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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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I hope that you had a lovely long weekend and everyone is feeling refreshed for the final stretch of the school year. Hopefully you have seen the letter about Sports' Day next week. I am really pleased that this can go ahead, not least as so many school events have been cancelled over the last 15 months. I know that everyone will adhere to the rules in terms of Covid safety and I really appreciate that fact. Now we just need to keep our fingers crossed for some good weather!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford

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**Covid Update:** As you may be aware, Covid infection rates have been rising quite sharply in the Torridge area. Great Torrington School (GTS) has had a number of positive cases and has taken the decision this week to close the entire school for a few days. It has meant that our Year 6 pupils have not been able to attend their planned induction week. It also means that the close ties we have with GTS, through the many shared siblings, means that we must continue to be extra careful in the coming weeks. I am sure that none of us at Shebbear would wish to have bubbles closing this close to the end of term. Everyone has been fantastic in adhering to the Covid rules and doing all they can to protect us as a school, whether this be the regular hand washing by the children or parents and carers continuing to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting each day. I was really hopeful that things would have eased by this week, but we will all have to wait a bit longer and hope this local spike quickly subsides and the easing of restrictions on the 19<sup>th</sup> July actually happens.

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## Upcoming Events

### June 30

Sports' Day

### July 7

Meeting for new Reception parents/carers

### July 21

Whole school trip to Roadford Lake

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## Learning Awards this week

Teddy Class – Kyra and Xanthe

Panda Class – Reuben and Archie

Koala Class – Tommy and Leila

Drake were the winning house



## Other News This Week

**Assemblies in school this week:** Because of the long weekend, we had our achievement assembly on Wednesday rather than Monday. There was also time this week to talk about the significance of the summer solstice.

**Wildlife Competition:** Thanks for the entries so far to our wildlife photography/art competition. Mrs Shadrick has put the ones we have had on display in the library. It would be great to have some more! Remember it can be a photograph or a piece of art work.

**School Improvement Update:** The school is likely to be busy over the summer holidays! At a governors' meeting earlier this week exciting two projects were agreed and we are now trying to confirm dates for the works to go ahead. One is a new heating system which will hopefully but far more efficient than the current one and keep everyone warm during the winter months. Also taking place will be the final phase of our development of the Teddy class outside area. Both should be ready for the return in September. We should also have our new gigabit connectivity to provide improved broadband speeds – the last piece of engineering work has been done and it now just needs to be hooked up. This will be supported by a new Wi-Fi system in school. Aside from the heating, all of these projects will be paid for through various grants we have obtained.

**Clubs:** After school Dance & Cricket Clubs will be back on Monday.

**Cricket, lovely cricket:** There appears to be a Shebbear take over going on at Hatherleigh Cricket Club! I am really proud to see so many Shebbear children getting involved in the game and playing each week. It is lovely to see all the smiling faces on a Saturday morning for All Stars (my daughter goes too) and hearing about the latest match for the U11s. Here is the roll call of our cricketing heroes (hopefully I haven't missed anyone out) – Freddie, Hunter, Reuben, Casey, Kira, Adam, Ashleigh, Zak, Sam, Dean, Henry, Betty, Sammy, Ryan and Josh. If you fancy getting involved, just let me know, and I can put you in touch with someone.

**Football Club Volunteers Found:** Thanks to those kind folks who have offered to help out on Friday afternoons for the rest of this term. Much appreciated. Many thanks to Mr Hare for doing a fantastic job come rain or shine over the last couple of years.

## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

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### Website:

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**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:

Last Day of Summer Term is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

First Day of Autumn Term is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Autumn half term is the w/c 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Raya's photo of a hedgehog:

