
Friday 25th March 2022

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sunny weather has certainly improved everyone's mood and it has been lovely to see the children out playing without the need to be wrapped up against the cold. It is probably a good time to remind everyone about the importance of labelling school uniform including a quick check to make sure any labels haven't faded away since September. Spring going into summer is the busiest time of year for lost uniform. The children wear their jumper out to play, get hot and take it off ... you can guess the rest. We do always try to reunite jumpers with their owners and having them named clearly makes the whole process much easier. Failing this, you do often see the other strategy used which is for the children to sniff their jumper out. Some of them do have an amazing sense of smell and can identify their own jumper using nothing more than the power of their nose – labels are easier though!!

It is also an opportune time to remember the importance of sun protection. Even though there has still been a slight chill in the air, the sun has been strong enough this week to inflict sun burn, particularly on those with fairer skin. An application before school on a sunny day should normally be sufficient to protect them during the school day.

The NHS has some good information on their website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

In case you missed it, a new series on Channel 4 started this week called 'A Simpler Life'. It tracks a group of people who give up city life for six months to live in rural Devon and adopt the lifestyle of the Amish community. It means no mobile phones or modern conveniences. Their location was just outside of Shebbear and the first episode included a visit to the shop in the village using their horse and cart to get there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

March 28

Parent consultations this week

March 30

Panda and Koala Trip to Bodmin

April 6

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

Learning Awards

Teddy – Leo and Remi

Panda – Barnaby and Oakley R

Koala – Maison and Cody

House point winners were
Drake

TT Rockstars winners -
Babbage



Other news this week

Menu Change: Next Wednesday (30th March) there will be a Teddy class special menu as Panda and Koala are out on a school trip so they will have the run of the school!! Rather than the normal Wednesday roast it will be hot dog with curly fries accompanied by sweetcorn or baked beans. Baked potatoes will also be available as an alternative. This will be followed by vanilla ice cream.

Bodmin Trip: As noted above, the children in Panda and Koala classes will be travelling down to Bodmin on Wednesday 30th of March for a school trip. Panda will be visiting a steam railway while Koala are visiting Bodmin Jail. Both visits link in with work the children have been undertaking in school. Thanks to all those who have paid for the trip. The closing date for contributions is Monday. The SSSG have kindly made a contribution of £150 to enable the overall price to come down. Many thanks to them.

Parent/Carer Survey: Thanks to everyone who has returned their questionnaire. We had a fantastic response with an 83% return rate. This is really useful as it will give us a much more accurate indication of the views as a whole. We will analyse the responses in much greater detail and report back fully as soon as possible but below is an initial summary.

Online payments would clearly be a popular move so we will be initiating this as soon as possible and will hopefully have it up and running during the summer term. There would appear to be some demand for extended school provision so we will investigate this further to ascertain that it would be sustainable in the longer term. The main feedback on the school meals is that quite a few children are fussy with their eating coupled with some of the food choices on offer, particularly on certain days. This is something we can discuss further with Devon Norse who provide our meals.

The winner of the bottle of wine for returning their form is Jenny Spicer whose name was drawn from the hat!

Parent Consultations: If you haven't already done so, do sign up for a parent consultation meeting next week. The sign up forms are on Class Dojo for Teddy class and Google Classroom for Panda and Koala. The teachers are offering a blended approach with a choice of in person or online consultations.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

Tel: 01409 281220

Email: 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>

Up-coming Term Dates:

The last day of term is Friday 8th April.

Summer term starts on Monday 25th April

May Bank Holiday is on Monday 2nd May

Half term is the week commencing 30th May

The school is closed for a non-pupil day and the extra day for the Queen's Jubilee on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June

The last day of the summer term is Friday 22nd July

Football Club: We are hopeful that we can recommence football club after the Easter break. We have managed to find a new provider and subject to a few details needing to be sorted, we should be able to start the sessions again. More details to follow. I am also hopeful of some further after school clubs following the Easter break. They will be paid for clubs as we will need to get external providers in. They will also be subject to sufficient numbers. Details and a sign up sheet will be with you next week.

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt: The SSSG will be holding an Easter Egg hunt on Wednesday 6th April. It will be after school with a hunt around the village. There will also be refreshments available at school. More details next week.

Easter Assembly: Next Thursday afternoon Reverend Leigh, who is the chaplain at Shebbear College, is visiting the school to lead an Easter themed assembly.

Fun Fit: There will be no Fun Fit after school next Tuesday as Miss Curtis is not here. Other sessions in the week won't be affected.

Wanted please: if anyone is having a clear out, Teddy class would love waterproof trousers and/or all-in-one outdoor suits. Thank you!

Charity Day: Some ex Shebbear pupils are organising a charity day this coming Saturday. It is at the village hall between 1 and 3pm. It is part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and is in support of a charity called Pete's Dragon: <https://www.petesdragons.org.uk/>

Easter Holiday Activity Days: Please see attached information about Easter Holiday activity days being held at Hatherleigh School on various days over the Easter break. All the booking information is included on the flyer.