
Friday 28th May 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Thanks for the messages regarding the new style newsletter. I am glad that you seem to like the new format. Next week is half term and, finally, the weather seems to be improving. Have a great week and we will see everyone again on Monday 7th June.

Mr Alford

Swimming: I am pleased to report that swimming will be starting again soon. Years 5 and 6 will be having a few sessions towards the end of the summer term in order to take their National Curriculum assessment. In September, we will be able to offer swimming to all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. Swimming will now be on a Monday afternoon but still using the Ruby Oak Pool. The children will go two year groups at a time (Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6) and each group will have one term of swimming at different times of the year. Year 5 and 6 will be the first group to go after the summer holidays and further details will follow.

School Photos: Hopefully you will have seen the email regarding school photographs on Tuesday June 8th. We would normally have individual photographs in the autumn term and group ones in the summer. So as not to overwhelm you, we will only be doing individual photos for our departing Year 6 pupils. The photographer will be back this autumn to do individual shots of all the children. On this summer visit, they will just be doing any **requested** individual and family photos (please email the office) along with some vista style photos which will be converted into a class or whole school image.



Upcoming Events

May 31

Half Term Week

June 8

School Photographer

June 30

Sports' Day

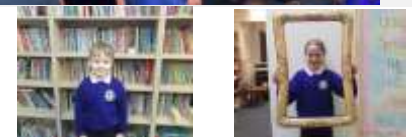
Learning Awards this week

Teddy Class – Solomon and Max

Panda Class – Casey and Buster

Koala Class – Caitlyn, Betty, Lexi, Ashleigh and Mimi

Astor were the winning house



Water Bottles: Please do make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day. We seem to have a number of children at the moment who are asking for cups of water. Having their own bottle is much easier and far more hygienic. We have a small supply of bottles which can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £2 each.

Pasty and Cider Walk – Save the Date: At the SSSG meeting on Tuesday evening, it was agreed that we would hold a Pasty and Cider walk on Saturday 3rd July. It will be a joint fundraising event, hosted by the Beer family, in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance and the SSSG.

Art Week: As part of our upcoming Art Week, we will be creating some bunting ready for sports day as a whole school project. If anyone has any spare white/cream plain cotton fabric (possibly an old bed sheet) we would be very grateful for it. Any bias binding would also be gratefully received. Mrs Gough

Other News This Week

Assemblies in school this week: While it's not possible to report back to you all of the lessons the children have had in a given week, I thought you may like to know what the theme of our assemblies have been. Our assemblies are planned out a term at a time and there is always an overall theme linked to our Personal Social and Health Education lessons (PSHE). The theme this term is Feelings and Emotions. Not all of the assemblies will link to this but, normally, at least one each week will. The other assemblies will cover themes from the Christian faith along with similar ones from other religions. We try to include special days and events and also highlight the work of various charities and organisations. Many of the assemblies will have a specific message through a story and we try to reinforce the values of the school, not least the themes of 'every lesson, every day'. This week, Tuesday's assembly focused on the importance of saying kind things to others and that misplaced words can be very hurtful to others. On Wednesday the children learnt about Pentecost and why this marks the start of the Christian faith. Some assemblies, like the one on Thursday, use a quote (such as this one from Demi Lovatto) which is discussed and the children have the chance to share their thoughts.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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.

Up-coming Term Dates:

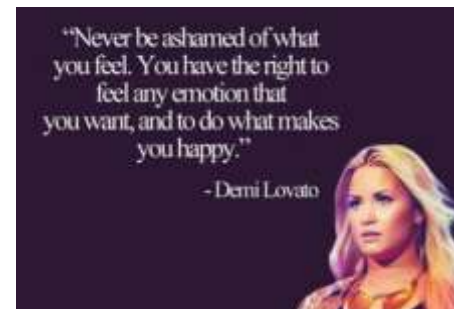
Half term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June inclusive

Occasional Day on Friday 18th June

Non Pupil Day on Monday 21st June

Last Day of Summer Term is Friday 23rd July

First Day of Autumn Term is Tuesday 7th September



Football Club Volunteer Needed: Mr Hare has very kindly acted as a volunteer at football club on Fridays after school. This has enabled many more children to attend while maintaining the appropriate ratios. Due to his job commitments, he will no longer be able to do this from mid-June onwards. Without an extra adult, the numbers who are able to attend will be reduced. The other alternative is an extra coach from Saints South West. This will increase the cost of the sessions for all. Please let us know if you are willing to help out. You will need to undertake a DBS check which can be arranged through the school.

Strep Throat: In good news, the suspected case of Strep Throat turned out not to be, following the testing of a sample. There does still seem to be a few sore throats doing the rounds, so I would advise that you continue to be vigilant. Hopefully the half term break and some better weather will help break the cycle.

SSSG Second Hand Uniform Sale: If you have any good quality items of school uniform surplus to requirements, the SSSG are going to hold a second hand uniform sale in June. Please let committee members have donations.

Half Term at Broomhill Estate: This half-term (Friday 28th May – Sunday 6th June) Broomhill Estate is inviting creative kids to visit the gardens and become sculptors! Families are invited to explore the 103-acre estate, collect natural objects such as petals, stones, leaves, feathers, or moss and use them to create natural works of art. More details here: <http://www.broomhill-estate.com/>

Track and Trace Reporting over Half Term: Despite the very low numbers at this time, schools are still being asked to support the track and trace system. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 in the 48 hour period following the end of school and subsequently tests positive, you should report this to us using the Covid-19 reporting email: covidreporting@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk This means that we can inform other families of the potential risk. If symptoms develop after this period reporting should be directly through NHS Track and Trace.

