

# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We cannot believe that we are already at the end of week three of the new school year. It has been lovely to see how well the children are settling in and the positive atmosphere that the staff (and hopefully you and your children) are feeling. It has been particularly pleasing to see how well the older children have been looking after the younger ones.

And now for something important but possibly not quite so positive...

### Attendance

As you know attendance at our school is generally very good but we need to make you aware of the increasing pressure we are under to issue penalty notices for un-authorised absences. The Local Authority will be asking us to justify why we have not fined in certain circumstances. It is likely that we - along with all Devon schools - will be forced to fine far more frequently in the future so please bear this in mind when booking your next holiday. Also please see below for guidance on when to keep your child off school.

Early next week, we will be sending out DCC's annual 'Holidays and Avoidable Absences in Term Time' letter – so please keep a look out for this coming home with your child.

Now, back to the positive...

### Golden Awards

This week's awards have been given to children who we have seen are keeping to the rule 'Be kind and helpful'.

Well done to Grayson Spicer, Gracie Lawrence and Poppy-May Murphy.



## 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 is on display in the school foyer (in front of the office)

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## **Next Week**

**Bikeability** (Monday and Tuesday) – Please can all Year 6 children who have signed up for this remember to come prepared with their bike, helmet and coat. Please remember to wear PE kit. Be prepared for all weather conditions!

**Author Visits** (Monday and Wednesday)- We are looking forward to welcoming Gareth P Jones and Nadine Aisha Jarrat to share their love of reading and writing with the children. These visits always inspire the children and give them an understanding of why they need to learn to write and how reading can aid this.

**Permissions:** We are updating the various permissions that we ask for, in order to comply with GDPR advice. Please look out for a form to complete – one for each child – that we will need to have returned at your earliest convenience.

**After School Club:** Miss Curtis has arranged some themed sessions – please see the poster below. In order to make the after school club sustainable, we do need more children to come along, even if only occasionally. Sessions can be booked via the School Money app – please contact the office for access.

**Flu Immunisations** (Thursday) - There is still time for you to consent to your child having the annual nasal flu vaccination by giving consent by Tuesday 23rd at midday via this link:  
<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>  
code: DV113166

In the same vein, can we please point you towards a website called Patient.info. This website is for NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school. See link below  
<https://patient.info/>

### **Assessments**

Please find below a link that will take you to a page where you can find out all the information you will need about assessments your child will undertake whilst in primary school.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents>

Have a great weekend

Mrs Evans and Mrs Gough  
Co-Head Teachers

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## **Useful Links**

### **School Contact Details**

**Tel:** 01409 281220

**Email:** [admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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>

**Does my child need to stay off school?** <https://patient.info/>

### **Up-coming Term Dates:**

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



**Golden Award winners**



**After School Club fun themed sessions**

**Finally** – As mentioned on the last newsletter, we are 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 and the first one was last week) which are linked in some way. Here is your second one!

