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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Those of you checking Facebook last weekend may well have seen photographs of packed car boots and newly occupied student bedrooms as anxious parents (me included) dropped their children off to start university. The feeling was very much the same as the one you have when they start school and those anxieties we have about our children don't really change whether they are four or 18. The time between these two events seems to have really flown by so I would urge you to cherish every moment of their childhood!

I have been incredibly impressed by the way our new reception children have settled in and have had an excellent first month of full time school. We have had very few tears or tantrums and that is a real credit to you as parents and carers.

The children of Shebbear as a whole never cease to impress me with their resilient attitude to school. We have had a number of children who have had some tough things to deal with outside of school. You would rarely notice this while they are here and demonstrate a 'just get on with it' attitude. This is a real testament to them.

However, we are always here to help where we can so please don't hesitate to let us know if there are things happening at home that you think might affect them in school. We will do all we can to support them.

The children's happiness and well-being is our number one priority and I was very pleased when this was identified in our recent Ofsted inspection.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### October 4

Author visits

### October 7

Flu immunisations

### October 13

Harvest Festival

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Awards were given this week to:

Teddy Class – Poppy,  
Ethaniel and Hunter  
Panda Class – Beau, Tika,  
Solomon and Remi  
Koala – Annie and Kade



House point winners for this week were Christie.

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## Other news this week

**SSSG AGM:** The Shebbear School Support Group (SSSG) AGM will be held this Thursday, 6th October, in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. For those new to the school, the SSSG is our parents/teacher association. They run various events throughout the year in order to raise money for the school. The SSSG would love to have some new members who can help out and spread the tasks. There's no set commitment necessary, just a willingness to help out when you can. Even if you are not able to join the meeting on Thursday, please let us know via the school office if you may be able to help out in the future.

**Panda Class Multi-Skills:** Panda class children will be attending a multi skills festival at GTS on Tuesday 4th October. Please can you ensure your child is wearing their PE kit to school that day with their school jumper or hoody. They will be back to school in time for lunch and will be travelling by minibus and car with Mrs Evans and Mrs Quance.

**Y6 Bikeability:** Thanks to those who have returned their forms for this. We are down to the last couple of spaces so do submit your form if you have not already done so.

**Appledore Book Festival:** Our two author visits are coming up next week. Both Justin Edwards and Chloe Inkpen will be visiting school to talk to the children. In advance of this, you may wish to purchase one of their books which are on display in the front lobby and can be purchased from the office.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

Parent Consultations will be during the week of the 17th October (just before half term) with full details to follow

Flu Immunisations for those who have signed up will be next Friday (7th October)

Year 6 Bikeability takes place over two days on the 10th and 11th October and the 17th and 18th October

Harvest Festival is on Thursday 13th October

Children in KS2 have been invited up to Shebbear College to play some tag rugby. Koala Class will go on the 13th October and Panda on the 18th

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## 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.

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

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

### **Up-coming Term Dates:**

Autumn half term is the week of the 24th October

Term ends on Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 4th January is the first day of the spring term

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