
Friday 3rd December 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say that a fair degree of normality has returned to school this week. While we still have a number of children isolating or awaiting test results, the overwhelming majority are now back in school.

As I keep saying though, we do need to continue to be careful and alert to possible symptoms. Testing remains crucial and, as ever, do contact the school if you need any guidance including on when children can return to school following a confirmed case.

Although the junior Christmas production has been postponed to the summer term, we are hopeful that we can enjoy some Christmas events in the final week of term. This includes the theatre trip to Barnstaple to see Cinderella. You should have received information about this yesterday. We are also hopeful that the last day of term service at Lake Chapel which will include Teddy Class's version of the nativity as well as contributions from Panda and Koala class children.

We are going to decide closer to the time whether or not parents and carers can attend. If so, it will probably be limited numbers and, if absolutely necessary, we will prioritise Teddy class parents as these children are the 'headline act' as it were. Fingers crossed.

The SSSG has a couple of events coming up (see below) including the Christmas raffle which will be drawn live this evening at 7pm.

Finally, thank you for the kind messages people have passed on about the school's handling of this recent situation. It has been a far from ideal but it has been made much easier by everyone's understanding and support. I really appreciate that as do all the staff.

Best wishes,

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

December 14

Theatre Trip

December 15

Christmas lunch, parties and fair

December 17

Carol Service

Learning Awards

Teddy – Leo and Solomon

Panda – Pixie and Spencer

Koala – Ellie and Jasper



House point winners were
Astor

Other news this week

Christmas Fair and Raffle: The SSSG Christmas raffle will take place via a live online draw at 7pm this evening. Please see the link below.

Many thanks to everyone who has bought a ticket or donated prizes (or money towards buying them). Good luck if you have got a ticket in the hat!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84820480035?pwd=UkFCRDNXQisrYk4vcU81VmdTOUVFdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 2048 0035 Passcode: Qxe1Rv

The Christmas Fair will take place after school on Wednesday 15th December straight after school. The event will be held outside, so fingers crossed for some good weather. There will be lots of the usual features including a visit from a certain gentleman!

Please do support the event. It really has been a tough couple of years for the SSSG with so few opportunities to raise money for the school.

Selina, Debs (from the SSSG and LB) and myself met earlier this week to look at how we can develop the existing pond area into a space that both the school and Little Bears can use. It is really exciting that we are doing this as a joint project which all of the children across the two settings will be able to enjoy. Your support in events such as the Christmas fair will help us achieve this.

Art Club: This will start again on Monday for those children involved. Don't forget that there are no more SSW football sessions this term.

Face Masks: While there is no requirement for primary children to wear face masks, they may do so if they wish. However, I would ask that we try to avoid the scarf/snood type face coverings which some are finding a little tricky to manage sensibly in class. Thanks.

Charity Shoe Boxes: Thanks to everyone who has returned a shoebox with gifts for less fortunate children this Christmas. These will be passed on to the Rotary Club for distribution. We are looking at the role of charities in PSHE lessons and the importance of thinking of others, not least at this time of the year.

Change of Menu: Next Tuesday (7th December) the menu will now be: Chicken burger or veggie hot dog with skinny fries followed by chocolate mousse and strawberry milkshake.

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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.

Up-coming Term Dates:

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5th January



Christmas Dinner: Looking ahead, we will assume that all children will be having the Christmas dinner on Wednesday 15th December unless we are told otherwise. We will need to know definite numbers by next Tuesday if at all possible, so please let the school office know if your child is not going to have this. Thank you.

Monday 6th December: The office will not be staffed on Monday next week, except for emails being checked first thing. If you need to let us know about any collection arrangements later in the day, please can you ring the office and not email. The answerphone will be checked regularly during the day.

Flu Vaccinations: Hopefully you have all seen the link to book the flu vaccination if you would like your child to have one. This will be done on the afternoon of Thursday 16th December and bookings close at midnight next Wednesday 8th December. If you have not booked by then, your child will not be able to have the vaccination and you will need to make alternative arrangements if you want them to have one.