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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that the first half term of the school year has ended. School is closed next week so fingers crossed for some good weather and a fun time had by all.

Being a teacher, I appreciate that I am lucky to not have the pressures of finding childcare during the school holidays. I know that not everyone is so fortunate but I do hope that you are able to at least spend some time together as a family.

I know too that school holidays can also end up being expensive with days out and extra meals and snacks.

I have sometimes had to remind my own children that they are not stopping for snacks every half an hour when they are at home and they really can survive the morning without the need for biscuits and crisps!

In the main part of the newsletter are some links that you may find useful and also a list of places offering deals on meals over the half term break.

We are back on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a SSSG cake sale the following day after school. More details below.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### October 30

SSSG Cake Sale

### November 8

Tag Rugby (Y5/6)

### November 10

Remembrance assembly

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Award Winners this week

Teddy Class –  
Caelan, Morwenna  
and Oakley  
Panda – Tommy, Leo  
and Ewan  
Koala – Annie W and  
Sofiia

Drake had the most  
house points

Whole school  
attendance this term  
is 96.17%

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## Other news this week

**Attendance:** Teddy class fall back this week with 92.26%, followed by Panda on 92.63% and Koala take the lead with 95.45%. Whole school attendance for the week was 93.45%.

**Tag Rugby:** On Tuesday afternoon, children from Panda class visited Shebbear College to play some tag rugby. We have some very talented rugby players and it was good to see them try out their skills.

**Koala Trip to Cobbaton:** On Wednesday, the children in Koala class visited the military museum at Cobbaton. The location itself gives a whole new meaning to the expression, 'in the middle of nowhere' but the journey is worth it as the museum is an absolute treasure trove of WW2 memorabilia. The trip comes ahead of the children's history topic after half term. The museum has many military vehicles as well as lots of items from the period and the children were fascinated in learning about what life was like on the home front during this period. They asked some great questions to our guides who both commented on how much the children knew and their enthusiasm for the visit. The museum is open to the public and is open next week if you wanted a visit. <http://www.cobbatoncombat.co.uk/> Thanks to Shebbear College for lending us a mini-bus and to Mrs Quance for driving it.

**Koala Swimming:** A reminder that Koala Class will be swimming again after half term and so will continue to need their swimming kits every Monday. We would very much appreciate any voluntary contributions towards the cost of the swimming lessons and these can be made via the School Money app. Many thanks to those who have already made a payment.

**New menu after half term:** The school money app now has the new menu uploaded which comes into force after half term. Please don't forget to book lunches in advance using the app.

**School Council:** Our newly formed school council met on Monday with Mrs Rayer. They talked about a variety of issues and shared the minutes at assembly later that day.

**SSSG Halloween Cake Sale:** On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, the SSSG are organising a cake sale after school. These are normally great as we have some fantastic bakers at the school. What they need in the first instance are some cakes to sell – homemade or from the shop is fine. These need to be brought into school either on the day or the day before. If they come in a cake tin, please do label it. Likewise, anything that is homemade needs to include a list of the ingredients – things from the shop should already have this. This is to help anyone with an allergy. On the day itself, please bring some money along to buy an after school treat.

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

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**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:

Autumn half term is the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Term ends on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is the first day of the Spring Term

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

**After School Football Club:** Numbers for this are quite low and we currently need at least two more children for it to go ahead. More details can be found on the attached letter.

**Half Term:** The school will be closed next week (w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October). School opens again on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. I hope the children have a lovely week off.

The Primary Times (Devon version) has lots of half term ideas:

<https://digital.magmgr.com/Preview/Index/2700106#page/6>

Rosemoor has some 'Spooktacular Fun' going on: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor/whats-on/half-term-family-fun-at-rosemoor>

The Burton Gallery in Bideford is always worth a visit: <https://www.burtonartgallery.co.uk/whats-on-at-the-burton/exhibitions-activities/#eventsandworkshopsforchildren>

The beach is a great place to visit regardless of the weather (free and not too far). The RNLI have issued some safety advice for this time of year including which beaches have lifeguards. These include (according to the link) Summerleaze in Bude and Widemouth Bay but do always check first: <https://rnli.org/news-and-media/2023/october/19/rnli-in-the-south-west-offers-safety-advice-for-october-half-term#:~:text=You%20should%20never%20go%20to,help%20should%20you%20need%20it.>



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023**

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



<b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.	<b>YO! SUSHI</b> From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend
<b>M&amp;S CAFES</b> Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)	<b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants
<b>SAINSBURYS CAFES</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.	<b>BILLS</b> 2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023
<b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.
<b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	<b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
<b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult	<b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
<b>TRAVELodge &amp; PREMIER INN</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	<b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
<b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	<b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am
<b>TGI FRIDAYS</b> Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)	<b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
<b>PRETO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms	<b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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I appreciate that not all of these are available locally but there are a few that are.