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Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term draws to an end, sadly not with the skies full of sunshine as we often have at this time of year. Hopefully it will improve over the next couple of weeks. Easter is normally a really nice holiday period – none of the pressures you have at Christmas and the south west (although often busy) isn't quite so clogged up with holiday makers as you might find in July and August.

Whatever you end up doing, I hope that you have a lovely couple of weeks and enjoy the break from the school run, making sure their uniform is clean and making those packed lunches every day! The Primary Times always has lots of ideas for things to do. Use this link to find out more: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/630fff68-89d3-4fdf-9d12-785648a5044b> The following link also lists some of the places that are offering free or reduced price meals for kids during the Easter holidays: <https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

We were pleased to welcome Reverend Warren on Thursday afternoon. He led an assembly about Easter and, in particular, the importance of the cross. All of the children were offered a palm cross to take home which most of the children did. You can read more about some of school Easter traditions below.

The summer term starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April (no non-pupil day) although there are a couple of Bank Holidays shortly after we return on the 1<sup>st</sup> May (May Day) and the 8<sup>th</sup> for the King's Coronation.

In the meantime, have a super Easter break and see you all back in school in a couple of weeks.

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### March 31

Last day of term

### April 14

SSSG Pond clear up

### April 17

First day of Summer term

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Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy Class – Leo, Ryn and Max

Panda Class – Barnaby and Darcie

Koala Class – Caitlyn and Tom

Christie had most house points



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## Other news this week

**Easter:** One of the great Shebbear traditions is egg rolling at the end of the Spring term. This took place on Thursday morning. Prior to this, the decorated eggs were judged. As ever, the standard was really good and Mrs Hawker (the official judge) had some tough decisions to make. Judging the egg rolling is somewhat easier – the one that rolls the furthest wins. After some year group heats, the seven winners rolled off for the top prize with one of our youngest contestants, Darcie in Reception winning and earning an Easter egg as a prize. The winners were as follows:

Egg decorating – year group winners: Morwenna, Kyra, Teddy, Fred, Rachel, Otto, Rupert



Egg rolling (heat winners): Darcie, Kyra, Teddy, Grayson, Hannah, Otto and Reggie.



**Easter Egg Raffle:** Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket this week. In the end we sold well over 100 tickets. The names were due to be drawn this afternoon. Many thanks, too, to all those who donated a prize. We really appreciated it.

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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:

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a bank holiday

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

The school will be closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

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

**Pond Clear Up:** The SSSG require volunteers to form a working party to help clear the pond area so we can develop a clear, safe space for the children to use. We will be meeting in the school grounds on Friday 14th April at 9.30am. We have hired a skip so we can have a really good clean up and get this space utilised.

If you can lend a hand, no matter how much time you have spare, please bring along any tools/pressure washers so we can cut back the hedges and over growth.

We will be providing hot drinks and bacon rolls!

Any queries please contact Selina Woollacot or Leanne Marshall.

Many thanks in advance for your support!

Leanne Marshall

Chairman of the SSSG

**Happy Birthday Vikki:** Many happy returns to Vikki in the kitchen who celebrated a special birthday yesterday. Before we started egg rolling, the whole school sang happy birthday to her.

**New teaching space:** Work will start over the holiday period on creating a new teaching space that will hopefully be in place by the end of the summer term. We are clearing an area behind the hall to accommodate a new teaching cabin.

**Sport for Champions:** The children should have brought home their sponsorship forms. Hopefully they will be able to get some sponsors over the Easter holidays. As you will recall, we are looking forward to a visit from Bex Rayner who is a professional footballer. I am sure it will be really inspiring and enjoyable for the children. The sponsorship is to help cover the cost of the visit and hopefully some extra to buy some additional PE equipment. People can donate (instead of or as well as getting sponsors) via a Crowd Funder page. Link here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/shebbear>  
Thanks in advance.

