



# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, we took the whole school down to the Shebbear war memorial. We were joined by Reverend Warren in paying our respects to those who sacrificed so much for us, all those years ago.

Some of the children read poems as well as a prayer and the laying of a wreath. As one of the children was reading, a horse trotted by so I used the opportunity to remind the children that our equine friends also showed great bravery, with many heading off to the battlefields in 1914.

I came across some details of those killed in WW1. For example, Austin Clarke was the son of the local Shebbear doctor while Arthur Stacey and Embert Adams were both particularly unfortunate, losing their lives just a couple of weeks before the armistice in November 1918. The link is here if you are interested:

<https://www.devonheritage.org/Places/Shebbear/Shebbear1914-1918WarMemorial.htm>

The children were immaculately behaved not least during a period of silence and given the very cold and wet weather we endured during our visit. They were a real credit to the school. Luckily, we were able to come back into the warm and have lunch – a luxury that was rarely afforded to those brave soldiers.

The school will be represented on Sunday morning at the Shebbear memorial service. It starts at around 10.45am at the war memorial.

## Upcoming Events

### November 8

Tag Rugby (Y5/6)

### November 9

Remembrance assembly

### November 17

Children in Need

Award Winners this week

Teddy Class – Elske,  
Ethaniel and Hector  
Panda – Chloe and  
Ryn  
Koala – Beau and  
Archie



Drake had the most house points

Whole school attendance this term is  
96.49%

Thanks to our poppy sellers this week – Spencer and Casey.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mr Alford  
Headteacher



## Other news this week

**Attendance:** A good week with all three classes having attendance in excess of 97%. Teddy still lead the way with 98.75%, Koala next on 97.73% and then Panda on 97.01%

**A couple of things:** If you regularly read the newsletter, you will know I'm not a big one for using it as a platform for moaning and groaning about things – I prefer to use it as a way to let you know what has been going on in school and what is coming up. On this occasion I am going to remind everyone of some ongoing school expectations.

Firstly, and this particularly applies to Teddy class parents, please do make sure you see your children into the classroom in the morning – as a minimum, do hang on until you have seen them go through the Teddy class door.

Number two – remember there are no dogs allowed on the playground. If you have others (say grandparents) collecting the children, please do remind them too.

Lastly, no vaping (or smoking for that matter) on the playground please at collection or drop off time. Many thanks.

**Congratulations:** Well done to Mrs Quance who recently completed a level 3 course which will support her in undertaking her role in school. The course took over a year to complete with most of the work completed at home after a long day at school and on the farm. She passed with flying colours. Congratulations too to Mrs Evans and Mrs Whiting who both passed their mini-bus driving test earlier this week. It means they can both safely drive the minibus to transport your children for the next three years.

**Tag Rugby:** Well done to those children who took part in the matches at Shebbear College on Tuesday. It would be fair to say that they were a strong opposition but everyone stuck at it and we scored some good tries during the afternoon.

## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

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### Website:

<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 15<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is the first day of the spring term

Spring half term is the w/c 12<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

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

We have football matches (boys and girls) at Hatherleigh school planned for next week.

**Parent Consultation Meetings:** Thanks to all of those who have signed up – the sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the school. There are still slots available during these times:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November Teddy Class (Reception only with Mrs Fuller) – 3.40pm onwards, Panda and Koala (3pm onwards)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Teddy Class (Years 1 and 2) Miss Chauhan (3pm onwards)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Panda and Koala classes (3.40pm onwards)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Teddy Class (Years 1 and 2) Mrs Wood (3pm onwards)

**Children in Need:** This takes place next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> November). The theme is spots if you wish to dress up. It is PE Friday so the children could add a spotty theme to their kit. We also collect 'Pennies for Pudsey' so any loose change can be brought in and we try to cover an outline of Pudsey. Bigger donations also welcome!

**Dates for your diary:**

- The book fair is coming up during the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> November
- The Christmas fair is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- KS2 Christmas Play in on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (afternoon and evening)
- Christmas lunch/party/jumper on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas service at Lake Chapel on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm – Christmas holidays will begin following this