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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, I had to hastily organise a different assembly to the one I had planned. In light of Emma Raducanu's fantastic win at the US Open last Saturday, I thought it was only right and proper to recognize her achievement. She is certainly a very inspirational young person who will hopefully encourage lots of children to take up sport whether it be tennis or otherwise.

I talked a little bit about her heritage, which is quite different to most of us. I also discussed the traits she has had to show in order to succeed and how they are very similar to our ethos of 'Every lesson, every day'. I told the children that to do well in school, sport, music, in fact anything that requires you to build skills and knowledge, you need to work hard, be determined, never give up and always believe that you can get even better than you already are.

On the evidence of the first couple of weeks in school, the children are showing these traits and myself and the staff have been really impressed by how hard everyone is working after the summer break. Long may it continue!

We are just putting together a date list for the term ahead. This should be with you by early next week. It is so nice to have plenty of dates to share after getting on for two years of very few.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford

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## Upcoming Events

### September 22

Panda Class residential

### September 27

Diversity Week

### October 22

Harvest Festival

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## Learning Awards

These will start again next week.

Here's Emma just hearing the news that children at Shebbear are working really hard in class.



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## Other news this week

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**Rock n' Rapid:** Children in Panda class are off for their residential next Tuesday and Wednesday. I am sure they will have a great time. Don't forget that children should meet Mrs Evans at 10am at the Rock 'n' Rapid rather than school. Please check with her by Monday if you have any further questions.

**Appledore Book Festival:** As part of this, we shall be inviting two authors into school this term. On Monday 4th October, Koala and Panda will be visited by Patrice Lawrence. We shall be selling a selection of her books beforehand and we will let you know when these will be available to buy in school. Children can then get them signed on the day of the visit. On Wednesday 6th October, Teddy will be visited by John Dougherty. John will be bringing books to sell on the day, which will be priced £6.99. If you would like your child to buy a book for signing, please send them in with the money **in a named envelope on the day.**

**Morrisons Gardening Vouchers:** If you shop at Morrisons, do collect the gardening vouchers that are now being offered. I believe you can collect via the Morrisons app rather than a physical voucher. Hopefully we can use them to get some gardening equipment.

**Judaism Talk:** Next Thursday afternoon, children across the school will be having a live Zoom talk given by Rabbi Claude (who lives in London) who will talk to the children about Judaism. It links to the RE topic that the children are currently learning about.

**David Hill:** The children had a live assembly with the Paralympian David Hill on Wednesday afternoon. He will be joining us in person on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September to undertake a sponsored activity event. It will also form part of our diversity week. All sponsor money and forms need to be returned by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October please.

**Jet Wash:** Has anyone got a jet wash they could lend to us or come in and use themselves? Our hardcourt area is in desperate need of a clean. If you can help out, please let us know.

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

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**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 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January