
Friday 21st May 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Welcome to our new style school newsletter. I hope you like the new format and find the information included within it useful.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford

Go Wild: Some of the children had a fun animal experience this morning, when we were visited by a range of lizards, a gecko, some snakes, giant snails and even a tarantula! It was facilitated by 'Go Wild' who visit schools to provide these experiences.

School Photos: Further to the change of date from last week, we have had to change it again due to the clash with the GTS transition week. **It will now be on Tuesday 8th June.**

Reading Volunteers: Prior to Covid, we were lucky enough to have a number of people who came into school to hear children read. This was really useful in helping improve reading, especially amongst our youngest learners. Now that a certain level of normality has returned, we are hopeful of starting this again. If you may be willing to help, please let us know. You will need to have DBS clearance which can be arranged through the school.

Census Day Lunch: Thanks to everyone who signed up to have lunch yesterday. It really helped in terms of our funding to provide the universal free school meals in the infants. The cup-cakes in particular were delicious and I did check one (for quality control purposes!)

National Numeracy Day: This took place on Wednesday and is aimed at raising confidence in using number. Mrs Fuller, who is our



Upcoming Events

May 31

Half Term Week

June 8

School Photographer

June 30

Sports' Day

Learning Awards this week

Teddy Class – Freddie and Ryn

Panda Class – Pixie and Sam H

Koala Class – Tom and Reggie

Drake were the winning House



maths subject leader, ran an assembly and there was some great maths going on around the school including some tricky problems in Koola about Roman Numerals. The NND website is aimed at helping parents/carers support their children with maths and is worth a look: <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/numeracyday/children>

Other News This Week

Shebbear Parish Council AGM: On Tuesday evening, I attended this meeting along with Leanne Marshall who is chair of the SSSG. We were able to use the opportunity to thank the council for their generous donations over the past 12 months including the £3000 donated to purchase additional Chromebooks. These proved invaluable during the last lockdown.

SSSG Meeting: There will be a virtual meeting of the SSSG on Monday evening at 7.30pm to discuss possible fundraising ideas. All are welcome. Contact the school office for the link.

Little Bears Preschool: On Tuesday morning I attended my first meeting as a committee member of Little Bears. I wasn't the only 'new boy' there. Robin Monaghan has taken over as chair replacing Victoria Duggan, who has done a great job over the last few years and not least in the last 14 months in helping to steer LB through the challenges of the pandemic. Also moving on are Selina Woolacott and Sallie-ann Salter, who have worked tirelessly as administrator and committee member respectively. There are lots of children who will have benefitted from their work and dedication over the years. Therefore, I am sure you'll join me in thanking them all.

Part of the reason for joining the committee is to continue forging closer links between the school and Little Bears. Mrs Elston and myself are in regular contact, particularly around the transition of children into the school. While we remain as two separate organisations, we are both keen to forge closer links to ensure that the children of Shebbear and the surrounding area have the best possible start in life.

Strep Throat: Hopefully you will have seen the email earlier this week about a case of strep throat within the school. Do keep a check on your child, particularly if they have a sore throat. There is lots of useful information on the internet including this: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/strep-throat.html>

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:

Half term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June inclusive

Occasional Day on Friday 18th June

Non Pupil Day on Monday 21st June

Last Day of Summer Term is Friday 23rd July

First Day of Autumn Term is Tuesday 7th September

