
Friday 19th November 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been one of the more unusual weeks in the school's history! As I write this on Friday morning, over 60% of the children are off school, which must be some kind of record! On top of this, a number of staff are absent BUT everyone has shown great resilience to get us through to the end of the week. I want to say a huge thank you to the children who have been really sensible in school this week despite the unusual circumstances. Also, to all of the staff who have kept things going especially those who have given up their normal days off, to work extra shifts at school. I really appreciate it.

I fear that we are not yet out of the woods and I would continue to advice everyone to be cautious, and most importantly, keep testing regularly especially if anyone in the household is showing symptoms. The PCR tests appear to be much more accurate and we have heard cases where the LFD has been negative but the PCR positive. The tests centres in Barnstaple and Okehampton seem to be accepting walk up appointments if you cannot book, so I would urge everyone to use the facilities, if needed. I think it may yet be at least a couple of weeks until we are fully back to normal and we will need to maintain restrictions in school such as mask wearing and class bubbles, until it is safe not to do so.

We are having to assess whether certain planned events can take place given the circumstances, as are the SSSG (please see below). I'll keep you posted and much will depend on how the next couple of weeks pan out.

In the meantime, thanks for all of your support and understanding this week and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

November 25

Non-uniform day

December 3

Christmas Fair

December 10

Big Breakfast

Learning Awards

Awards were given this week to:

Teddy – Max and Willow

Panda – Annie K, Beau and Isla

Koala – Evie and Jasper

House point winners were
Babbage



Other news this week

Children in Need: Thanks for all of the donations to CIN. I hope the children enjoyed wearing their own clothes. If you have been at home today and still wish to make a donation, please bring it in when you return. I'm guessing you were wearing your own clothes at home!!

Remembrance Sunday: Many thanks to Rachel and Emily who represented the school on Sunday at the Shebbear Remembrance service and laid the school wreath at the war memorial.

Book Fair: The book fair is back! This has been an incredibly successful event over the past two years - not only have your children received books at incredible prices but the school has been able to add books to the library.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week from 3.15 till 3.45 you will be able to come and browse through the collection which will be displayed in the school library. Your children will have the chance to have a look within school time and may bring home a wish list. Due to the current situation in school we will only allow one family at a time to view the books and masks must be worn by adults. Please also see the separate email regarding the Book Fair.

SSSG Events Coming Up: As you can imagine, the current Covid outbreak is putting into question some of the forthcoming events. The non-uniform day planned for next Thursday will go ahead as planned for those in school. The SSSG are asking for monetary donations rather than individual items. It will, particularly given the circumstances, mean they can purchase item for the hamper raffle. The Christmas fair planned for the 3rd December will hopefully go ahead but a decision on this will be made next week. The Christmas raffle will go ahead regardless on the 3rd December so do buy your tickets. The Big Breakfast planned for the 10th December will also go ahead, if possible, but a final decision will need to be made closer to the time. Any monies paid will be refunded.

Charity Shoe Boxes: Thanks for the shoeboxes that have already been returned. If not, we have extended the deadline to Monday 29th November. The Rotary Club website has some useful information

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.

Up-coming Term Dates:

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5th January

