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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

The SSSG Christmas Fair takes place next Friday in the village hall. It starts at 3pm and is the biggest SSSG fundraiser of the year. There will be all sorts of things to do and buy as well as a choice of refreshments and food. Please do support the event. School will finish at the normal time. After school clubs will be running. Mrs Andrew will be selling Advent candles after school again next week.

Next Wednesday, we are having a non-uniform day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for £1 (or more if you want) towards the cost of the prizes for the fair. This will help them raise even more for the school.

Also, please do send in your donations of any unwanted Christmas jumpers. Our school council will be selling them at the Christmas fair but need some donations. Please send them in by Friday morning and then look out for their stall at the fair. Remember that Christmas jumper day is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mr Alford - Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### November 28

Dogs' Trust visit

### December 1

Christmas Fair

### December 6

KS2 Christmas show

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Award Winners this week

Teddy Class –  
Macsen, Indy and  
Charlotte  
Panda – Leo and  
Grayson  
Koala – Buster and  
Bethany



Drake had the most  
house points and  
topped the TT  
Rockstars table

Whole school  
attendance this term  
is 96.06%

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## Other news this week

**Attendance:** We have seen quite a bit of illness this week and this has impacted on the overall attendance figures. It is also a good reminder to avoid any unnecessary absences because you can never be sure when an unavoidable one may come along such as a sickness bug. Panda led the way with an impressive 98% attendance followed by Teddy on 90.94% and Koala on 90%.

**Illness:** As mentioned above, we have had a fair bit of illness over the last couple of weeks with a couple of bugs doing the rounds. It has raised the question of the ongoing 48 hour rule – meaning you are not allowed to bring your child back to school until they have been clear for 48 hours. While we are not abandoning this completely, parents/carers are welcome to contact the school to seek further advice after the initial 48 hours. While we would not want to encourage children back into school while they are still unwell, we also don't want children being off for any longer than is necessary.

As such, a case by case approach may be a better compromise. In the same vein, do contact us if you are ever unsure about whether your child is well enough to come in. We are always happy to advise. You may also find this document useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**Book Fair:** You should have received an email yesterday afternoon, letting you know about this. The books have been delivered and are now on display in the library. It will be running after school next week (Wednesday 3.00 – 3.30 p.m. and Thursday 3.30 – 4.00 p.m.). The children should have had a chance to look today and think about any of the books that they may want to buy.

**Dog's Trust Visit:** This will take place on Tuesday and all three classes will be involved. Emily from the Dog's Trust did visit us last year but it clashed with when we had a bout of Covid going around the school so many of the children were away. Hopefully, everyone will be in this time.

**Christmas Production:** Rehearsals for this are going well and the children are on track to put on a great performance on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – two performances, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. A Google form will be circulated next week in order to reserve your tickets.

**Councillor Visits:** On Wednesday afternoon we welcome our two Torridge District Council ward councillors. Cllr Cottle-Hunkin and Cllr Wheatley had a tour of the school and met some of the children.

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

**Email:** [admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk)

**Website:**  
<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:

Term ends on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is the first day of the spring term

Spring half term is the w/c 12<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

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

**Netball:** On Thursday afternoon, all of Koala class took part in netball matches against Shebbear College. They were really competitive games and of the four we played, we won one, drew one and narrowly lost the other two. Most importantly, it was good fun.

**School Photographer:** Hopefully you liked the photos taken of your child/ren on Wednesday. The order details should all be included with the proofs you were given. The deadline for orders to be received in school is next Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November so that they can be processed and hopefully returned to school before we break up on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.