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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is Children's Mental Health week while on Tuesday it is Safer Internet Day. There is a reasonable argument that the two are increasingly linked together particularly as children get older and start using social media.

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week is Let's Connect and the importance of making and maintaining connections with others. There will be some activities for the children during the week in school. There are also some excellent resources for use at home which can be found on their website. The top tips for families download is particularly useful <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Similarly, we will be using Safer Internet Day on Tuesday to further remind the children about the importance of staying safe online. You may have seen the results of our recent survey about online safety amongst the children and we will be using some of the findings from this to help our teaching. Safer Internet Day also has a website with some useful resources <https://www.saferinternetday.org/join>

Helping to ensure the children are happy and feel supported remains a priority for the school and we are always here to help in any way we can. Always feel free to share with us any concerns you may have.

The recent improvement in school attendance continues and is now at 93.28% up nearly half a percentage point from last week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### February 7

Safer Internet Day

### February 13

Half term week

### March 6

Parent consultations

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Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Sofia, Charlie and Hunter

Panda Class – Darcie and Oakley

Koala Class – Jasper and Bethany



Drake had most house points and also were top of the TT Rock Stars table

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## Other news this week

**Job Opportunity at the school:** Don't forget that the school is recruiting a teaching assistant. The closing date has been extended until next Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup> February). Details can be found here: <http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/teaching-assistant-role-at-shebbear-school/>

**Sports' Report:** We had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday at Shebbear College. We took two teams (16 children in total) and they had the chance to play two matches, one each against the two Shebbear College teams. I am pleased to report that overall we won two, drew one and lost one with some excellent play and some great goals. Well done to all who took part. Our next fixture is a football/netball double header against Hatherleigh just after half term.



**Headlice:** Thanks to everyone in Teddy class for the continued plaiting etc of long hair. Cases of head-lice are down and those identified have been treated. It is probably worth continuing the vigilance for a while longer so we can hopefully eradicate them from the class. Don't forget that the NHS has lots of useful information here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

**Parent Governor Election:** Nominations for this ended today. We had one nomination so there will not be a need for an election. The new parent governor is Richard Tibble and we are delighted to welcome him onto our Governing Body.

**Parent Consultation Meetings:** Two dates for your diary. Parent consultations are going to be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm with the last appointment at 4.30pm. They will also run on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March again from 3pm with a final appointment time of 5.30pm. Unlike in previous years, it is not our intention to run the meetings at various times during the week and parents/carers should sign up for a slot on the set days. Letters and booking details will go out immediately after half term.

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

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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.

**Ofsted Parent View:**  
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

**Latest Ofsted report:**  
<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

### Up-coming Term Dates:

Week of the 13<sup>th</sup> February is half term

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March is the last day of the spring term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April is when the summer term starts

Bank holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Week of the 29<sup>th</sup> May is half term

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