
Thursday 22nd June 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The newsletter is a day early this week because **we are closed tomorrow for a non-pupil day and again on Monday for an occasional day.**

Hopefully you will be able to use at least some of the long weekend as family time or to even get away for a day or two.

Staff are using the non-pupil day to write end of year reports which will be coming to you just before the end of term in July. As you can imagine, they are quite a time consuming job but a great opportunity to reflect of what the children have learnt over the year and the progress they have made.

With the report will be confirmation of which class and teacher the children will have in September. While there are a couple of points to iron out, I can confirm that the class structure should remain the same as we are now so, as an example, if your child is in Year 2 they should be moving up to Panda class in September.

I was asked recently by a parent whether we were considering joining a Multi Academy Trust at any point. The simple answer to this is no. We have previously been approached – ironically by MATs who are both suffering real difficulties at this time. We do work collaboratively with a number of other local schools but this is very much in an informal way with a focus on inter school support and opportunities. For example, Mrs Fuller attended a session this week with other reception teachers to look at comparative attainment to ensure our judgements are accurate. Similarly, our residential trip to London in a couple of weeks is being run in conjunction with two other schools within our schools' group meaning we have been able to share costs and thereby keep the price lower.

We will continue to work with these schools next year but, for me, I much prefer this informal arrangement rather than being tied in both financially and in terms of how the school has to be run, which would be an inevitable outcome of joining a MAT.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

June 23

Non-pupil day

June 26

Occasional day

July 4

London residential (Y5/6)

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy – Darcie, Mason and Liam

Panda – Annie, Fred and Barnaby

Koala – Ellie and Isla

Drake were the house point winners for this week. Astor won the TT Rock Stars weekly competition



Other news this week

Sports' Day: It is typical that after three weeks of virtual wall to wall sunshine, the day we had put aside for sports' day turns out to be wet and miserable. We delayed making a final call in the hope that it may brighten up but it was clear by just after one that it was a lost cause and too wet on the field to be safe. The summer term is jam packed which means that we are unable to reschedule until the final Tuesday of term – 18th July.

Non-pupil and occasional day: Don't forget that the school will be closed tomorrow (Friday 23rd) and next Monday (26th June).

Awards: Congratulations to Barnaby in Panda class who has reached the summit of Mount Everest in his multiplication mountain challenge. Along with the other year 4 children, he has been working his way through the various mountain challenges since the start of year 3, with each new mountain challenge harder than the previous one. He has done really well to successfully complete them all.

Sam and Sammy from Koala class, both recently picked up end of season awards for their play at Hatherleigh Youth Football Club. It's always great to see what children are doing out of school so do feel free to share any achievements.

A few of the children (along with their mums) completed the inaugural Hatherleigh Carnival colour run. As well as Poppy, Sophie, Ryn, Mac and Morwenna (in the picture) Bella and Darcie also took part with Miss Chauhan there too. It sounds like a fun time was had by all.



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:

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)

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 6th September

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