
Thursday 28th March 2024

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't think any of us expected there to be snow on the last day of the spring term. At least we got a (nearly) white Easter to make up for the lack of any white stuff at Christmas.

Either way, we have reached the end of another term and I hope that you are all able to enjoy the Easter weekend and the two week holiday that comes after it. School will start again on Monday 15th April – no non-pupil day. After school club will start as normal on that day.

As ever, the Primary Times (Devon edition) has ideas for activities over Easter and the digital edition can be found here:

<https://digital.magmanager.co.uk/Preview/Index/2705220#page/1>

One activity that is most certainly worth a visit is the Burton Gallery in Bideford. In particular the annual school exhibition is currently on and includes pieces of art work from Shebbear pupils. The exhibition is on until the 7th April. More details can be found here:

<https://www.burtonartgallery.co.uk/exhibitions-activities/annual-north-devon-schools-art-exhibition/?portfolioCats=100>

It has been a really busy final week of term with lots of enjoyable things going on at school. Please have a look at the details in the main part of the newsletter.

Don't forget that the clocks go forward on Sunday. As I saw someone write on social media, it means we get an extra hour of rain!

In the meantime, have a great Easter break. We look forward to hearing all about it when we are back at school on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

March 28

Last day of term

April 15

Summer term starts

Award Winners this week
Teddy Class – Finlay
Panda – Grayson
Koala – Buster, Libby



A number of our award winners for this week were away on the day.
Drake had the most house points

Whole school attendance this year is 95.21%

Other news this week

Attendance: For this week:

Whole school – 92.1% Teddy – 90.63%
Panda – 94.08% Koala – 91.07%

Egg Rolling: This is something that the children look forward to and enjoy. As ever, the standard of decorated eggs was really high and it made judging very difficult. In the end, the winning eggs were: Reception - Mabel, Year 1 - Amelie, Year 2 - Finlay, Year 3 - Leo, Year 4 Chloe, Year 5 - Hannah, Year 6 – Annie K
From here the class winners were Teddy - Amelie, Panda - Chloe. Koala – Annie K, with the overall winner being judged to be Annie. The egg rolling followed a similar format with year group and class winners with a final roll off to find the overall champion who this year was Isaac. The other winners were:
Reception – Daphne and Elske (tie), Year 1 - Morwenna, Year 2 - Isaac, Year 3 - Hunter, Year 4 - Tika, Year 5 - Pixie, Year 6 – Beth.
The class winners were Teddy - Isaac, Panda - Hunter . Koala – Pixie

Cricket Day: We were blessed with some sunshine and no rain on Tuesday for our cricket day on Tuesday. All of the children across the school had a session which they seemed to enjoy. Martin, the coach, commented on the good skills of the children and the positive attitude they showed when learning their skills and playing matches. He did hand out some leaflets about the forthcoming All Stars and Dynamos cricket sessions that take place at local cricket



clubs. The closest to Shebbear is Hatherleigh although Holsworthy run sessions too. If you are interested, it is worth booking a place soon as the spaces do tend to fill up quickly. More details here:

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest>

Also attached is a poster for the Hatherleigh sessions.

School Meal Price Increase: After putting it off for a while now, governors have reluctantly agreed to increase the cost of school meals by 20p from £2.30 to £2.50 with effect from the 15th April which is in line with other local schools. This has been updated in the App. The new menu is attached to this newsletter and is also on the website. If you need a printed copy please see Mrs Hawker.

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:

Summer Term Starts on
Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday on Monday 6th
May

Whitsun half term is the w/c
27th May

Non-pupil day on 17th June

Summer term ends on
Tuesday 17th July.

Autumn term starts on
Wednesday 4th September

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

Easter Church Assembly: We had a lovely Easter assembly at the church on Wednesday morning. All three classes contributed along with some excellent singing. The children in Koala class told and acted the Easter story while Teddy children shared their pictures of decorated Easter eggs. Panda class talked about Easter traditions around the world. At the end of the assembly, the children had the opportunity to ring the church bells which they very much enjoyed.



Art Club: The final session took place on Monday after school. The children have produced some excellent pieces of work which are on display in school. Many thanks to Mrs Shadrack for running the club over this half term.

Music Lessons: There is a spare slot for a shared recorder lesson if anyone is interested. Please let the school or Ruth (the music teacher) if you are interested. For those starting lessons after Easter, don't forget that the lessons do need to be paid for in advance.

School Disco: Don't forget that the SSSG have organised a school disco which takes place later today in the village hall. It starts at 5pm and everyone is welcome.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies: These arrived this week. The Year 6 children may, if they wish, wear them instead of their normal school jumper for the summer term.

Virtual Balloon Race: The SSSG have joined a Virtual Balloon Race hosted by eco racing. This is a fundraiser to raise funds for the School. The race starts on 31st March 2024 and runs for 7 days. Balloons cost £3 each. £2.25 goes to the SSSG.

There are lots of charities in the race, so your balloon is racing loads of other balloons.

The race prizes are:

1st £100,

2nd Amazon Alexa/Echo Dot 4th generation.

The SSSG are also doing prizes for the 3 fastest SSSG balloons with these prizes:

1st £10, 2nd £8, 3rd £5.

You could win a race prize and an SSSG prize.

For more info on how the race works and buy a balloon, check out the link.

Name and decorate your balloon to make it easier to track when the race starts – see the link Below. Please name your balloon and have fun designing it.

<https://ecoracing.co/.../shebbear-school-support-group-2606>

The race will be tracked daily and the leader board will be posted on the Facebook event page.

<https://fb.me/e/1UYh78bD8>