednesday 6th December Squirrel and Fox class will be performing their Nativity Play in the church.

Parents are invited to watch and the church will be open from 2.15pm. If you would like your older child to watch the performance with you, then please let the school office know, so your child can be brought to you and your child can be signed out.

The children will be taking their bags etc down to the church and will be able to go straight home with parents after the performance.



No Toys in School

Please can we remind parents that children should not be bringing toys or any other precious item into school. There have been a few occasions lately where toys have gone missing or have been broken.

Please Avoid Church Wall

Please could parents ask their children to avoid climbing on the stone churchyard wall opposite the school driveway. There are some concerns about its structural integrity and safety.

There will be a notice on the wall as soon as possible, and it will be inspected when this can be arranged.

Christmas Panto

On Wednesday we had a panto troupe come into school and perform Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the performance.

We would like to thank the PTFA for funding this Christmas Treat for the children.



PTFA News

We attach the minutes from the latest PTFA meeting, and also a copy of the current payment and receipts summary.

- **Christmas Bingo result**

A massive thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA Christmas Bingo at Kilmington Village Hall, and helped to make it such a brilliant night! It was loads of fun, and great to see so many families there. Particular thanks go to Effie and Henry's mum Lisa Stobbs, and grandad David Bright for their organisation and support of the event.

We took a total income on the night of £618 which, after expenses and prizes, has resulted in a fantastic profit for the PTFA of £510.

A separate email will be sent next week with thanks and details of the companies that kindly donated prizes for the event, when we have the full information to do this.

- **The Christmas Fair - Friday 8th December at 3.30pm**

We are looking for donations of the following please:
Second hand toys in good condition for the toy stall,
Second hand books for the book stall,
Home baked or shop bought cakes or mince pies for the cake stall,
Bottles for the bottle tombola.

We are also asking each child to bring in a Jolly Jar, which is a glass jar (old jam or chutney jars work well) filled with sweets, chocolate, small toys, pencils, crayons and other treats and decorated in a festive fashion.

Please bring the Jolly Jars in on Thursday 7th December, and all other donations for the stalls on Friday 8th at drop off time.

Could any parents or carers who would be available to help run a stall at the Christmas Fair please talk to Flora on the playground (or email floracruft@hotmail.com; tel 07816 894 435) to express their interest. We need more volunteers to help us run the fair smoothly.

- **Easyfundraising**

Want to help our PTFA to get £s for nothing? Download the easyfundraising app and sign up as a supporter today. It's the easiest and quickest way to support Shute Community Primary School! easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 loved brands so we can get free donations from your online shopping. How amazing is that? Download the easyfundraising app today and start supporting our PTA: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=ptaoctgiveaway-fb1

Mr Marriott has informed us that the timber play area at school desperately needs to be replaced but the replacement cost is likely to be in the order of £10,000.

The PTFA intend to run a number of specific events during the course of the year - such as the ones above - to try to raise as much of the total as possible, but we also decided that we would relaunch easyfundraising as a means of enabling parents and others to raise funds for the school without very much effort at all!

In essence (for those that don't know about it) you download the app and then whenever you make a purchase through certain connected sites, those sites will pay over a small percentage to your PTFA for nothing! In some cases (such as Amazon) you go through the app to the site to want to use which adds only a couple of seconds to the transaction. For most sites though, once you have downloaded the app, the donation taking place automatically.

Our treasurer started using the app recently and since then he has amassed total donations of £2.16 (from Amazon, Argos, Currys and so on). It doesn't sound much but if you multiply that over a whole year and by the number of parents and carers in the school community, we could raise substantial funds in a fairly short period of time.

When new supporters raise £5, easyfundraising will give Shute Community Primary School another free £5!

Mr Marriott signed up to the app during our last committee meeting and it took him only 30 seconds! Once you have downloaded the app, you just have to link it to our cause, Shute Community Primary School and then you're good to go.

Have a great weekend, and stay warm!

Thanks,

The PTFA Team

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th December – KS1 Nativity at the church – 2.30pm

Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Friday 8th December – PTFA Christmas fayre

Wednesday 13th December – KS2 Carol Concert at the church – 2.30pm

Thursday 14th December – Squirrel class trip to Barnfield Theatre

Friday 15th December – Last day of Autumn term

Tuesday 2nd January – Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 3rd January – Start of Spring Term

Thursday 18th January – Height & Weight Measuring for Rec and Yr 6

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

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