

# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break and managed to spend some time together as a family.

You certainly know that we are well in to the autumn term now – wet and windy weather and darkness by 5pm. I spoke to the children this week in assembly about being extra safe during the winter months when the mornings and evenings are so dark. Lots of the children have fluorescent strips on their coats which are really useful at this time of year.

I don't think the miserable weather on Monday evening put everyone off their trick or treating. The children were keen to share details of their costumes and all the sweets they managed to get.

The traditions of autumn continue this weekend with both Guy Fawkes night and the turning of the Devil's stone. Again, I used assembly to talk about firework safety (including using sparklers) and also the importance of being safe in bigger crowds (such as a firework display). I know the children at Shebbear are very sensible and safety aware but it is always worth reminding everyone.

Hopefully you'll have a great time if you are heading off to an event this weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

### November 11

Remembrance Day

### November 16

Football vs Bradworthy

### November 23

Eden Project Trip

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No awards were given this week. They start again next week.



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## Other news this week

**Remembrance Day:** Weather permitting, we plan to walk down to the War Memorial next Friday morning and observe a period of silence at 11am. If the weather is not being kind, we will have an assembly at school.

We have various poppies and Remembrance Day items for sale. Our Year 6 selling team are on the playground each morning and after school should you wish to purchase something.

**After School Clubs:** Thanks to those who have signed up to one of the clubs on offer this half term. The Multi-Skills club is very low on numbers and we may not be able to run this in January, if we don't get more children signing up for it. Running after school clubs presents quite a challenge. We have relatively few staff (being a small school) and the pressures of modern school life means they have limited capacity. It means we have to draft in external providers, who make a charge. Our smaller pupil numbers means that the clubs generally have to be all ages (which puts some off) or more age specific, which means the numbers can end up so low that they become unviable.

I'm always happy to discuss the possibility of volunteers to run clubs. Please let me know if this may be of interest.

**Black History Month:** During the month of October, each teaching staff member led an assembly highlighting a black history hero. Some of the people featured included Barack Obama, Mae Jemison, Denise Lewis and Jack Leslie. The latter has been in the news of late as a statue has recently been unveiled outside of Plymouth's football stadium. Jack was one of the first black players in England and played for Argyle in the 1920's and 30's scoring 137 goals. In 1925 he was picked to play for England but the decision was reversed when the selectors were told about the colour of his skin.

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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:

Term ends on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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/>

