

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone is very much looking forward to our trip to the Eden Project on Wednesday. We are leaving at 8.30 a.m. and so children need to be here at 8.20 a.m. please. We have had to wait a while for this. You may recall that we were originally going to do a whole school beach trip but had to cancel it because of the excessive heat at the time. I don't think that will be an issue this time - although it is pretty warm in the biomes. A coat and comfortable footwear are the must haves as there is a fair amount of walking involved and my memory is that it's quite a way from the car park to the entrance. I am sure it will be fun!

Thanks for all of the donations. We are very mindful that times are tough for everyone at the moment. The budget statement yesterday didn't have too much to smile about and it is clearly going to be a difficult couple of years ahead.

The challenge we have is the balance between having a good range of opportunities while not breaking the bank. We try not to over burden parents/carers or ourselves for that matter. When trips don't cover their costs, the school has to pick up the balance which means money can't be spent elsewhere. Hopefully the additional funding mentioned by the Chancellor yesterday will help over the next couple of years. However, schools do have a limited budget and we too are having to take great care with our spending at this challenging time.

Best wishes,

Mr Alford, Headteacher



Upcoming Events

November 23

Eden Project Trip – children here at 8.20 a.m. please

November 24

Koala class netball at Shebbear College

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Non-uniform day

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Thea, Charlie and Leo

Panda Class – Rachel and Grayson

Koala Class – Sam and Rupert



Christie had the most house points

Astor were the TT Rockstars winners

Other news this week

Non-Uniform Day/Christmas Fair: Don't forget that the Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 2nd December in the Village Hall. We will be having a non-uniform day next Thursday the 24th November. The SSSG are asking for cash donations to buy items for the prize raffle. They are also looking for any other donations such as gift items for the secret room or bottles for the tombola. As mentioned above, I appreciate that we are all currently tightening our belts so all donations are very much appreciated.

Children in Need: Thanks for all the Pennies for Pudsey donations. There was a good number on the chalk drawing of Pudsey (thanks Mrs Shadrack). The final total will be shared next week. If you wish to make a donation directly, it can be done via this link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Shebbear College Christmas Fair: This takes place today from 4pm onwards at the College. There are lots of Christmas related activities as well as hot turkey rolls and mince pies. The College is supportive of us not least with the use of their minibuses which means that activities such as swimming cost us much less than they would and we are able to pass these savings on to parents. If you can support them, then that would be great – it should be fun too.

Remembrance Sunday: Many thanks to Emily and Rachel who laid the school wreath during the Remembrance service last Sunday morning. They did a great job and represented the school beautifully.

Maths Week: I hope that the children have enjoyed the various activities during Maths Week. We had visitors from HSBC who taught the children about money including the opportunity to use their mathematical skills. All the sessions were age appropriate and quite practical including, for the oldest children, a session on how to be a savvy shopper. The children have been taking part in an inter-school TT Rockstars competition and Mrs Fuller led a special assembly on Thursday. Thanks to her for organising the various events.

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.

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

Latest Ofsted report:
<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

Up-coming Term Dates:

Term ends on Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 4th 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/>



Book Fair: This starts next week and runs every day. Please see the attachment for more details.

Data Collection Sheets: Every year we ask families to check the data that we hold on file for their child to ensure that we have up to date records. This is coming home today, and we would appreciate it if you could check the information and - if necessary - make any changes and return it to the school office.

If we do not receive one from you we will assume that all of the information is still current and correct.

It is really important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency and we should hold at least **TWO** contact details for each child.

Football: We played our first match of the season on Wednesday afternoon away at Bradworthy. The game was played in horrendous weather conditions with driving rain and a very heavy pitch. Despite this, the team played really well and the final scoreline of 4-1 didn't reflect the game as whole. When Henry scored to make it 2-1, it looked like we may be able to push for an equaliser but in doing so, we conceded two late goals. Well done to all who played and represented the school so well. Thanks to the parents who drove the boys over to Bradworthy – apologies for the mud in the back of your cars.

We have two netball afternoons coming up at Shebbear College. Koala go next Thursday 24th November and Panda on Tuesday 29th both during school time.

Born To Move Friday After School Club: Just to let you know that Jenny Spicer will not run the Friday club session on the 2nd December as it will clash with the Christmas Fair. I understand that she has contacted you about this.

School Dinners: As per last week's newsletter and email this week, this is a reminder that on Monday 21st November there is a change to the menu and instead of pizza/vegetable crumble, Vikki will be cooking an all day breakfast (inc. a vegetarian version).

On Monday any meal choices that remain as pizza or vegetable crumble will automatically be altered to all day breakfast/vegetarian breakfast accordingly. Don't forget that we are now offering a pasta, tomato sauce and grated cheese option daily, alongside the jacket potato with a choice of fillings.

Finally, any packed lunch orders for the school trip to the Eden Project next Wednesday need to be given to the school office by the end of today please.

Looking ahead, please see the attached Christmas Lunch menu which will be served on Thursday 15th December. As usual, we will assume all children will be having a Christmas lunch unless you let us know otherwise. No jacket potatoes or pasta will be available then.