
Friday 11th June 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Welcome back after the half term break. For once, we were blessed with glorious weather. It was certainly busy with lots of visitors. Don't forget that school will be closed next Friday (18th June) and the following Monday (June 21st). Hopefully the sun will shine again and there will be fewer visitors around so you can enjoy our beautiful location.

Mr Alford

Ash Kapur Talk: On Thursday afternoon we were joined, live from India, by the wildlife film maker Ash Kapur. She talked about how she became interested in the natural world and her passion for conservation. She discussed some of the secrets of making wildlife films and shared some of her photographs and videos which were fantastic. At the end, the children asked a range of great questions. It was a fantastic and slightly surreal event – it would have seemed hard to imagine a couple of years ago that we could be having live lessons from India directly to Shebbear! You can find out more about Ash and see some of her films and photographs on her website: <https://ashwikakapur.com/>



School Photos: Thanks to everyone for making Tuesday afternoon's photo sessions go very smoothly. The children were very sensible and waited patiently for their turn. Mrs Hawker had it all organised and Mrs Quance made sure the children were in the right place at the right time. I had a sneak preview of some of the images (the photographer shared them from her laptop) and they looked great. You should have the proofs with you shortly with the instructions for ordering.



Upcoming Events

June 18

School closed (occasional day)

June 21

School closed (non-pupil day)

June 30

Sports' Day

Learning Awards this week

Teddy Class – Leo and Darcie

Panda Class – Sammy and Felix

Koala Class – Danny and Dean

Drake were the winning house



Water Bottles: Please do make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day. We seem to have a number of children at the moment who are asking for cups of water. Having their own bottle is much easier and far more hygienic. We have a small supply of bottles which can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £2 each.

Other News This Week

Assemblies in school this week: On Wednesday afternoon I did an assembly on being healthy. I talked about three elements of staying healthy. Physical Health, through eating healthily and staying active. Social Health, through having good relationships with friends and family, and Mental Health by sharing any concerns you have and making sure time is made to do things that you enjoy. This last year, more than any other, has seen people across the world struggling with some of these aspects as a result of the various lockdowns and restrictions. I emphasised the point we are always here to listen to any concerns the children have, just as you are at home. I talked about working together as a school community to support everyone, whether that be someone to talk to or a friend to play with. The children should have brought home a Food Smart wallet with some stickers, quiz cards and ideas for healthy eating.

Panda Class Church Visit: On Thursday morning, the children from Panda class walked to the church. This was as a part of their RE topic on why places of worship are sacred to the followers of that faith. In the coming weeks, they will be learning about places of worship from other religions.

Attendance: Despite a few bugs going around just before half term, overall attendance in school remains high. Mrs Hawker and myself did an attendance check this week and I am happy to say that very few children are below the expected attendance level of 96%. Pleasingly, 16 pupils currently have 100% attendance from the start of the school year.

Football Club Volunteer Needed: Don't forget that we do need a new volunteer to support after school football on Friday afternoons. This Friday is Mr Hare's final week so we will need someone for the following session on Friday 25th June. Please let the school office know if you can help.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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<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.

Up-coming Term Dates:

Occasional Day on Friday 18th June

Non Pupil Day on Monday 21st June

Last Day of Summer Term is Friday 23rd July

First Day of Autumn Term is Tuesday 7th September

