
Friday 26th May 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to everyone from the SSSG who helped organize and run the coffee morning last Saturday morning. There were some lovely cakes on sale along with some bacon rolls to keep everyone going. A similar thanks to all those who came along to support the event

It has been a very sunny week in school with the forecast suggesting that it will continue into next week. As I always do at this time of the year, I reminded the children of the importance of sun safety. The children were very clear on some of the key aspects of this – wearing sunscreen, wearing a hat and drinking lots of water during the day. Hopefully this will help everyone avoid some of the dangers that the sunshine can bring.

Talking of dangers, I suspect that most of you heard about the terrible accident that took place recently on a local farm. It's a salutary lesson to us all about keeping children safe whether it be on a farm or when they are near any moving vehicles including our school car park. I reminded the children of the importance of keeping safe when near cars or larger vehicles such as tractors. I told them that while we can see, as an example, a car reversing, they might not see us. I said that it is easy to assume that accidents only happen to other people.

On a cheerier note, the half term holiday starts today and I suspect that everyone is looking forward to having a nice break from school.

We are back on Monday 5th June so I look forward to seeing everyone then – don't forget that Koala class start their next swimming sessions then.

Have a lovely half term,

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

June 5

School starts after Half Term

June 5

Cricket League Game 1

May 26

Half term starts

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy – Poppy, Finlay and Mason

Panda – Libby and Wilomina

Koala – Otto

Astor were the house point winners for this week



Other news this week

Works next week: There are lots of things going on at school during half term week. In particular we have the new playground markings going on. The work on this starts tomorrow (Saturday) when they will be sand blasting the existing markings off. The new ones will go in later in the week. At around this time, the new teaching cabin will be put in place along with a new door from Teddy class to link the two together. It won't be in immediate use but will give us the opportunity to kit it out ready for the new school year in September.

Rounders: We had two teams taking part in tournaments at GTS this week. On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 children managed a very respectable 5th place in their competition. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a similar competition the next day. As ever, it was great having the chance to play matches against other schools. On both days, the games were organised and umpired by Year 10 students from GTS so thanks to them along with Shebbear College for lending us the mini-buses.

Answerphones: It is always useful to have a personal message on your contact number phone. We are always reluctant to leave messages when they go to a generic ('the person you are trying to call') greeting just on the off chance we have got the wrong number etc. Our own new school phone system currently rings for ages before going to the answer machine. We have asked the company to adjust this as parents have reported how long it seems to ring for.

Uniform: Mrs Hawker will be placing a uniform order shortly after half term. Please contact her for an order form if you wish to order any items for delivery before we break up for the summer holidays.

Year 2 SATs: These have now been completed. The children have applied themselves really well to the tests in reading and mathematics and should all feel very proud of themselves.

Oakley and Mount Snowden: Oakley in Year 4 recently completed a walk to the summit of Mount Snowden. This was done in memory of his late uncle. Well done Oakley.



War Horse: You may be interested in this forthcoming exhibition at the Burton Gallery in Bideford including a chance to meet Michael Morpurgo himself on the 31st May (which is in half term week).

Useful Links

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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.

Ofsted Parent View: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Latest Ofsted report: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

Up-coming Term Dates:

The school will be closed on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th June

The last day of the summer term is Friday 21st July (2pm finish)

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 6th September

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