

Friday 22nd March 2024

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was four years ago this week that schools (and pretty much everything) had to close as a result of the pandemic. It's amazing to think back and remember that the school did not reopen fully for over five months and even then we had class bubbles which made school anything but normal.

Thankfully, those days are now behind us although I do still wonder if the knock on effects remain. Certainly everyone missed out on things. Our current Year 6 children were in Year 2 at the time so missed out on their KS1 SATs (I'm sure they all managed to get over this disappointment!). Our current Year 3s were in their last term or so at Little Bears and missed the transition visits and then had a totally unusual first year in school, not being able to mix as normal and with another lockdown for everyone the following January.

Going even further back, our Reception children had just been born so would have had no idea what was going on!

I think we all look back at the time with quite mixed emotions. I know lots of the children found the experience hard whether it be the joys of online learning or missing their friends. Others enjoyed spending time at home as a family and, as you will recall, the weather was glorious and helped tremendously in getting everyone through those challenging months.

Four years on, I think school is pretty much back to normal and much of the missed learning has been filled in thanks to the hard work of all those involved.

In a week from now, we will be starting another break – this time only a couple of weeks for Easter. Let's hope we get some of that Spring 2020 weather back before the holidays start next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

March 26

Whole school cricket day

March 27

Easter Church assembly

March 28

Last day of term

Award Winners this week

Teddy Class – Jack,
Isaac

Panda – Tommy, Willow
Koala – Annie W, Libby



Babbage had the most
house points

Whole school
attendance this year is
95.4%

Other news this week

Attendance: For this week:

Whole school – 92.7

Teddy – 93.44%

Panda – 88.42%

Koala – 96.19%

Tag Rugby: Pupils in Panda class took part in a tag rugby tournament at GTS on Tuesday morning. They had a great time and played some really good rugby. They enjoyed competing against other schools and improved their skills during the morning.

Panda Trip to Bodmin Railway: On Wednesday, Panda class were off on their travels again with a trip down to Cornwall to visit the Bodmin Railway. It is linked to their history topic on the development of the railways in the UK and its part in the industrial revolution. The children had a lovely day and were very well behaved throughout the day. Many thanks to Mr Goode for driving the mini-bus and Shebbear College for lending us the bus.



Cricket Day: This takes place on Tuesday and all of the children will have a session with the coach who is coming in. Therefore, can all of the children wear PE kit into school on that day? Thanks.

Easter Church Assembly: On Wednesday we will be visiting St Michael's church during the day to have a special Easter assembly with Reverend Warren. The children will share some songs and reflections on Easter which will help reinforce their learning during RE lessons in the last couple of weeks.

Music Lessons: These started yesterday and judging by the lovely music that was coming out of the room, they went very well.

Useful Links

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<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:

Spring term ends on Thursday 28th March

Summer Term Starts on Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May

Whitsun half term is the w/c 27th May

Non-pupil day on 17th June

Summer term ends on Tuesday 23rd July

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

Egg Rolling on Thursday: Shebbear school has this tradition of egg rolling at the end of the Spring term. This is set to continue next Thursday when we run the annual competition. The children will all need to bring in a decorated egg (hard boiled) and these will roll off against each other on the playground until the champion egg is found. There will be prizes both for the decorated eggs and for the best rollers. If the children are unsure on anything, please check with the class teacher.

Governing Body Meeting: The next meeting of the Governing Body is on Monday 25th March at 7.00 p.m. here at school. As always, you are welcome to attend the Part One section of this meeting.

End of Term Menu Change: Unusually, the term ends on a Thursday (28th March) with Good Friday being the following day. There will be a menu change on that last day with the normal fishy Friday replacing the advertised lasagne.

Virtual Balloon Race: The SSSG have joined a Virtual Balloon Race hosted by eco racing. This is a fundraiser to raise funds for the School. The race starts on 31st March 2024 and runs for 7 days. Balloons cost £3 each. £2.25 goes to the SSSG.

There are lots of charities in the race, so your balloon is racing loads of other balloons.

The race prizes are:

1st £100,

2nd Amazon Alexa/Echo Dot 4th generation.

The SSSG are also doing prizes for the 3 fastest SSSG balloons with these prizes:

1st £10,

2nd £8,

3rd £5.

You could win a race prize and an SSSG prize.

For more info on how the race works and buy a balloon, check out the link.

Name and decorate your balloon to make it easier to track when the race starts. Link Below.

Please name your balloon and have fun designing it.

<https://ecoracing.co/.../shebbear-school-support-group-2606>

The race will be tracked daily and the leader board will be posted on the Facebook event page.

<https://fb.me/e/1UYh78bD8>