

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope that you had a good couple of weeks. It is a shame that the weather was so poor. It finally (fingers crossed) looks a bit brighter in the days ahead and it has been lovely to see the sun shining for once. It can make a real difference in school, so let's hope that spring is finally here.

Just a short newsletter this week. Do have a look at the dates for your diary below including sports' day – if the field has dried out by then!

Best wishes.  
Mr Alford  
Headteacher

## Other news this week

**Attendance:** For this week: Whole school – 95.2%  
Teddy – 92.81%

Panda – 96.42%

Koala – 95.24%

We are moving to the time of year when requests for term time holidays start coming into school. Just a reminder that it is only in exceptional circumstances that absences other than for illness or appointments can be authorised. As a starting point we always look at the children's current attendance and if this is low, it is even less likely to be authorised. As you may recall, Devon County Council and the Department for Education are having a strong focus on attendance and are encouraging schools to take a tough line on unnecessary absence including the issue of fixed penalty notices.



## Upcoming Events

### April 30

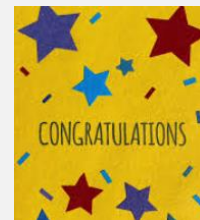
Panda class residential

### May 2

Koala class cricket at  
Shebbear College

Award Winners carried  
over from last term

Teddy Class – Emily and  
Elske  
Panda – Hunter  
Koala – Archie



Whole school  
attendance this year is  
95.3%

**Dates for your diary:** These are a few important dates coming up in the summer term. Keep a look out on the newsletter each week for any updates.

Tuesday 3th April to Wednesday 1st May – Panda Class Residential

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

W/C 13th May – Year 6 SATs

W/C 27th May – Half term week

Monday 17th June – Non-pupil day (school closed)

Wednesday 3rd July – Sports' Day (reserve Wednesday 10th)

Tuesday 9th July – First Aid Training for the children

Monday 15th July – Open Evening

Tuesday 23rd July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly and last day of term

Cricket: Hatherleigh Cricket Club are having an open evening tonight. See details below. You will be able to sign up to their All Stars or Dynamos cricket programmes that run over the summer. You can also sign up here: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest>



**Hatherleigh Cricket Club**  
**Registration and Open Evening**

Bar open BBQ

Friday 19th April 5:30pm onwards  
Ever fancied giving cricket a go?  
Our family friendly club has cricket for everyone:

Softball and Hardball Cricket for boys and girls

Softball women's cricket ages 13 +

Hardball Women and Men's teams

All welcome!  
For more info email [hathjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:hathjuniors@gmail.com)

## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

**Email:** [admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk)

### Website:

<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:

Summer Term Starts on Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May

Whitsun half term is the w/c 27th May

Non-pupil day on 17th June

Summer term ends on Tuesday 23rd July

Autumn term starts on Wednesday 4th September

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

