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

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday afternoon our Y5 and 6 girls' team played their first proper match against Shebbear College. Although we lost the game, everyone played extremely well and I was really impressed by the determination everyone showed and how we improved as the game went on. Hopefully it will inspire the girls to play some more.

With this in mind, we have arranged for an England U21 footballer (Bex Rayner) to visit the school on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. She will talk to all of the children about being a professional player as well as running a session where the children can work on their fitness through doing a range of exercises.

We did something similar a few years back. Then as now, we facilitate the visit by asking for the children to raise some sponsorship money. It covers the cost of the visit but is also an opportunity to raise extra funds for the school to buy extra sports' equipment.

On Monday children will be given sponsorship forms which include a list of incentives for raising amounts. Hopefully everyone will get behind it and look forward to meeting our special and inspiring visitor. You can find out more about Bex here:

<https://www.sufc.co.uk/players/women/bex-rayner/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### March 30

Easter Egg rolling

### March 31

Last day of term

### April 17

New term starts

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Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Bella, Sophie and Willow

Panda Class – Libby and Grayson

Koala Class – Ella and Zak

Christie had most house points



# Other news this week

**Easter Egg Donations:** As mentioned last week, our school council are planning to hold an Easter Egg raffle in the last week of term to raise some money. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs (any size welcome). If possible, can you send any donations in by early next week? Many thanks.

**Egg decorating and rolling:** As you may know, there is a long held Shebbear tradition of egg rolling at this time of year. We are asking that the children bring in a decorated hard-boiled egg for next Thursday (30<sup>th</sup> March). The decorated eggs will be judged on their originality and finish. There will be prizes for the winners. Following this, we will have the fun of egg rolling in the playground with the egg travelling the furthest being named the winner. It is normally good fun and a way to get all of the school together at the end of term. The eggs need to roll as nature intended rather than in any type of specially egg carrying vehicle.

**Casual MTA:** If you are interested in being a casual Meal Time Assistant (MTA) then please let us know. We are looking to have one or two people in reserve should a member of staff not be in school on a given day. You would assist with lunches and supervising in the playground. It would be subject to appropriate references and a DBS check but is also a good way to build up some school experience should you be looking for a role in the future. It may also lead to some as and when teaching assistant work too. Please let the school office know if you are interested.

**Football Report:** We had two matches this week. On Monday we played our final match in the Langtree 5 a side league. We played the hosts and won by an impressive score of six goals to nil. Well done Henry for scoring a hat-trick and to all of those who have represented the school in the tournament. We ended up in second place with two wins from our three games. Thanks to all the parents too for transporting the children over to Langtree these last few weeks.

**Clocks going forward:** Don't forget that British Summer Time starts on Sunday so clocks will need to go forward by an hour (luckily our devices magically seem to do it for us these days). Hopefully nobody will be caught out and be late for school on Monday morning.

**Comic Relief (Red Nose Day):** Many thanks to everyone who supported this last Friday. Between ourselves and the SSSG we have donated the sum of £120.

## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

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**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:

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March is the last day of the spring term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April is when the summer term starts

Bank holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Week of the 29<sup>th</sup> May is half term

The school will be closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

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

**Dance Festival:** On Wednesday the children from years 1 and 2 then 3 and 4 took part in a dance festival at GTS. Both groups had a great time and enjoyed working alongside children from other schools. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the driving and Shebbear College for the mini-bus.



**Years 1 and 2 Swimming:** After the Easter break, the Years 1 and 2 children will continue to go swimming. Please note that on the sessions that would have been held on the Bank Holiday Mondays have been re-arranged to the Tuesday mornings instead.

**Basketball Camp:** Please see attached information.