

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A certain amount of normality has returned to everyone's lives after events of the last couple of weeks. Hopefully you and the children were able to watch some of the Queen's funeral on Monday and reflect on this moment in history. It was certainly a spectacular event and while we as a country are not perfect at everything, we do pomp and ceremony like nobody else!

We were pleased in school to hear that we will have some relief on our fuel bills this winter. This will make a big difference to the school's finances in the coming months. We are working hard to be as fuel efficient as possible encouraging things such as turning lights off. You may recall too that we invested last year in a new air source heating system which is far more efficient than the storage heaters we had previously.

To date, the temperature has been thus that we haven't needed the heating on although the forecast for the coming weeks suggests we may not be able to hold out too much longer – I was forced to put on the heating on at home yesterday after great pressure from other members of my household!

Obviously, being comfortably warm is a requirement for children to happy and productive in school so I am confident to say that winter thermals won't be part of the uniform list anytime soon!

Don't forget that the harvest festival is coming up on the 13th October and parents and carers will be very welcome (9.15am start).

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

October 4

Author visits

October 7

Flu immunisations

October 13

Harvest Festival

Awards were given this week to:
Teddy Class – Sophie, Kyra and Sophia
Panda Class – Hannah and Darcie
Koala – Rupert and Zak



Other news this week

Teddy Class Library Visit: On Thursday morning, the children in Teddy class visited Torrington Library. We travelled there using the Shebbear College mini-buses (as ever, many thanks to them). The children enjoyed learning about the various books they can find at the library and had a story too. It was a very enjoyable morning out. Some of the children shared that they are members of the library. If not, then it's easy (and free) to join and is a great way to get children interested in books and reading. Details of how to join are here: <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/join-us>

Y6 Bikeability: An email about this was sent out earlier this week. Don't forget to send them back as soon as possible as there are limited spaces available.

Appledore Book Festival: Our two author visits are coming up the week after next. Both Justin Edwards and Chloe Inkpen will be visiting school to talk to the children. In advance of this, you may wish to purchase one of their books which are on display in the front lobby and can be purchased from the office.

Multi Skills Club: There is still room on the Tuesday multi skills club so if you would like to book a place then please contact the school office. Once your place has been confirmed, you will then be able to pay on the School Money app.

School Uniform: Before paying on the School Money app, please check with the school office for uniform availability as only limited sizes are now available. Going forward we hope to have a more comprehensive list on the School Money app. If you do need any school uniform items ordered then please contact the school office for an order form.

School Dinners: As we have been 'trialling' ordering dinners via the School Money app since June, and have given an additional three weeks to get used to it this term, from next week we will no longer be asking the children every morning for their menu choices as these should all –by now – be booked via the School Money app. A couple of things that we have noticed include:

*Not everyone is using it, nor did anyone come to Mrs Gough's information session on Wednesday. Therefore, if a child is not booked in on the app, but says that they would like a school dinner we will automatically book them in for Option 1.

*There have been several instances where one menu choice is indicated on the app but the child asks for something else when asked first thing

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:

Autumn half term is the week of the 24th October

Term ends on Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 4th January is the first day of the spring term

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

- please can you make sure that you have chosen the correct options as we will be unable to accommodate any changes of mind.

*If you have booked a dinner but for some reason your child does not take it (in the case of sickness for example) this will be unbooked for you and if payment made this will rollover or be refunded.

Interesting events: Miss Chauhan has asked me to share this with you:



Tea, Coffee & Cake • Stalls • Raffle

