
Friday 10th September 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. I hope that you all had a good break. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school. The term has started well and the children, across the whole school, have been showing great enthusiasm for their learning. Long may it continue!

We particularly welcome our new Reception children who have settled really well. We are very fortunate to have them. They are such a great bunch of children and I hope they have enjoyed their first week.

Thanks for all the kind comments. It has been lovely being back and seeing everyone again. When I was stood there in the rain on Thursday morning, it was like I had never been away!

I'm feeling much better albeit, a little tired. It was funny looking back at the last newsletter I wrote back in early July. England were about to play their Euro final and there was talk of a non-uniform day if they won. My memory of the game was watching on my phone in the hospital bed, feeling very sorry for myself and then falling asleep in the second half. At least I missed the disappointment of the penalties!

Hopefully this year will be full of success for the children. I'm sure they will be dispatching their learning penalties into the back of the net every time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

September 22

Panda Class residential

September 27

Diversity Week

October 22

Harvest Festival

Learning Awards this week

These will start again next week.

Here is the new Buddy Bench kindly donated by the Year 6 parents at the end of the last school year.



Other News This Week

Updated Guidance: Hopefully you saw the letter I sent out earlier this week. While the regulations have been relaxed, we are still doing lots of hand washing and sanitizing in school along with ensuring as much ventilation as possible in the classrooms.

Appledore Book Festival: As part of this, we shall be inviting two authors into school this term. On Monday 4th October, Koala and Panda will be visited by Patrice Lawrence. We shall be selling a selection of her books beforehand and we will let you know when these will be available to buy in school. Children can then get them signed on the day of the visit. Whilst she is here, Patrice will also be officially opening our school library after all the refurbishments. On Wednesday 6th October, Teddy will be visited by John Dougherty. John will be bringing books to sell on the day, which will be priced £6.99. If you would like your child to buy a book for signing, please send them in with the money **in a named envelope on the day.**

Morrisons Gardening Vouchers: If you shop at Morrisons, do collect the gardening vouchers that are now being offered. I believe you can collect via the Morrisons app rather than a physical voucher. Hopefully we can use them to get some gardening equipment.

Assemblies in school this week: It was lovely to lead my first 'in person' assembly since March last year. It felt strange being back in the hall but so much better than on Zoom. For the Y1 children (despite being at school for a year) it was their first experience of a whole school assembly in the hall. I showed the children some photos of bridges (including the one at Tintagel which quite a few children had been to). Some looked easy to cross while others presented more of a challenge and needed some courage to navigate. I made the point that this is what school can be like at times. Sometimes we are faced with lessons or subjects we find more difficult but we have to be prepared to push ourselves in order to learn something new and achieve success.

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.

Up-coming Term Dates:

Autumn half term is the w/c 25th October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5th January

Teddy Garden: The latest development of our Teddy class outside area took place over the summer. It is looking fantastic, not least in the sunshine we enjoyed at the start of the week. The children have certainly enjoyed using it. Slightly less exciting, but no less useful has been the addition of Perspex to the walls of the Teddy covered area. It will hopefully stop the wind and the rain blowing in and keep everyone a bit warmer as we move towards the winter months.

Class Newsletters: You should have received one of these for your child's class. Do take time to read them as it contains information on what they will be covering in class as well as information on homework expectations.

Dates for your diary: With the easing of restrictions, we are able to start planning some of the traditional events for the Autumn Term. After much consideration, and also taking into account the new class structure, we have decided that the Christmas show will now be just for Key Stage 2 children (Panda and Koala classes). Teddy class will focus on producing a nativity performance for the church service, which will be at Lake Chapel this year. While all classes will be involved, it will be the youngest children who take centre stage.

21st and 22nd September – Panda class residential to Rock 'n Rapid

w/c 27th September – Diversity Week including a visit from David Hill, Para Olympian

4th October – visit by author Patrice Lawrence including the opening of the refurbished library

6th October - visit by author John Doherty

w/c 18th October – parent consultation meetings

Friday 22nd October – Harvest Festival

8th December – Christmas production at 10am and 6pm

14th December – Whole school trip to Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple

15th December – Christmas lunch and party

17th December – Christmas service at Lake Chapel (1.30pm)

