
Friday 23rd February 2024

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely half term break. It is always lovely hearing what the children got up to during their week off school. Shame the weather wasn't the best – and that appears to have continued this week too.

Today we had a visit from our local Member of Parliament, Sir Geoffrey Cox. You may remember that he was due to visit us just before Christmas but was unwell and had to postpone until today.

I was able to give him a tour of the school and he was pleased to see many of the children being active as his visit coincided with PE lessons from our sports coach.

The children in Koala class had a range of questions for him – some to find out more information about him and quite a few quite searching questions about, amongst other things, the NHS, the lack of dentists, sending asylum seekers to Rwanda and whether Boris Johnson was suitably punished for his indiscretions (thanks to those at home who may possibly have prompted some of the questions!!).



Upcoming Events

February 28

Football vs Shebbear College

February 28

Y6 tutoring sessions start

March 11

Parent consultations this week

Award Winners this week

Teddy Class – Daphne, Morwenna and Finn
Panda – Woody and Chloe
Koala – Many of the children received house point awards



Christie were top of the TT Rockstars table and Drake had most house points.

Whole school attendance this term is 95.15%

He certainly got a Jeremy Paxman style grilling but was very good with the children and amongst other things, gave the children some tips on staying calm, how to project your voice and what to do if people try to interrupt you when you are talking.

He was very interested in the school and asked many questions including the particular challenges facing rural schools such as funding.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher

Other news this week

Attendance: For this week:

Teddy – 97.50%

Panda – 95.50%

Koala – 97.62%

Bodmin Jail: The children in Koala class visited Bodmin Jail on Wednesday. The trip was part of their history topic on Crime and Punishment. As you can imagine, the children enjoyed learning about some of the more gruesome punishments and torture techniques – fortunately, all now consigned to the history books. Despite the wet weather, the children had a great day out and were complimented on their excellent behaviour. Thanks to Mr Goode, our chair of governors, for driving the mini-bus and to Shebbear College for lending it to us for the day.



Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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 17th June

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

Football: On Tuesday, our school football team took part in a tournament at GTS. There were seven schools involved and Shebbear ended up a creditable 4th overall. We won two of our six matches with Spencer being our top goal scorer. There were some good performances including quite a few from children making their debut for the school team. Our next match is next Wednesday when we take on our local rivals Shebbear College.

Music Tuition: We were joined in school by Ruth Hayes yesterday. Ruth is a music teacher who is willing to give lessons to the children if there is sufficient demand. She gave the children a demonstration of the violin, flute, clarinet and saxophone all of which she can provide lessons for. The children were very impressed by her playing skills as she performed a medley of tunes the children recognised. A letter with more details including costs will be coming out next week. From that we will need to gauge possible interest and potential times and dates.

The Secret Book Quest: Devon Libraries are running a scheme to encourage children to read more. Details here: <https://www.tsbg.co.uk/>

Water Bottles: Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

School Dinners: A reminder that these need to be booked in via the School Money app please. We know that there is a block on booking meals for the same day that they are to be eaten, but you are very welcome to email the school office with your child's choices and Mrs Hawker will book them in for you.

Panda Class Trip to Bodmin Steam Railway: Many thanks to the parents who have paid £6 for this proposed visit via the School Money app, your support is very much appreciated. We need to make a decision early next week as to whether this trip will go ahead and this decision will be based on how much support we have from parents and carers.