
Friday 13th January 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

There's a certain familiarity when looking at the last newsletter of 2022 which started with a weather report (cold and icy) and the first of 2023 has a similar theme, although wet and windy (with thunder and lightning thrown in) is a better description of this week's offering. I don't think we have had so many 'wet plays' (the words all teachers dread hearing) for ages. I believe next week will be much drier but also much colder again so do wrap up warm.

The Christmas holidays seem a distant memory now – the only reminder being the numerous tins of biscuits and chocolates donated to the staff room which are slowly being consumed. Thanks again for all of the kind gifts – they really are appreciated not least at 3.30pm on these dark winter evenings when you're about to tackle a pile of marking.

Hopefully the weather will hold out for the various sporting activities coming up next week including netball on Monday at GTS, football on Wednesday at Shebbear College and volleyball back at GTS on Friday. Good luck to all those taking part. Report next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

January 16

Netball tournament at GTS

January 18

Football match at SC

January 20

Volleyball tournament at GTS

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Amelie, Ella and Leo

Panda Class – Hannah and Tommy

Koala Class – Spencer, Ollie and Zak



House point winners for this week were Drake.
TT Rockstar winners were Drake

Other news this week

Attendance: Hopefully you received the email I sent out earlier this week about attendance. I met with the Educational Welfare Officer yesterday. She shared a poster that you may find useful when decided whether or not your child is well enough to attend school. It is attached to this newsletter.

Christmas Reading Challenge: Well done to everyone who took part in this over the holidays. Over 40 children completed their challenge and returned their bookmarks, thereby qualifying for a certificate. Everyone was then entered into a draw for a book token (well, technically an Amazon voucher) and these were won by Grayson and Emily respectively.

Y6 SATs Meeting: Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on Monday. I hope that you found it useful. Don't forget that after school tutoring sessions for Y6 start next Wednesday (18th) with a 4.20pm finish.

Other Information: Please see attachments regarding a half term netball camp should you be interested.

School Office: Just to let you know that Mrs Hawker is away from school on Monday so please ring through with any important messages. Emails will be checked first thing in the morning and the answerphone will be checked regularly throughout the day.

Childcare Support: Do you know that the Government can help you pay for your childcare? Whether you've got toddlers or teens, support is available to help you pay for childcare.

If you're a working parent or carer, you can get up to £2,000 a year per child to help with the costs of childminders, nurseries and nannies, play schemes, before and after school clubs and holiday clubs. Depending on the age of your child and your circumstances, the Government also offers to fund either 15 or 30 hours childcare per week.

All three and four year olds can get 570 hours funded childcare per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year (during school term-time), but you can choose to take fewer hours over more weeks. Some two year olds are also eligible for 15 hours funded childcare, depending on their family's circumstances.

If you work at least 16 hours a week and earn at least the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage (up to £100,000 per year) you may be entitled to up to 30 hours per week of funded childcare, for your three or four year old for 38 weeks of the year (or fewer hours over more weeks).

Visit the Childcare Choices website to find out how much you could get towards your childcare costs and check whether you're eligible.

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 June is half term

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