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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

All being well, we will return to the next bit of normality from Monday which will be resuming normal assemblies in the hall. While platforms such as Zoom have been a Godsend over the last couple of years, it will be nice to get the school back together in the hall. Indeed, the dictionary definition of assembly is 'a group of people gathered together in one place'. Assemblies are a key part of school life and an opportunity to explore different faiths, hear stories to get the children thinking and find out about different people and cultures. It is a key part of the children's personal development in school and, at Shebbear, we link it closely with the themes of our Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons.

One theme that is running through this half term is inspirational women. Each of the teachers has made a personal choice and has or will deliver an assembly. So far Mrs Fuller has talked about Vitoria Beuno who is a ballerina who was born with no arms. This week, Mrs Gough delivered an assembly on Rosalind Franklin the scientist who studied the structure of DNA.

In the coming weeks there will be assemblies on Anne Frank, Jo Malone and Malala Yousafzai.

Covid rates, particularly in schools, remain high so we do still need to show high levels of caution. I have noticed that although masks are no longer required, many people do continue to wear them. Hopefully it won't be long until the spring weather comes along which will make the virus a little easier to control.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford

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## Upcoming Events

### February 21

Half term week

### March 3

World Book Day

### March 21

Parent consultations this week

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## Learning Awards

Teddy – Ella and Tommy

Panda – Annie W and Oakley R

Koala – Caitlyn and Cody

Christie had most house points this week



# Other news this week

**Extreme Reading:** Thanks to everyone who has sent in an extreme reading photo. They are great. We do need to get any remaining entries in as soon as possible. Hopefully the weekend will provide an opportunity to get one done.

**The Queen's Crown:** We have asked the children to design a crown to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. Although the main celebrations are in the summer, the actual day she ascended to the throne was the 6<sup>th</sup> February in 1952. Therefore, it will be 70 years next weekend. To mark this occasion, there will be a special service at the church on Sunday. The school have been asked to contribute so we have asked the children to design a crown which reflects her 70 year reign. These will then be displayed in the church. Please do encourage your child to take part. Full details are attached. We need entries in by next Wednesday.

**World Book Day:** This take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. While this seems a long way off, it is the first Thursday back after half term so may take some of us by surprise. Given that we were unable to fully celebrate this last year (as a result of the lockdown) we are keen to make it a special occasion this time round so will be encouraging the children to dress up as a book character – even I might make an effort! Mrs Evans has kindly passed on this link which gives ideas for possible costumes should you want to start thinking about it.  
<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

**Football:** The school football team will be in action again next Thursday when they take part in a six a side tournament at GTS. Full match report next week.

We have been in touch with Saints South West this week. They are hopeful of appointing someone so that football club can resume again after half term.

In the meantime, the children have been enjoying their golf lessons on Friday afternoons which have been led by Ross, the golf coach. He has been impressed by the skills of the children and hopes that it may inspire one or two to take up the game.

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

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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>

### Up-coming Term Dates:

Half Term is the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> February

The last day of term is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Summer term starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

May Bank Holiday is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May