
Friday 1st October 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I mentioned last week that it feel as if we are returning to normal. Standing on the playground in the rain this week certainly felt familiar as did having visitors back in school. Diversity week has been a great success (report below) so many thanks to Mrs Gough for organising the various guests.

October is Black History Month and we will be celebrating the lives of some interesting people during assemblies in the coming weeks. You may have seen on the news this week about a statue being unveiled in celebration of Betty Campbell, who was the first black headteacher appointed in Wales:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-58721710> Betty's journey is a fascinating one full of determination and a never give up attitude which has been equally exemplified by our visitors this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford

Diversity Week: We have welcomed a few different guests this week to celebrate diversity. On Monday Lynn and Christine Woodward worked with each class to teach them sign language. On Tuesday, Nikki Watson brought her guide dog Quincey into school to talk to the children. Then on Wednesday, the Paralympian David Hill led a whole school sponsored fitness session (thanks for all your donations) and then talked to the children about his disability (he was born with only part of one arm) and his sporting career which has included multiple Paralympic appearances in both swimming and triathlon. His story is certainly one of triumph over adversity



Upcoming Events

October 4

Library Opening

October 18

Parent Consultations during this week

October 22

Harvest Festival

Learning Awards

Awards were given this week to:

Tommy and Grayson in Teddy Class

Sammy and Spencer in Panda Class

Zak and Finley in Koala Class



and he was really inspiring, not least the importance of working hard and never giving up. I hope the children enjoyed listening to the visitors, learnt something and hopeful took some inspiration!

Other news this week

Author Visits: We are very much looking forward to welcoming two authors to school next week through the Appledore Book Festival.

Patrice Lawrence will visit Koala and Panda children on Monday morning and we have two of her books available to buy from the school office (£6.99, cheques payable to 'Devon County Council'). There are a limited number of these and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. They can be signed by the author at the end of her visit. Patrice has also kindly agreed to formally open our school library.

John Dougherty will visit Teddy class on Wednesday afternoon and he will bring along a selection of his books to buy. If your child would like one then please send in £6.99 (cash only) on Wednesday morning in a clearly named envelope. Again, these can be signed by the author at the end of his visit.'

PE Friday: Just a polite reminder that children should come to school on a Friday wearing their house coloured PE shirt along with plain shorts or tracksuit bottoms. They can then either wear a school hoodie or their school sweatshirt/cardigan. They should not be wearing football tops etc in the same way they don't on other days. Thanks to all those following the dress code.

The Governing Body Annual General Meeting: This will be held on Monday 4th October at 7.00 pm in the school hall. As always, you are more than welcome to attend the Part One section of the meeting.

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Selina Woollacott (Rachel and Emily's mum) is our new parent governor, replacing Mrs Leanne Marshall. I would like to thank Mrs Marshall for all of her hard work over the past few years as a governor and welcome Mrs Woollacott to the governing body.

Census Day Menu: Next Thursday (7th October) we will be having a special menu to hopefully encourage ALL our pupils in Teddy class to take up their entitlement to a free school meal. In doing so, you will be helping the school as a portion of our school funding is decided by how many pupils in Teddy class (Reception and Years 1 and 2) have a school lunch on that day – it's how the system works!!

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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

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

Up-coming Term Dates:

Autumn half term is the w/c 25th October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5th January

David Hill and the children exercising



Even if they don't normally have a hot lunch, please consider it for this day – they can always bring in a packed lunch too if you're worried they may not eat all or part of it. A low take up on the day may mean that we have to use school funds to pay for the universal free school meals over the coming year. The special menu is available to Panda and Koala children too and a good take up will keep Vikki nice and busy! The menu is:

Option 1 - Sausages, potato wedges, sweetcorn or baked beans.

Option 2 – Cheese and tomato pizza, potato wedges, sweetcorn or baked beans. Jacket potatoes will also be available.

This will be followed by chocolate and vanilla marble cake with ice cream.

Koala Class Residential Meeting: Mrs Gough will be running a meeting to discuss the proposed residential trip to London next year on Wednesday 6th October. It will take place in Koala classroom directly after school. She will go through the proposed itinerary and costs.

Natasha's Law: As you may well be aware, on the 1st October 2021 a new law with regard to packaged food labelling has come into force in the UK. This law is called Natasha's Law. This follows an allergen incident, where a young girl sadly died after eating a food product containing sesame which was not labelled.

The law coming into force now means that any packaged item for consumer consumption must now be labelled to provide the consumer a list of the contents of the item, with **particular attention paid to allergens on the current 14 allergen matrix which should be marked in bold**. You can find these items here: <https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/top-allergy-types.pdf>

This law affects all packaged foods and, therefore, affects anything homemade that would be donated to a fundraiser or brought into school for a birthday celebration or similar.

Therefore, any food items coming into school MUST be labelled accordingly or they will not be able to share them with the children.

Our school lunch provider (Devon Norse) are adapting their procedures to ensure they are fully compliant.

Most importantly, please do inform us if your child has a food allergy so that we can take all of the necessary precautions.