



Shebbear Community School Newsletter

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the areas we have been focussing on is presentation of work. Having neat and well organised work is really important and is great for encouraging pride and confidence. Many of the children already have good handwriting which translates into neat work in their books. Those who find this more of a challenge have been working extremely hard and have made great progress since we returned. It is being supported by a new handwriting scheme we are using called Letter Join which we are embedding across the school.

You may have also noticed that the children have been using a spelling and reading program called Nessy. This is a fantastic and well proven package that really helps children improve both their reading and their spelling. The majority of children have engaged well in this, both at school and at home (where it now forms part of their weekly home learning). Given the success of our trial, which has helped many of the children make big improvements, we are going to subscribe to Nessy for the next 12 months. I would really urge you (if you don't already) to encourage the children to undertake this at home each week. Some children have already taken that message on and are dedicating plenty of time to it. Because we can monitor the usage, we can see what the children are undertaking and it is great to see many of the children being so dedicated that they are even getting some Nessy in before they come to school in the morning!

As Mrs Hawker will be undertaking election duties next week, the school office will be unattended on Thursday, Friday and the following Monday for all or part of the day. The answer phone will be checked regularly so any urgent messages should be by 'phone and not email for these days. Emails will be checked but not until later in the day.

Don't forget that there is no school on Monday because of the Bank Holiday. Therefore, we will see everyone back in school on Tuesday - have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Nick Alford
Headteacher

Learning Awards this week:

Teddy Class – Hunter and Mason
Panda Class – Libby and Spencer
Koala Class – Brooke and Jago
Christie were the winning house