
Friday 1st December 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you are either reading this just before you head off to the Christmas fair or you have just got back from it. Either way, many thanks to everyone who supported the fair today. It is always a big effort from the SSSG to organise and run the event so a huge thank you to Georgie Monaghan and the team. Everyone at school really appreciates it.

Thanks for the donations on Wednesday for the non-uniform day. Also for the used Christmas jumpers. Don't forget that we have a Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 13th December which is also when we will be having Christmas dinner and parties.

The Key Stage 2 Christmas show takes place next Wednesday (6th) with performances at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets can be ordered via this link: <https://forms.gle/2Zk8CakCWfdpsUFg8>

The children will need to return to school at 5.30pm for the Wednesday evening performance. Please let the school know if they are unable to attend. The show will finish at about 7pm when all of the children will need to be collected.

Preparations are also underway for our traditional Christmas service which will be held at Lake Chapel on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome. It will end at approximately 2.10pm when children will need to be collected from the chapel and the Christmas holidays begin.

Have a lovely weekend – enjoy putting up the decorations if you have that planned.

Best wishes,
Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

November 28

Dogs' Trust visit

December 1

Christmas Fair

December 6

KS2 Christmas show

Award Winners this week
Teddy Class –Poppy,
Teddy and Thea
Panda – Mason and
Woody
Koala – Reuben and
Sam



Christie had the most
house points

Whole school
attendance this term
is 96.01%

Other news this week

Attendance: While there are still a few bugs hanging around, it has been good to see many of the children minimising their time off school and also parents/carers phoning in to check on whether they can return (particularly after being sick). Figures for this week are: Teddy Class 96.56%, Panda Class 95.5% and Koala Class 93.18%.

Book Fair: Thanks to everyone who has supported this through the week and Mrs Evans for organising.

Dog's Trust Visit: Emily from the Dogs Trust visited us on Tuesday and worked with each of the classes. She focussed on keeping safe around dogs and talked about some of the things dogs don't like such as being disturbed when they are eating or sleeping (who does?) and being hugged. The children were very engaged and Emily was impressed by their dog knowledge. The Dogs Trust don't charge to visit schools but do depend on donations so if you wanted to donate, here are the details:
<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give>



Santa Dash: On Friday 8th December all of the children will be participating in the North Devon Santa Dash. This has been made possible by the School Games Organiser. The challenge is to see how many children across North Devon can be running at the same time and we have accepted!

On the day, children will already be in their PE kits but they could also add a little bit of festive cheer e.g. a Santa/elf hat, some tinsel etc. They will complete as many circuits as possible and there will be a winning house.

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.

Ofsted Parent View:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

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

Up-coming Term Dates:

Term ends on Friday 15th December at 2.10pm

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 3rd January is the first day of the spring term

Spring half term is the w/c 12th February

Spring term ends on Thursday 28th March

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

Reverend Warren: The children in Koala class had the opportunity on Thursday to question Reverend Warren when he came into school to talk to them. The children have been learning about the creation story as told in the Bible and comparing it to the Big Bang theory and the idea of evolution and the work of Charles Darwin. The children asked some excellent questions and it was a really useful session.

Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills: Children in years 1 and 2 will be attending GTS on Tuesday morning to take part in a multi-skills session. The children will travel to and from GTS on the mini-bus kindly loaned to us by Shebbear College.

Sir Geoffrey Cox MP: Next Friday we will be welcoming our local MP, Sir Geoffrey Cox into the school.

Reception Vision Screening: This takes place on Tuesday morning for our reception children.

Koala/Panda Swimming: The final session for Koala swimmers takes place on Monday (4th December). There is no swimming in the final week of term.

Panda class are due to start their sessions on Monday 8th January and a letter giving details will follow next week.

Governing Body: The next Governing Body meeting is on Monday 4th December at 7.00 p.m. here at school. As always, you are very welcome to attend the Part One section of the meeting.

