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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Thanks to everyone who came along to Sports' Day on Wednesday. It was lovely to have a 'proper' school event again after the trials and tribulations of the last 16 months. Hopefully it will be the start of the ease back into normality. We should hear from the DfE soon about the guidance for September and we are also planning for a post restriction school when we return from the summer holidays. I'll keep you updated.

Have a lovely weekend – fingers crossed for another England win!

Mr Alford

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**Sports' Day:** Wednesday was, without doubt, one of the highlights of this school year. Finally we could see parents and carers back at a school event, the children did fantastically well with their respective performances, it was fun and the sun was shining! Coming on the back of England's win the night before, it felt like we finally had something to smile about! Many thanks to everyone for helping us in complying with the rules we had to put in place. Similarly, thanks to Mrs Evans and the rest of the staff for organising it all and providing such an enjoyable experience.

The competition was fierce but the children's attitude was sporting at all times and they were able to celebrate each other's successes, as well as support those who may have been disappointed. In the whole scheme of things, the result didn't really matter BUT, the children in Astor (green) house would never forgive me if I didn't report that they were the overall winners.

I think the day reflected the spirit of Shebbear School not least our 'can do' attitude. I know a number of schools are using Covid as an

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## Upcoming Events

### July 7

Meeting for new Reception parents/carers

### July 19

Y6 Leavers' Party

### July 21

Whole school trip to Roadford Activity Centre

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## Learning Awards this week

Teddy Class – Willow and Tika

Panda Class – Bethany and Annie W

Koala Class – Rupert and Elliot

Drake were the winning house (again!)



excuse not to run a Sports' Day this year. While different schools have different circumstances, I do believe that where there is a will, there is a way. Sometimes with a bit more effort, things can be done and it is this spirit that we will continue to instil with the children.

## Other News This Week

**Reports:** It's that time of year the teachers are hard at work writing end of year reports. The intention is to send them home electronically. The planned date for this is the 13<sup>th</sup> July. If you would prefer a paper copy, please let us know ahead of this date. Failing this, an electronic copy will be sent to the email address we have on record.

**New Reception Children:** The children who are joining us in September made their latest transition visit this week. Next Wednesday, after school, we have an information meeting for the parents and carers of the children. We look forward to seeing everyone.

**Assemblies in school this week:** Prior to Sports' Day we did an assembly on the importance of sporting behavior. We shared this clip from the Rio Olympics in 2016. It is well worth a watch and is a great conversation starter to talk about what it means to be selfless. The children were genuinely mesmerized by it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCVIRFWOjgE>

**Wildlife Competition:** The wildlife photos and artwork keep flooding in for this and the standard is incredibly high. Next Monday is the deadline for your entries.

**Library Volunteer:** I wonder if any of you may have some spare time, from September, to help us keep the library organised. We can work around any time that you have free. Please let me know if you can help.



Photos courtesy of Mrs Sloan and Miss Derwin.

## 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.

### Up-coming Term Dates:

Last Day of Summer Term is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

First Day of Autumn Term is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Autumn half term is the w/c 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December



Ashleigh's photo of a snail