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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been one of the more memorable last weeks of term that I can recall. The great irony is the fact it's been the Christmas type weather (that we rarely ever get) that has made the last few days a challenge. While waking up to a good covering of snow is exciting, the subsequent ice and freezing temperatures has made this week hard work at time.

Thanks to everyone in the school community for taking all in their stride including staff, pupils and parents/carers as well as being flexible and understanding about arrangements such as at the start and end of the day. As we reach the holidays we appear to be in for some much warmer weather and plenty of rain which means we will more likely get a wet rather than white Christmas.

Many thanks to Vikki for cooking a lovely Christmas dinner on Thursdays followed by the fun of Christmas parties and a visit from Father Christmas.

It was lovely to see lots of you in the church for our Christmas service. Well done to all of the children, not least Teddy class for their nativity story. Thanks also to Mrs Worth for playing the organ so well.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year and thank you for your continued support in 2022.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher



## Upcoming Events

### January 3

Non-pupil day

### January 4

First day of term

### January 18

Football match at SC

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Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Liam, Hector and Elsie

Panda Class – Pixie and Ewan

Koala Class – Caitlyn, Zak and Ollie



Unfortunately, Hector, Ewan and Caitlyn were absent when the photo was taken.

House point winners for this week were Babbage with Christie being the leading house after the first term.

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## Other news this week

**Theatre Trip:** The children had a very enjoyable trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple on Wednesday. We had great seats giving everyone a good view of this entertaining show. I do have to comment on how well the children behaved during the visit. There were a number of other schools present meaning that we had to wait quite a while after the show before we could get on our coach. The children did so in a very sensible and mature way and I was very proud of them. Likewise, nobody made a fuss about having lunch much later than normal – they had an ice cream in the interval to keep them going.

If your child now has a thirst for going to the theatre again, there are lots of shows on over the Christmas period many of which can be found in the Primary Times which also has other activities for children in the coming weeks. Link here:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/c807d0c4-c2a6-4496-83cc-56670f251044>

**Christmas Reading Challenge:** This will be running again over the Christmas holidays. The instructions along with their bookmark should have gone home today. Remember that the children need to do at least 12 separate reads over the holidays and record it on their book mark. Those who return them completed in January will win a certificate and be entered into a draw for a book token.

**New Football Kit:** Our new school football kit arrived this week. The children can't wait to start using it – we have our next game in January. Many thanks to the SSSG for the donation and to Trevor Hookway for the sponsorship of the new kit.



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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

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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:

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

Week of the 13<sup>th</sup> February is half term

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March is the last day of the spring term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April is when the summer term starts

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

**Clubs next term:** We have a few different clubs running next term:

Art Club – Tuesdays after school with Mrs Shadrick (Year 2 and up) – starts 10/1/23

Football – Fridays with Primary Sports (see booking form) – starts 6/1/23

Born to Move – Fridays with Jenny Spicer (see booking form) – starts 6/1/23

After school club runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 5.15pm. Book through the School Money app.

**Next Term:** The new term starts on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. The previous day (3<sup>rd</sup>) is a non-pupil day for staff only. Don't forget to book lunches and so on in advance for the first week back. After school club will run on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> as normal.

**Merry Christmas from everyone at Shebbear  
Community School**

