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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are galloping by and we have already reached the mid-way point of this half term.

Don't forget that school is closed on Monday for the May Day bank holiday. I did an assembly earlier in the week about the origins of May Day and some of the traditions including Maypole dancing. Some of the children were quite amused when I told them that it was something many of us did when we were at primary school ourselves – I must confess that I was pretty hopeless. It was suggested by one of my colleagues that it is a tradition we should bring back so you never know!

In the meantime, if you've been quizzed on your own Maypole dancing experience, you know why!

It would help if we actually had some May like weather. As you will read below, the very unseasonal conditions affected some of our sporting fixtures this week.

The Year 6 children are into the final stretch of their SATs preparation. The papers arrived this week and are safely locked away until the tests start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Year 6 parents/carers should look out for a letter from Mrs Gough for all the details.

Have a lovely extended weekend and see you all again on Tuesday morning.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### May 6

Bank Holiday

### May 13

Y6 SATs week

### May 14

Panda rounders GTS

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Award Winners this week  
Teddy Class – Etaniel and  
Liam  
Panda – Ewan, Jake and  
Ryn  
Koala – Otto and Oakley



Drake had the most house points and Christie won the TT Rockstars challenge for this week

Whole school attendance this year is 95.42%

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## Other news this week

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**Attendance:** For this week: 98.0% - well done everyone. A very good week of attendance.

Teddy – 98.67%

Panda – 97.89%

Koala – 95.24%

**Panda Class Residential:** The children in Panda class had a fabulous couple of days (including an overnight stay) at Rock and Rapid earlier in the week. They were able to try a range of adventurous activities including abseiling and climbing. The children really entered into the spirit and many went well beyond their comfort zone. It was an action packed couple of days and I know many of the children were tired as they made their way back to school on Thursday morning. Many thanks to Mrs Evans and Miss Curtis for taking the children, not least the overnight part. Thanks also to the parents and carers for transporting the children to and from the centre.

**Rounders and Cricket:** On Monday morning, our Year 5 pupils attended GTS to take part in a rounders festival. The conditions were not particularly conducive for this classic summer sport (windy, cold, drizzle) however, the children played really well in some tough conditions and scored an excellent win against Bluecoats school. Thanks to Mrs Worth and Mrs Woollacott for helping with the transport.

Our planned Koala class cricket match at Shebbear College on Thursday was postponed because of the rain. It has been rescheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Online Safety:** During a recent computing lesson, I told the children about the 'olden days' when to take and share a photograph meant waiting until you had finished your 24 picture reel, sending it off to be developed only to often find that someone in the picture was blinking or you had cut their head off. It is hard to remember that this wasn't so long ago and it feels like a different world to the instantaneous nature of picture taking today where you can keep going until you get it spot on and share with the wider world in less

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## 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.

**Ofsted Parent View:**

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

**Latest Ofsted report:**

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

**Up-coming Term Dates:**

Bank Holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Whitsun half term is the w/c 27<sup>th</sup> May

Non-pupil day on 17<sup>th</sup> June

Summer term ends on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Autumn Term starts on 4<sup>th</sup> September

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

time than it takes to say Snappy Snaps! The downside of the latter is that things can then be shared without necessarily thinking about the potential consequences. It also highlights some of the potential dangers of social media both for children and us as adults. Some of the children were a little surprised when I went through the age restrictions for these sites. The majority are 13+ with WhatsApp having a minimum age restriction of 16.

The guide below gives a good summary of most of the main social media apps and I would really recommend having a read of this article called 'Is my child ready for social media?' It is particularly useful if your child is putting pressure on you to use one of these sites which may be because they themselves face peer pressure. It is 100% worth a read.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/#:~:text=Most%20of%20the%20popular%20social,because%20of%20data%20protection%20laws.>

