

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year and we hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for your children to come back to school!

This year brings with it quite a bit of change and we are looking forward to a great year of learning.

Staff Structure – As you are hopefully all aware, the school is now under new leadership. We (Mrs Evans and Mrs Gough) have now taken up the reins of co-head teachers, which we are incredibly excited about. This has meant that we have needed to do a little restructuring.

We welcome Mr Younger and wish him well as he teaches in Koala class and across the school.

Teddy – Mrs Isaac (Monday – Friday)

Panda – Mrs Evans (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday am)

Mrs Wood (Thursday and Friday)

Koala - Mr Younger (Monday and Tuesday)

Mrs Gough (Wednesday am, Thursday and Friday)

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays all children will have PE, led by LJD coaching. They will need to wear PE kit into school on both days.

On Wednesdays, all children will also be taught music by Mrs Hayes. She will also be continuing her peripatetic music lessons (more details to follow).

Mrs Evans and Mrs Gough
Co-Head Teachers



Upcoming Events

September 22

Teddy Class author visit

September 24

Panda and Koala author visit

October 10

Harvest Festival at 2.00 p.m.

W/c November 3

Parent's meetings

December 15

Key Stage 2 Christmas
Performance

December 18

Christmas dinner and class
parties

December 19

Church Service pm and last
day of term

A list of these dates will be on
display in the school foyer (in
front of the office)

Other news this week

Drop off and collection:

Teddy Class to be dropped and collected on the middle (now white doors) on the playground.

Panda Class to be dropped and collected from the doors next to Panda class.

Koala Class children are to be dropped at the middle doors but will be dismissed from the Koala Class fire exit (if you would like your child to walk home then please give permission for this at the school office).

School dinners: We now have a new catering provider and menu – please take a look and encourage your children to try school meals. Dinners should be booked via the School Money app in advance (you are unable to make a booking on the actual day).

School Uniform: Mrs Hawker will be putting in an emergency order early next week so please let her know as soon as possible if you wish to order any items. We also have some 'pre-loved' uniform available – see details below.

Breakfast and After School Clubs: These will start again from next week and, again, are to be booked via the School Money app if you want your child to attend any sessions. If you have not used them before then you will need to contact the school office to be added to the list.

Breakfast Club will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.20 a.m

After-school club – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (until 5.15pm).

On Wednesday, there will be an after-school sports club until 4.30pm (more details to follow), which can also be booked on the app.

Shebbear's Golden Rules: The staff have thought long and hard about these rules and the decision was made that we will only have three – hopefully this will make them more memorable. The children have been introduced to them in assembly today and have discussed what they understand by them. It would be great if you could talk to your child about what they mean and whether these could also be used within your home! They are:

Be a great learner

Be kind and helpful

Be honest and respectful

These will be the focus of one of the assemblies each week and we will be looking at these behaviours when awarding celebration certificates.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 281220

Email: admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk

Website:

<http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/>

Safeguarding: Any concerns should be reported to Mrs Gough who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. In his absence contact Mrs Evans.

You can also report a concern directly to MASH on 0345 1551071

Ofsted Parent View:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Latest Ofsted report:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

Up-coming Term Dates:

Full date list can be found here: <http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>

Front Entrance: Just outside the office you will find a couple of new initiatives. There are two big bins – one is for lost property and the other for pre-loved uniform (money donations in the box please). If you are searching for any lost uniform items then this should be your first port of call.

On the bookcase there are books (for adults) which can be borrowed, read and returned – under the catchy title 'Shebbear Sharing Shelves'. If you have any books to donate then please see Mrs Evans.

Newsletter – The school newsletter will now be produced fortnightly with a weekly email in between.

Best Start in Life - On 1 September 2025 the Best Start in Life website was launched, as part of the government's plan for change and giving every child the Best Start in Life. This improved support for families builds on the proud legacy of Sure Start and will help more children be ready to start school. Please take a look by following the link below.

https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/?es_c=DADACF06DDA78BCB2C178A4FB7A93D77&es_cl=346A0E9190A94326D68DDEC01D9ADDAA&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

Finally – As a reward for reading the school newsletter, we will be running a little competition each half term with a small prize for the first parent to email in with the correct answer. There will be three pictures (one in each newsletter) which are linked in some way. Here is your first one!

