
Friday 1st April 2022

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you were not the victims of any April Fools tricks this morning. The chatter amongst some of the older children yesterday suggested they had a few things planned. One thing that is certainly no joke is that term ends next Friday (8th April).

It has been an unusually long spring term and I think everyone is looking forward to having a break. It does mean that the summer term is shorter but with all the usual stuff to pack in.

Looming on the horizon are the statutory assessments for certain year groups which return in 2022 after an absence of a couple of years. The most pressing will be the Year 6 SATs which take place in the week of the 9th May. Other assessments we have to undertake are the Year 2 SATs (although these are very different to their Year 6 counterparts), the Year 1 phonics check and the Year 4 multiplication tables test. Add to this the ongoing assessment of our Reception children (who will be totally oblivious to this) and you will see that it is only a couple of year groups who miss out.

Teachers are working hard with the children to help ensure they do as well as possible and we try to avoid putting any undue pressure on the children. If you ever need more information on any of them, do ask your child's class teacher.

Thanks to everyone who attended the parent consultations this week. I hope they were useful and informative. If you were unable to do so, do please see or message your child's class teacher to set up an appointment.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

April 6

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

April 8

Last Day of Term

April 25

New Term Starts

Learning Awards

Teddy – Emily, Wilomina and Hunter

Panda – Oakley H and Isla

Koala – Elliot

House point winners were
Babbage

TT Rockstars winners -
Babbage



Other news this week

Bodmin Trip: The children in Koala and Panda classes enjoyed a trip down to Bodmin on Wednesday. The Koala pupils visited Bodmin jail. This related to their history topic on Crime and Punishment and they enjoyed hearing about the history of the jail and some of the rather grizzly punishments meted out to prisoners in the past. Meanwhile, Panda children enjoyed a steam train ride as part of their learning about the history of rail travel. The section they rode on is I'm told the steepest stretch of railway in England.

Both classes had a great day out and their behaviour throughout was excellent. Not to miss out completely, Teddy class (who were the only class who remained here back at the ranch) enjoyed a specially chosen lunch and then had a jubilee themed tea party in the afternoon as part of their topic work on Queens past and present.

Online Safety: You may have seen or heard on the news that OFCOM this week published a report on media habits <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-60854885> . One of the striking findings was how many children (some as young as five) have social media accounts such as Tik Tok or Instagram. Most of these sites do have age restrictions which are normally 13. The main reason for this is because of data protection laws but it is also felt that this is the age when children can use these sites responsibly. Below are a couple of links that I would really urge you to read which give further advice and information about some of these sites and how to best manage the children's use of them. <https://tinyurl.com/ycxpms2y> <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/age-restrictions-on-social-media-services>

Egg Rolling: This Shebbear tradition will be taking place next Friday on the last day of term. The children will need to bring in a hard boiled egg to see how far they can roll it the furthest. As well as prizes for this, there will be a competition for the best decorated egg. These need to be in school by next Thursday for judging.

Football and Multi Skills Club: Accompanying this newsletter are letters about clubs starting next term. Football club will be restarting (with a different provider) and will initially be open to pupils in years 4 to 6. After half term, Years R to Y3 will get the chance. In the meantime, a multi-skills club will be starting for them after the

Useful Links

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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>

Up-coming Term Dates:

The last day of term is Friday 8th April.

Summer term starts on Monday 25th April

May Bank Holiday is on Monday 2nd May

Half term is the week commencing 30th May

The school is closed for a non-pupil day and the extra day for the Queen's Jubilee on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June

The last day of the summer term is Friday 22nd July

holidays. This will then be swapped so Years 4 to Y6 get their chance after the Whitsun break. Football will be on Fridays and Multi-skills on Thursdays.

From the SSSG: Easter Egg Treasure Hunt: Please come and join us for our Easter Trail after school on Wednesday 6th April, starting in the school hall. We will be selling refreshments and any Easter themed cake donations would be gratefully received to sell in the afternoon.

If donations could be dropped into school on Wednesday morning please that would be great. We will also have a table of second hand uniform for sale so if you are looking for any items for the summer term, please do come along.

Please do come and join us for this event, it's great we can start fundraising again. Even if you are unable to take part in the trail, please pop in for a cuppa or to buy some cakes. All proceeds will go towards supporting our school and our children.

Please see attached poster for more details.

Easter Assembly: Sadly, Reverend Leigh contracted Covid earlier this week so had to cancel her planned visit and assembly. Hopefully she will be able to come to the school at some point after the Easter holidays.

Wanted please: if anyone is having a clear out, Teddy class would love waterproof trousers and/or all-in-one outdoor suits. Thank you!

Online Payments: Such was the popularity of introducing an online payment system, we have now agreed a provider and we are hopeful that it will be up and running by the end of May half term. There are a few technical aspects to sort out and we will need some training in operating the system. We will keep you updated including information on the free app you will need to download in order to use it.

Dinner Menu: Also sent with this newsletter is an electronic copy of the dinner menu from Monday 25th April. Paper copies will be circulated when we receive them next week and the website will also be updated.