

# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning, the whole school walked to the War Memorial in the Village where we carried out a Remembrance Day assembly. We were joined by Reverend Warren as well as Andrew Goode, our chair of the governing body.

Despite the two world wars now being many years ago, with increasingly very few people left who experienced them, I think it is still really important that we take the time to remember those who sacrificed so much.

At the war memorial, Casey and Annie K read a poem, Pixie recited a prayer while Rupert and Evie read an extract from the Michael Morpurgo book, Private Peaceful. This book is particularly poignant, as it tells the story of two brothers from a North Devon village who go out to France to fight in WW1. Like many of the men who enlisted from Shebbear, they had never travelled much further than their surrounding area so it must have been an incredible shock for them.

Our assembly ended by Mason and Kyra laying a wreath at the memorial and we all observed a period of silence at 11am.

The school will be represented on Sunday at the village Remembrance service which starts, at the memorial, at 10.45am. All are welcome.

Best wishes,

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### November 16

Football vs Bradworthy

### November 23

Eden Project Trip

### November 24

Non-uniform day

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Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Isla, Hector, Jake and Ryn

Panda Class – Annie and Wilomina

Koala Class – Sam and Casey



Babbage had the most house points

Drake were the TT Rockstars winners

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## Other news this week

**Christmas Fair:** Don't forget that this takes place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Village Hall. It will be the first time we have been able to have the fair since 2019. This has meant a real challenge for the SSSG (Shebbear School Support Group) to raise funds in the period since Covid. The Christmas fair is far and away the biggest fundraiser so we are really hopeful that you can support it. A letter went home yesterday with more details of how you can help either on the day or through donations.

We are also having a non-uniform day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November where children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a cash donation to buy items for the prize draw hamper.

On the day of the fair itself, school will end 15 minutes earlier than normal at 3.15pm. The children will need to be collected by their adult and hopefully head straight for the fair. We are currently discussing after school clubs with the providers and will let you know if the sessions are cancelled.

**Maths Week:** Next week is Maths Week, with a focus on different maths activities. On Tuesday we are hosting visitors from HSBC who are working in all classes to deliver workshops on money. We are taking part in a TT Rockstars inter-school competition which is nationwide – all time on TT Rockstars counts! It runs from 7.30am on Monday to 7.30pm on Wednesday. There will be a daily Maths story time in Teddy class and Panda and Koala have Maths Challenges and puzzles to complete over the week.

**Menu Changes:** We are very mindful that the numbers of children purchasing a school lunch have reduced over time. The current cost of living crisis may be a contributing factor along with menu choices – cost and choice were two areas highlighted when we surveyed parents/carers earlier this year. As you will be aware, we have nutritional standards to meet which means that we need to offer a variety of foods.

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## 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:

Term ends on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January is the first day of the spring term

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

However, it is clear that some menu options are more popular amongst the children than others.

With this in mind, there are some forthcoming menu changes with the new choices being as follows:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – All day breakfast/veggie breakfast

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – special World Cup menu (menu attached)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – beef burgers

We are also now offering a daily option of pasta, tomato sauce and cheese as an alternative to the main choice and the choices on the School Money app have been amended to reflect this. Jacket potatoes will also continue to be available daily.

**Sporting Fixtures:** We have our first football match of the season on Wednesday. This will be after school at Bradworthy. Details for those chosen to play have gone home in a letter today.

We have arranged two netball afternoons at Shebbear College: Koala go on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Panda on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> both during school time. There are further matches lined up for the new-year.

**Dates and Trips:** The trip to the Eden Project is just over a week away on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Thanks to everyone who has paid and completed their online permission form (all accessible through the School Money app).

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December we have planned a theatre trip to Barnstaple to see Jack and the Beanstalk – a letter will be with you shortly with more details.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December is the date for the Christmas performance (Panda and Koala classes) with a 1.45pm and 6pm showing.

Christmas lunch and class parties are on the 15<sup>th</sup> December and the term ends on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December with a Christmas service at Lake Chapel.

School reopens again after the Christmas break on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. We have a non-pupil day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

