
Friday 21st July 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we say farewell to our Year 6 children as they leave Shebbear and move onto their respective secondary schools. As ever, it has been emotional day and there were a few tears during the leavers' assembly this morning – both children and adults. The children put on a very amusing presentation and things ended with a montage of photographs which represented their years at the school.

This was followed by the presentation of a new picnic bench kindly donated by the departing Y6 parents and carers. In addition, they have also donated some lovely new atlases and some footballs too.

As is the tradition, the year 6 children had a last day of school water fight with some impressive water guns on display.

I am sure that all of you will join me in wishing them well for the future and we look forward to hearing about their future successes.

Thanks also to our departing parents and carers. It has been lovely getting to know you and thanks for your support over the years. A particular word of thanks to Leanne Marshall who has been an absolute stalwart of the SSSG over the years. Again, I think everyone would join me in giving her a huge vote of appreciation you for her years of fundraising for the school as well as being a governor, running clubs and a great friend of the school.

All it remains for me to say is have a great summer holiday. We look forward to hearing about what the children have been up to when we return in September. The first day of term is Wednesday 6th September.

Have a great time!

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

July 22

Shebbear flower show

September 4

Non-pupil day (and the 5th)

September 6

First day of term

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy – Elsie and Willow
Panda – Barnaby, Darcie and Ewan
Koala – Otto and Oakley

Christie were the overall house point winners for this year followed by Astor, Babbage and Drake.



Other news this week

Cup Assembly: On Thursday morning we held our cup assembly. A number of awards were handed out – see below for the full list.

Reception	Learning	Poppy Wickett
Year 1	Learning	Oakley Ashton
Year 2	Learning	Leo Smale
Year 3	Learning	Solomon Newby
Year 4	Learning	Pixie Mobsby
Year 5	Learning	Bethany Beer
Year 6	Learning	Jasper Hare
Year 6	SATs	Henry Kirk and Evie Spicer
Marshall Cup	Reading	Mason Pattenden
Matthew Mason Cup	Positive Attitude to School	Zak Orchard
Spirit of Devon	Friendship	Ollie Luxton
Mrs Hutton Cup	Performing Arts	Caitlyn Allen
Sports Cup	Sports	Kyra Orchard

We also handed out certificates for good attendance. Two pupils – Darcie in reception and Rachel in year 4 had 100% attendance from the start of the school year as has Dexter in year 2 since he joined the school a few months ago. Other children with attendance over 98% were Amelie, Sofia, Hunter, Macsen, Isla, Emily, Sophie, Ryn (all Teddy) Pixie, Grayson (Panda) and Henry, Casey, Evie and Sammy (Koala).

Sports' Day: After the previous postponement, this finally took place on Tuesday morning. The conditions were pretty perfect – dry but not too sunny. There was some excellent competition and the children were cheered on by a big crowd. After the races were all run and the points counted up, Astor were the winners and were presented with the trophy. Thanks to all involved and to Mrs Evans for organising things.

Useful Links

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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.

Ofsted Parent View:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Latest Ofsted report:
<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

Up-coming Term Dates:

Autumn Term starts on
Wednesday 6th September

Half term starts on Monday 23rd
October

Last day of Autumn term is
Friday 15th December

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



Cricket: I am pleased to report that our cricket team won the final of their league competition after defeating St Helens at Westcroft School on Tuesday. Well done to all who have played over the season, we have some excellent cricket players at the school.

Open Evening: Thanks to everyone who came on Monday evening. It was lovely to see lots of people coming into school. I hope that you enjoyed it too.

Co-opted Governor: We are looking to recruit one or possibly two co-opted governors from the local community. If you know of someone who may be interested such as a grandparent, neighbour or friend, then please let us know. Always happy to talk through the role.

Koala Class Trip: On Monday morning, Koala class travelled to Okehampton College to watch a concert organised by the Devon Music Hub. It was an eclectic mix ranging from the Royal Marines Band to an Okehampton College band playing covers of the Arctic Monkeys! It was really good fun and Shebbear children, along with a few other schools, enjoyed the occasion. We completed the day out with lunch in Simmons Park before heading to Ruby Oak for their swimming lesson. Thanks as ever to Shebbear College for lending us the mini-buses which meant it was a free of charge trip.

The Summer Reading Challenge: This is a great way to keep children reading during the summer holiday break. All libraries in England are taking part including Torrington. Details of how to get involved can be found here: <https://www.readingagency.org.uk/resources/6621/>

Flower Show: A reminder that this take place tomorrow, Saturday 22nd July, in and around the village hall along with the school building. Doors open at 2pm.

