

Friday 15th October 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new School Council had its first meeting this week. The children (one from each year group from Y1 to Y6) were chosen by their peers after delivering a short speech as to why they would be a good choice. There were some super speeches and all of the children taking part should feel proud of themselves for giving it a go, even if they were not successful this time. Those elected were as follows:

Year 1 – Kyra

Year 2 – Wilomina

Year 3 – Annie W

Year 4 – Bethany

Year 5 – Tom

Year 6 – Maison

School Council had its first meeting yesterday. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the school website:

<http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/school-info/school-council/>



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

October 18

Parent Consultations during this week

October 22

Harvest Festival

October 25

Half Term starts

Learning Awards

Awards were given this week to:

Teddy – Fred and Solomon

Panda – Otto and Felix

Koala – Tom and Ellie

House point winners were
Babbage



Other news this week

School Photographer: We should shortly receive the proofs from the school photographer of the photos that were taken in school on Wednesday. Once they arrive in school we will send them out to you.

Harvest Festival: Thanks to everyone who has signed up for a ticket to the harvest festival on Friday 22nd October at 9.15am in the school hall. All of the children will be involved and we will also be joined by Reverend Warren. Tickets can be booked via this Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/4h2tjyfs>

There will be a foodbank collection, starting next week, so donations of tins, packets and boxes of food will be very welcome. No fresh food though.

For harvest festival next Friday, some Koala children have decided they would like to wear a costume. Please can they bring these to change into on Friday morning. These are their own 'home clothes' and do not involve making or buying anything new. On the same day, Koala will be walking round the village and surrounding areas to practise their map reading skills. Please can they bring suitable footwear and a coat, plus if you have a compass please send that in too.

After School Clubs: As a result of the pandemic, after school clubs have been a little thin on the ground over the last year or so. I am keen to widen the opportunities for children in school. Traditionally we have had a combination of free clubs run by staff and paid for ones run by external providers. The latter are not always easy to organise as they do depend on quite a high take up rate to make it viable. The former can be equally tricky with the demands on staff for meetings, marking and preparation. Therefore, I do wonder if there are any parents/carers who may be interested in running a club at some point this school year? Perhaps you have a skill or a hobby that you could share with the children? You would need to undertake a DBS check and you would get full guidance from the school on running it safely. There would need to be a commitment to running the club for a full half term as a minimum and on a set day. If you are interested, please let us know via the school office. Many thanks in anticipation.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 281220

Email: admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk

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.

Up-coming Term Dates:

Autumn half term is the w/c 25th October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5th January

Parent Consultations: These take place next week. They are at various times depending on the teacher's work pattern and can be either in person or via Zoom depending on what suits you best. You can book a slot via the Google Form which should be posted onto Class Dojo for Teddy Class or Google Classroom for Panda and Koala.

Next Friday: Please note, the office will not be staffed next Friday. Please telephone with any urgent messages throughout the day as the answerphone will be checked but not the emails.

PSHE Lessons after half term: Following the half term break, children in years 1 to 6 will be undertaking a short unit of work on diversity and discrimination in their Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons. The content, which is all age appropriate, will be around treating everyone in an equal way and not discriminating against others for whatever reason. As part of this, we will be looking at the LGBTQ community and touching on issues such as same sex relationships and what is meant by 'Pride' and the importance of the rainbow symbol. It will all be dealt with sensitively and is in line with the statutory requirements on the school to teach these themes. During the second part of the half term the topic will segue into looking at the work of charities and supporting others less fortunate than ourselves.

Black History Month: The astronaut Mae Jemison was the subject of our Black History Month assembly this week. You can find out more about her here: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Mae-Jemison/400118>

New School Menu: Next week your child will be given a copy of the new menu that will start after half term. A copy will also be available on the school website after half term.

SSSG Halloween Balloon Race:

Virtual Balloon Race. Hosted by Eco Racing.

Your balloon will be in a virtual race with other charity's balloons. The prizes for the race are

1st £500 Cash

2nd Apple iPad

10 lucky winners of £10 Book Tokens

The SSSG will be giving prizes for the 3 SSSG balloon which travel the furthest.

1st £10

2nd £8

3rd £5

Balloons cost £3 each. £2.40 goes to the SSSG. Link to the balloon race to buy your balloon:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1905>

Please name your balloon to make it easier to track. The SSSG are raising funds to transform the pond area.

Other Items that may be of Interest:

Story time at Torrington Library - <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/torringtonlibrary>

Year 7 Open Day on Friday 5th November at Shebbear College -

<https://www.shebbearcollege.co.uk/admissions/open-events-visits>