
Friday 3rd November 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I could not have envisaged on Wednesday morning that I would be sending a message out in the evening, saying that the school was closing the following day.

Thank you for your understanding about this. Clearly the impact of Storm Ciaran was not as great as had been anticipated. The challenge we always have in these situations (and luckily they don't come around too often) is balancing giving everyone sufficient notice while waiting as long as possible to see how the weather actually turns out.

Devon County Council contacted all schools on Wednesday afternoon highlighting the weather warning and suggesting that school closure may have to be an option. The reasoning is always around the safety of pupils and staff both in terms of physically getting into and home from school as well as safety around the school site.

As other schools announce their closure, it starts to put pressure on you to do the same. We were certainly far from alone with, at the last check, 291 schools across the county closing (out of about 320 in total).

Hopefully the children were able to access their home learning and they had plenty to get on with during the day.

I am sure that all of us hope that we won't have to deal with these kind of issues again in the near future.

Best wishes,

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

November 8

Tag Rugby (Y5/6)

November 9

Remembrance assembly

November 17

Children in Need

Award Winners this week

Teddy Class – Elise,
Darcie and Jack
Panda – Solomon
Koala – Kade and Isla



Drake had the most
house points

Whole school
attendance this term is

96.29%

Other news this week

Attendance: This week, Teddy class achieved 98.39%, with Panda just beating them with 98.68%, followed by Koala with 94.32%.

Remembrance: We will be going to the War Memorial as a whole school next Thursday morning at about 11.30am. We will undertake a short assembly and will be joined by Reverend Warren. The Shebbear Remembrance service will be on Sunday with wreath laying and the two minutes of silence starting at about 10.40am.

We have a box of poppies and various bits that will be on sale all of next week so don't forget to bring in some change.

Tag Rugby: Some of the children in Koala classes will be playing matches against Shebbear College on Wednesday afternoon. Good luck to all those taking part.

Parent Consultation Meetings: These are coming up in a couple of weeks. As a result of the working patterns of staff, the meetings have to be spread over four days. A formal letter will follow but the dates and times will be as follows:

Monday 13th November Teddy Class (Reception only with Mrs Fuller) – 3.40pm onwards, Panda and Koala (3pm onwards)

Tuesday 14th – Teddy Class (Years 1 and 2) Miss Chauhan (3pm onwards)

Wednesday 15th – Panda and Koala classes (3.40pm onwards)

Thursday 16th – Teddy Class (Years 1 and 2) Mrs Wood (3pm onwards)

For Teddy class (Years 1 and 2) it will be an either or between the Tuesday and Thursday rather than seeing both teachers.

For some of the sessions we can start slightly before the end of school – someone else will cover and dismiss the class for the final half hour.

New menu: Hopefully you have had a chance to look at this. There are some really nice dishes on there and it is certainly a chance to try some new thing.

SSSG Halloween Cake Sale: This took place on Monday after school and was very well supported. There were some delicious cakes on sale – obviously, I had to sample a couple – so thanks to all those who donated something and to the SSSG members who sold them. Thanks too to Tika in Year 4 who was selling Halloween tattoos (not real ones). In total, the event raised £

Useful Links

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<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:

Term ends on Friday 15th December

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 3rd January is the first day of the spring term

Spring half term is the w/c 12th February

Spring term ends on Thursday 28th March

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

After School Football Club: This will run for the half term leading up to Christmas. The numbers are still very low but it is possible to still join if you wish to.

Vision Screening for Reception Children: This has been arranged for Tuesday 5th December with the relevant paperwork to complete having been sent direct to parents and carers of Reception children earlier today.

Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation: Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page [weblink?] and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> . Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

Changes we are proposing at this school: None.