
Friday 19th January 2024

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

There was much excitement on Thursday morning when the children arrived to a winter wonderland scene at school – okay, that's maybe pushing it a bit but it was certainly white and very cold. Playground duty has been very chilly. Had Albert Einstein worked in a school, his theory of relativity may have been based on comparing 20 minutes of playground duty in the middle of January to 20 minutes in the staff room drinking tea and eating biscuits!

I understand that by next week the cold air will have disappeared for the time being. Whether we will have snow who knows?

Many thanks to everyone who had a school lunch on Thursday. This helps ensure our funding for the universal free school meals in Reception and KS1. The Department for Education base our funding for the whole year on two days – one in the autumn and one in the spring term. Having good numbers taking the meal makes a massive difference.

We have done well of late on grant applications having received money from both Torridge Council to buy some tablets for the school and Devon County Council to purchase additional books for the children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

January 30

Wonderstruck
Science Day

February 12

Half term week

February 19

School starts again



Award Winners this week

Teddy Class –
Ethaniel, Ella

Panda – Kyra and
Tika

Koala – Rachel and
Spencer (Sam from
last week)

Christie had the most
house points
Whole school
attendance this term
95.31%

Other news this week

Attendance: For this school year:

Teddy – 96.83%

Panda – 95.98%

Koala – 91.99%

Year 6 SATS Meeting: Thanks to all of those who attended. Hopefully, you found it useful. If you missed it, please see Mrs Gough who will be happy to discuss the process with you.

Y4 Multiplication Check: In June, the pupils in Year 4 will undertake a statutory assessment to test their knowledge of their multiplication tables. Mrs Evans is working hard, as are the children, to prepare for them. An updated guide for parents has been published this week and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>

Little Bears Vacancy: The Little Bears Pre-School are looking for a level 3 qualified nursery assistant. They have an advert on the Indeed website. Link here: <http://tinyurl.com/2hsevjpt>

Wonderstruck Science Day: On Tuesday 30th January we will welcome back into school and organisation called Wonderstruck who provide science themed days for schools. Some of the older children may recall their previous visit some years ago. It is always exciting with lots of bangs and whizzes. More details to follow.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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<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:

Spring half term is the w/c 12th February

Spring term ends on Thursday 28th March

Summer Term Starts on Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May

Whitsun half term is the w/c 27th May

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