

# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

All being well, next week should be an enjoyable one for the children after the challenges of the last few weeks. As I write this, we have no further new cases of Covid within the school community and the final couple of isolating children should be back by Monday.

It would seem that other schools are also experiencing similar outbreaks locally and while it has been hugely disruptive over the last few weeks and it is very disappointing to have had to postpone the Panda and Koala class performance, we should be able, with some precautions, to enjoy some Christmas fun next week.

Thanks for all the contributions for the theatre trip on Tuesday. Remember that the children will need a packed lunch and wear a face covering on the coach there and back. We have been advised that the children are not required to wear face coverings in the theatre itself. The theatre has allowed us to have our lunch in the building after the performance.

On Wednesday we have Christmas lunch followed by parties in the afternoon. These will be in their class bubbles. The children can also wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish (or decorate a jumper if they prefer). The Christmas fair follows after school – more details below.

To end the term we have our Christmas Service and Nativity which is now at the church (by the square) rather than the chapel, as originally planned. It will start at 1.30pm and should be completed by 2.15pm when the children should be collected directly from the church to start their Christmas holidays. We should (again, subject to no further rule changes or infection increases) be able to allow a limited number of parents/carers to attend. **It will be one adult per family with two per family for pupils in Teddy class and Year 6.** We felt it would be nice if as many Teddy parents/carers as possible are able to see the nativity part of the performance which is always the highlight. Similarly, this will be



## Upcoming Events

### December 14

Theatre Trip

### December 15

Christmas lunch, parties and fair

### December 17

Carol Service

## Learning Awards

Teddy – Hector and Grayson

Panda – Bethany and Archie

Koala – Rupert and James

House point winners were  
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the final chance for Y6 parents to attend this special occasion. I do hope that you understand. If there are spare seats we will offer them to years 3 to 5 on a first come first served basis.

To book your seat, please use this Google form and return it by the end of school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December <https://tinyurl.com/yckthzhs>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford

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## Other news this week

**Christmas Fair and Raffle:** Congratulations to all those who won prizes in the Christmas raffle last Friday. The SSSG have been passing out the prizes this week.

On Wednesday, after school, we will have the Christmas fair on the playground starting at 3.00pm. Hopefully, lots of you will be able to support this. To ease the potential congestion, there will be a slightly staggered end to the day. Teddy children will be dismissed at 3.20pm from the classroom entrance (where they are normally dropped in the morning) rather than onto the main playground. Panda class will go at 3.25pm and Koala at 3.30pm both from their normal place.

Everything is set for the fair. Fingers crossed for no rain. Do bring some money along and hopefully it will help you get into the Christmas spirit as we approach the end of term.

**Dance Club:** This will start again after the Christmas holidays. It will be on Thursday afternoons after school. More details should follow next week.

**The 12 Reads of Christmas:** Details of our traditional Christmas reading challenge will be sent home next week. Hopefully lots of you will join in over the Christmas holidays.

**Non-pupil Day Reminder:** Don't forget, in case you need to make child care arrangements, we have a non-pupil day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January meaning the spring term starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> is a bank holiday in lieu of New Year's Day being on a Saturday this year. If you are already thinking ahead, spring half term is the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> February.

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

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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.

### Up-coming Term Dates:

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January



**Parking Outside the Front of the School:** We have been approached by the resident of Old Barn Cottage about the problems he is experiencing with people blocking and even, on one occasion, actually parking in his drive, when it is drop off and collection time for school and Little Bears Pre-School.

Please can I ask that you are respectful of private property and ensure that local residents are not inconvenienced by careless parking. Thank you.