
Friday 13th May 2022

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was pleased to receive an email earlier this week from Torridge District Council to confirm that the school had been successful in a grant application and had been awarded £807. This money will be used to purchase and install a defibrillator in school. Hopefully it would never need to be used but if it was needed, it will be here to hand. Obviously when time is such a crucial factor, this will be important. Staff will receive training in how to use it. Many thanks to Cllr Hurley for supporting and Leanne Marshall for helping with the application.

Mrs Evans passed on this link with some top tips for hearing children read at home. I have said it many times (and I'll throw in one more for luck) reading really is the lynchpin to success in school, not only in primary but secondary too. We try to give the children as many opportunities as possible to work on this in school but reading at home regularly really helps. Like most things in life. The more you practice, the better you get. Hopefully you'll find these tips useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

Do look out for an email from Mrs Hawker regarding the new online payment system. The email regards the data protection aspects of the new system. The system should be up and running after half term and hopefully it will make everyone's lives a bit easier.

Do also look out next week for information on our forthcoming Arts Week which will include a Queen's Jubilee related visit from Tarka Pottery.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

May 16

Football Match,
Monkleigh

May 18

Vision screening for YR

May 19

Ro unders at GTS (KS2)

Learning Awards

This week, awards were given to:

Teddy – Mason and Ewan

Panda – Barnaby and Sammy

Koala – Josh and Jasper

House point winners were
Christie



Other news this week

Year 6 SATs: Well done to the Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests this week. They all applied themselves well over the six different tests they have completed this week. After a gruelling week the children were rewarded with a small party today.

Next week our Year 2 children undertake their version of SATs with tests in reading and mathematics. These are quite different to the KS2 version and are used to help staff make a final teacher assessment. Good luck to all involved.

Sports News: On Tuesday morning, all of the children in Panda class travelled to GTS for a tennis festival. This followed up their learning in school last term. There was some real talent on show and the children had an enjoyable morning. Thanks to Shebbear College for lending us a mini-bus.

Sadly the planned Tri-Golf on Wednesday was the victim of the wet weather. On Monday after school, our football team take on Monkleigh and Langtree in a mini-tournament.

Reverend Leigh: On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed Reverend Leigh, the chaplain at the college, who led a whole school assembly. She told the story of how Liquorice Allsorts came about and related it to the importance of not giving up when things don't go right first time.

Year R vision screening on Wednesday: The school sent out a reminder email to parents earlier this week regarding the planned vision screening. You will need to return the opt out letter if you don't want your child to participate (available from the school office if you cannot find the one that was sent out).

Devon SEND Inspection: SEND provision in Devon is going to be inspected by Ofsted in the week before half term. They are keen to seek the views of parents and carers. These can be submitted via an online survey using this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DevonCountyCouncilRe-visitLASEND/>. The survey will open at 12 noon on Monday 16 May 2022 and close at 12 noon on Friday 20 May 2022. Please share this link with your parents. Parents' views will inform the evaluation of the effectiveness of the local area. Inspectors will not identify individual children, young people, or parents when they present their findings.

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.

Ofsted Parent View:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Up-coming Term Dates:

Half term is the week commencing 30th May

The school is closed for a non-pupil day and the extra day for the Queen's Jubilee on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June

The last day of the summer term is Friday 22nd July

The autumn term starts on Monday 5th September

School Office: Just a note to say that Mrs Hawker is not in school next Friday (20th May) so there will be nobody to receive calls or to check the office email. We will check the answer machine during the day so please do leave an answer phone message with any important information such as collection arrangements.

Menu Change: On Monday there will be a change to the published menu and instead of pasta bake it will be veggie sausage pasta with a separate sauce, fresh bread, sweetcorn and salad.

Walk to School Week: Next week is National Walk to School Week:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>

With the better weather, it might be the perfect time to leave the car at home and walk to and from school.