
Friday 24th September 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that the children have had a good week. It certainly feels like we are properly back to normal.

The pupils in Panda class had a residential trip earlier this week (see report below). For many, it was their first time away from home. Staying over at other people's houses (such as grandparents) has been restricted over the last couple of years due to the pandemic so this provided an opportunity for some, to enjoy this experience for the first time.

It's all part of the growing up process and as I am sure everyone will testify, the time really does fly by.

Growing up will always have some challenges and mindful of this, the Department for Education made it a requirement for schools to teach Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). It became law last September and we have been incorporating it into our PSHE provision. Obviously, it is all age appropriate and we follow a published scheme called SCARF – more details here: <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/what-we-do/>

It covers issues, in a very child friendly and age appropriate way, such as same sex relationships, puberty, mental health and gender identity. To back this up, we have a school policy which can be found here: http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Shebbear.RSE_policy.update.21.docx.pdf

As part of our RSE programme, we are also using events like diversity week and our Judaism talk yesterday (both reported



Upcoming Events

September 27

Diversity Week

October 4

Library opening

October 22

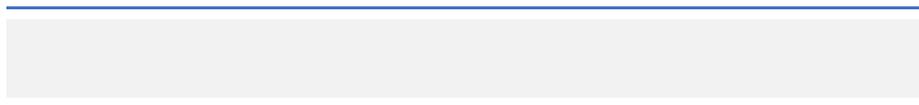
Harvest Festival

Learning Awards

These were given to all of the children in Reception for making such a great start to life at Shebbear School

Rachel and Sam in Panda Class

Maison and Caitlyn in Koala Class (these were actually citizenship awards given for their work in being kind to the younger children.



later). This gives the children the chance to meet people who may be quite different to them or have particular needs. It helps the children have a better understanding of the diversity that exists in 21st Century Britain.

I did send information during the summer of 2020 in time for the statutory deadline of September 2020 but am mindful this was during lockdown so thought it made sense to resend it. Please feel free to contact me either in person or via email (admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk) if you wish to comment in any way or discuss the policy or provision. I do have a governing body on Monday 4th October so it would be good to have any thoughts by then.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford

Other news this week

Rock n' Rapid: Panda Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Rock and Rapid earlier this week. They all participated in every activity with enthusiasm and determination with many conquering their fears and meeting the various challenges head on. Well done Panda Class! Photos are available for viewing on your child's Google Drive account.

Judaism Talk: On Thursday afternoon, we had a live RE lesson led by Rabbi Claude who joined us from London via Zoom. He talked about his own faith and some of the traditions of Judaism. He shared various artefacts and answered a myriad of excellent questions which were posed by the children. The lesson ended with Rabbi Claude blowing a Shofar which is made from a ram's horn and is traditionally during Rosh Hashana and to mark the end of Yom Kippur.

Diversity Week: We welcome in a number of guests next week as part of our diversity week. Amongst the events are a visit from Nikki Watson and a guide dog (please let us know if your child is less comfortable near dogs) and the Paralympian, David Hill. In the case of the latter, please return any sponsorship forms if you have not already done so. It should be a really interesting series of sessions for the children and continue to develop their knowledge and

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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.

Up-coming Term Dates:

Autumn half term is the w/c 25th October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5th January

Rabbi Claude Zooming in



understanding of the diverse world in which we live.

GTS Open Day: Monday 27th September 2021, 6pm-8pm

BOOKING LINK: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gts-open-evening-tour-year-5-6-tickets-162543029577>

If you are unable to attend or you would like any further information , please contact Reception on 01805 623531 or email TClement@gts.devon.sch.uk

Parking is available at the front of the school, Calvesford Road, spaces are limited and there is further car parking at the rear of the school in Hatchmoor road, car park. In communal areas we ask that all visitors wear a face covering whilst walking around the school.