
Friday 18th March 2022

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks again for all your donations today in aid of Comic Relief. I hope the children enjoyed the non-uniform day – some were quite brave and wore something 'funny for money'. The donations, which totaled £114.59, will be sent off as soon as possible. Apologies that our stock of red noses ran out before everyone had the chance to buy one, unfortunately we only had limited numbers available.

It was only just over a week ago that we held the Ukraine appeal. In the meantime the Government has announced the scheme to offer Ukrainian refugees accommodation in the UK. I understand that over 100,000 people have registered their interest. I am not sure if anyone locally has or is considering it. Needless to say, the school would fully support the process in terms of a school place at Shebbear. Please let me know if it is something you are considering.

A Google form should be making its way to you later today. It is asking your opinion on three issues. Firstly, we are considering moving to an online payment system rather than the current arrangement of cash and cheques. This would mean you could pay for school dinners (as well as ordering them), school uniform and trips all from own home. We think this will be a positive step forward not least as in the last two years we have all become very used to making transactions in this way.

The second question is about extended school provision (before and after school childcare). The last time we canvassed views, the response was limited and any move to start this would be dependent on guaranteeing a reasonable take up – certainly enough to cover our costs.

Finally, we are keen to get your views on school meals. The take up on these is not great and the school has to subsidise the cost of running the kitchen. Were it not for the universal free school meals that children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 receive, running the kitchen would be



Upcoming Events

March 28

Parent consultations this week

March 30

Panda and Koala Trip to Bodmin

April 6

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

Learning Awards

Teddy – Finlay and Kyra

Panda – Hannah and Bethany

Koala – Evie and Finley

House point winners were
Drake



completely unviable. Obviously this is not something we would ever wish to do but, it would be great if we had a few more takers from Panda and Koala.

Thanks in anticipation for completing and returning the form. I look forward to seeing the responses. The deadline for completing them will be a week today (Friday 25th March).

It is hard to believe but today marks the corresponding day, two years ago, that the school closed its doors as we entered the first lockdown. How those two years have flown by!

Mr Alford

Other news this week

Y1/2 swimming: The Year 1 and 2 pupils had their first swimming lesson last Monday. They did amazingly well both with their swimming and the whole experience of going to the pool. For most, this will have been the first time they will have been without their adult from home. They did really well with the changing and (I think) everything that was taken to the pool made it home. The bus driver commented on how polite the children were and all of them said thank you to him as they left the bus, which was lovely!

Bodmin Trip: The children in Panda and Koala classes will be travelling down to Bodmin on Wednesday 30th of March for a school trip. Panda will be visiting a steam railway while Koala are visiting Bodmin Jail. Both visits link in with work the children have been undertaking in school. Thanks to all those who have paid for the trip. The closing date for contributions is Monday. The SSSG have kindly made a contribution of £150 to enable the overall price to come down. Many thanks to them.

Save the Date: The SSSG are hoping to organise an Easter Egg hunt on Wednesday 6th April. More details to follow.

Little Bears Job: If you didn't see it last week, Little Bears pre-school is advertising for a new assistant manager as Mrs Tappin will be moving on to a new position shortly. The job is being advertised on the Devon Jobs website. The closing date is early next week. For more information please contact:
admin@littlebearspreschoolshebbear.co.uk

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>

Up-coming Term Dates:

The last day of term is Friday 8th April.

Summer term starts on Monday 25th April

May Bank Holiday is on Monday 2nd May