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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to everyone who came along to our harvest festival on Thursday morning. It was a wonderful turnout!

Hopefully you enjoyed the contributions from each class. I thought the children showed great levels of confidence, spoke well, read fluently, sang beautifully and performed some very creative dancing!

The children were able to share some of their learning particularly around Fair Trade farmers and avoiding unnecessary food waste.

Many thanks for all your kind donations. The fresh food was sold off afterwards and the tins and packets will be donated to a local foodbank.

It was particularly appreciated at this time when things are increasingly tight for all of us.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### October 17

Y6 Bikeability Gp 2 Day 1

### October 18

Panda Class rugby at SC

### October 21

Half Term Starts

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Awards were given this week to:  
Teddy Class – Elsie, Mason and Oakley  
Panda Class – Ewan and Libby  
Koala James and Reggie



House point winners for this week were Christie

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## Other news this week

**Parent Consultations:** Don't forget that these take place next week. Do check with your child's class teacher if you have not made an appointment yet.

**Wrap up Warm:** As the colder weather comes along, we are doing our very best to delay putting on the heating in order to keep the costs down (exactly as we are all doing at home!). Whilst it hasn't been too cold in school thus far, I would encourage you to encourage your children to wear an extra layer and wrap up warmly if they do feel the cold as we do need to make sure that the school budget stretches as far as possible. Whilst additional heating costs are going to be unavoidable, we are committed to doing our best to keep them to a minimum.

**After School Multi skills club:** Just to let you know that bookings for this need to be made by the end of this month please, as if numbers do not make it viable we will need to review if it can continue longer term.

**Rugby:** On Thursday afternoon pupils from Koala class took part in some tag rugby games against Shebbear College. The main aim of the afternoon was to have fun playing tag rugby which was hopefully achieved. There were some very talented players on both teams and hopefully it may inspire some to take up the sport.

Next Tuesday, pupils in Panda class will be visiting Shebbear College to play some rugby too.

**Eden Project:** Don't forget that this is available on the School Money app to make payment and give your consent for your child to attend (which we must have). We appreciate that this is more expensive than the cancelled beach trip last term, however many of you have credits from this or the cancelled swimming session due to the late Queen's funeral so please contact Mrs Hawker if you would like her to allocate this against this payment. If we do not receive enough voluntary

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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:**

Autumn half term is the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> October

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/>

contributions then unfortunately the planned trip will not go ahead.

**Swimming:** After half term and for the first half of the Spring term Panda class will be going swimming. A letter will be sent out with this newsletter and a hard copy will go out next week. Again, this will be available for payment on the School Money app and has been divided into two payments one for this term and one for next.

**Uniform:** Mrs Hawker will be placing a uniform order at the beginning of next week. If you would like any items then please contact the school office by Tuesday lunchtime.

**Y6 Bikeability:** The first of the Year 6 pupils completed their level 1 and 2 Bikeability training. The second batch will start their training on Monday. Please ensure that bikes have two brakes, otherwise they will not be considered to be safe and suitable for this training.

**Half Term Holiday:** The end of next week will mark the start of the Autumn half term when the school will be closed. School starts again on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.