
Friday 10th February 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a variety of activities going on in school this week to mark Children's Mental Health week. They have all been based around a 'Taskmaster' treasure hunt. Some of the activities have included making a rainbow, producing a dance, drawing self-portraits, designing a game and making a hat out of recycled materials. Thanks to all of the staff who gave up their breaks to put these activities on – they were all very well supported.

During Monday's assembly I talked to the children about how acting kindly towards others is often a great way to make yourself feel better. I encouraged them to carry out at least one random act of kindness during the week or, in other words, to do or say something nice to someone else without being prompted to do so. I encouraged them to do this at home too – hopefully at least some of you will have been on the receiving end.

On Thursday, as a treat to cheer everyone up, Vikki made some cupcakes to have at morning break. They were well received by both the children and staff so many thanks to her.



As I mentioned last week, ensuring the children remain happy and safe in school is our number priority. There are so many challenges in the world at this time, whether it be the war in Ukraine, the terrible earthquake in Turkey and Syria or the cost of living crisis. It's easy for any of us to feel a little down at times and it's easy for the children to feel this way too. Hopefully doing some fun activities this week and in the future will help keep everyone's mood be a positive and healthy one.

The daily clues and the form to submit your answers for the Treasure Hunt is here, should you wish to!

<https://taskmastereducation.com/treasurehunt>



Upcoming Events

February 20

Back to school

February 24

Football/Netball at Hatherleigh

March 27

U9 Football at SC

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Mason and Oakley

Panda Class – Rachel and Tika

Koala Class – Casey and Oakley



Babbage had most house points and Astor were top of the TT Rock Stars table

Don't forget that next week is half term so the school will be closed. We will reopen on Monday 20th February (after school club will be on that day). Our friends up at Shebbear College have, unusually, a different half term to us should you wonder why they are at school and we are not – they get their break the following week.

You may notice some activity at school next week as we are having a new playground fence installed that will be ready for when the children return.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Alford - Headteacher

Other news this week:

Book Tokens: Do look out for the book tokens the children should have brought home yesterday or today, depending on their class. Everyone will have received a World Book Day token. These £1 tokens are valid from the 16th February and can be used in most bookshops. Many shops and some supermarkets will have a selection of books for a pound but do get in quickly as these often sell out. Some children will also receive a book token courtesy of the Fortescue Trust. In order to receive one of these, the children must reside within the parish of Shebbear which is why not everyone will have had one (we have no control over this). As it says on the voucher, these can be used at Spencer Thorn book shop in Bude or Walter Henry's in Bideford. They have a use by date of 28th February 2023 so, again, get in quickly if you can.

Panda Class - Soil Samples: Panda Class will be studying different types of soil next term. If you are going out of Devon during half term would you be kind enough to collect a soil sample (about a takeaway carton full), label it with where it came from, and let Panda Class have it after half term please?

Teddy Class Swimming: All Year 1 and 2 children will be going swimming after half term and immediately after the Easter holidays. A letter giving more details and information was sent home with the children yesterday and a copy is attached with this newsletter. All voluntary contributions towards the cost can be made on the School Money app, and we would very much welcome and appreciate your support with this.

Friday After School Clubs: Please see attached information on Football club and Born to Move dance club for after half term.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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:

Week of the 13th February is half term

Friday 31st March is the last day of the spring term

Monday 17th April is when the summer term starts

Bank holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8th May

Week of the 29th May is half term

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