
Friday 27th January 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attached to the newsletter are the results of a recent survey we undertook amongst the children. It relates to online safety and the children's use of the internet at home.

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 were asked to complete a questionnaire about their online activity. These were done anonymously and the results are really interesting and worth a read – even if your child is slightly younger (they will get there soon enough).

It is clear that going online is an integral part of children's life and for the most part, children remain safe and avoid risks. However, some of the results are quite enlightening such as the relatively high number of children who have had conversations online with people they don't actually know in real life.

On a very positive note, nearly all of the children were very clear on the type of information that should not be shared online and how to report a concern. These are both issues that we have worked on and will continue to work on in school along with some of the other issues raised.

It may be an appropriate time to go through the survey with your child to get a sense of how they answered the questions.

There are lots of good resources to support improved understanding of online safety some of which can be found on our website:
<http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Best wishes,

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

February 1

Football match at Shebbear College

February 13

Half term week

March 6

Parent consultations

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Max, Ryn and Poppy

Panda Class – Remi and Archie

Koala Class – Ella and Ellie



Christie had most house points and Astor were top of the TT Rock Stars table

Other news this week

Job Opportunity at the School: We are looking to appoint a teaching assistant to work in the school. Please see the attachment for more details and do feel free to speak to us if you need more details.

Sports' Report: Our Football team did well at the GTS tournament on Monday. In total they played six games and had two wins, two draws and two defeats and meant that they were in fifth place overall. One of the draws was against Bradworthy who were the eventual winners. There were some great performances including a hat-trick from Henry in our first game and some nice goals from Sammy, Sam and Ollie. It was the first outing for our new kit – thanks again to Trevor Hookway and family for the sponsorship. We play again next Wednesday with a re-arranged fixture against Shebbear College.



Headlice: We have had some unwanted guests in Teddy class this week. Unfortunately, headlice and nits are quite common in schools, particularly amongst younger children who tend to get closer to each other (interestingly there was big reduction in cases when we were all socially distancing). Headlice and nits do need to be treated – this NHS advice may help:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

I would also strongly advise that you tie longer hair up for the time being – ideally plaiting it as this greatly reduces the chance of picking them up. Thanks to all of those who did this today – I am hugely impressed by the plaiting and am in awe of your skill. I can just about get my daughter's hair into a badly done pony tail!

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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>

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

Up-coming Term Dates:

Week of the 13th February is half term

Friday 31st March is the last day of the Spring term

Monday 17th April is when the Summer term starts

Bank holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8th May

Week of the 29th May is half term

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

Panda Class Swimming: We would very much appreciate any further voluntary contributions towards the cost of the Panda swimming lessons. Reminders have been sent this week. As this is a voluntary contribution, even if it says that the amount owed is £24 or £20, you are able to simply choose how much you would like to contribute. We do very much appreciate and welcome your support with this as swimming is a very expensive part of the curriculum. As we approach a new financial year and are looking to set our budget for future terms, this could be one area that we may have to look at very closely going forward.

Parent Governor Election: All parents/carers who are eligible to stand as a parent governor should have received a copy of the letter that was sent by email last Friday and by paper copy earlier this week. If you did not receive a copy then please do ask for one from the school office. If you have any questions about the role of a parent governor then please do contact myself or Mrs Hawker and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Parent Consultation Meetings: Two dates for your diary. Parent consultations are going to be on Monday 6th March from 3pm with the last appointment at 4.30pm. They will also run on Wednesday 8th March again from 3pm with a final appointment time of 5.30pm. Unlike in previous years, it is not our intention to run the meetings at various times during the week and parents/carers should sign up for a slot on the set days. Letters and booking details will go out immediately after half term.