
Friday 21st April 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and that the Easter bunny was generous with the eggs.

You may have noticed that we had some work done over the holidays. The old Year 6 area (which was in a very poor state of repair) was cleared along with the foliage surrounding it. In its place (at the moment) is an area of tarmac. This will be used as a base for a new log cabin which will provide an additional teaching area from September. This will be installed during the May half term so we can get it ready for the new school year.

On the last Friday of the holidays, a hardy gang of volunteers braved the weather to undertake a clear up in and around the pond area. As a result, it is looking so much tidier. You may have seen the very full skip on Monday morning which was testament to how much was cleared. A huge thank you to Mrs Marshall for getting everyone involved and all those who helped out – Mrs Kirk, Mr Sims, Mrs Woollacott, Mrs Hookway, Mrs Hare and Mr Quance (governor). Thanks, too, to the children who helped out – Rupert, Annie K, Barnaby, Rachel and Emily. Their hard work has helped in our aim to make the school look as good as possible.

It would be fantastic to get more people involved in the SSSG. Leanne Marshall has done an amazing job over the years but her time at Shebbear school is coming to an end, so we really do need some new volunteers to join. You may be relieved to hear that it is not just about tidying up in the rain. They organize a range of events over the year with the principle aim being to raise money for the school. Please do let me know if you are interested – the commitment can be as little or as large as you like but we could certainly do with some more committee members.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

May 1

Bank Holiday

May 2

Panda cricket at SC

May 5

Bex Rayner visit

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Amelie,
Mason and Ethaniel
Panda Class – Rachel,
Tommy and Wilomina

Koala Class – Rupert

Astor had most house
points



Other news this week

Welcome: A big Shebbear welcome to two new members of staff who are job sharing a teaching assistant role in Teddy class. Mrs Emuss and Mrs Furse started this week and we welcome them both to the Shebbear School community.

Sport for Champions: The children should have brought home their sponsorship forms before we broke up and, hopefully, they were able to get some sponsors over the Easter holidays. As you will recall, on the 5th May we have a visit from Bex Rayner who is a professional footballer. I am sure it will be really inspiring and enjoyable for the children. The sponsorship is to help cover the cost of the visit and hopefully some extra to buy some additional PE equipment. People can donate (instead of or as well as getting sponsors) via a Crowd Funder page. Link here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/shebbear>
Thanks in advance.

Little Bears Pre-school: While Little Bears (LB) is a separate organisation to the school, we do work closely together and we very much see LB as an important part of the school community. Their committee is very short on members and I am hoping that there may be one or two volunteers who may wish to join (you don't need to have a child at the pre-school). Committee meetings are normally on Tuesday mornings at the school. Please let me or Jane at Little Bears know if you may be interested,

Summer Term Dates: Please see below for the attached list of dates for the summer term. This may be added to as we move through the term so please do check the newsletter each week for updates.

School Uniform Labelling: The summer term is notorious for a significant increase in lost school uniform (particularly jumpers). This is due to being worn out to the playground but discarded once they get a little hot. We normally do a sweep of the playground at the end of breaks and pick up and return jumpers to their owners. This is 100 times easier if they are labelled. Many thanks.

Changes in collection arrangements: Do please let us know if you wish for another adult to collect your child. We do need to have this information directly from the parent/carer themselves. Thanks.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 281220

Email: 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:

Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday

Bank Holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8th May

Week of the 29th May is half term

The school will be closed on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th June

The last day of the Summer term is Friday 21st July (2pm finish)

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

Shebbear Community School – Summer Term Date List 2023

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 2nd – Panda Class playing cricket at Shebbear College

Thursday 4th – Koala class playing cricket at Shebbear College

Monday 8th – Coronation Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th – KS2 SATs tests (Y6)

Thursday 18th – YR and Y6 height and weight check

Week of the 29th May is half term

Monday 5th June – School reopens

Week of 10th June – Arts/Commonwealth Week

Wednesday 14th – Cricket tournament

Wednesday 21st – Sports' Day (afternoon)

Friday 23rd and Monday 26th – school closed

Week of 26th June – GTS transition

Tuesday 4th July to Thursday 6th – Koala class residential to London

Thursday 13th – Reports sent out to parents/carers

Monday 17th – Open evening (from 3.45pm)

Thursday 20th – Cup Assembly (9.15am)

Friday 21st – Y6 Leavers' Assembly (9.15am)

Friday 21st is the last day of term with a 2pm finish

Dates in bold indicate that the school will be closed.

