
Friday 4th March 2022

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the children had a great half term break and enjoyed their first week back. Being able to celebrate World Book Day normally felt like another step back to normality.

The last half term ended in a rather abrupt way with Storm Eunice forcing the closure of our school along with most others in Devon. The school seems to have escaped fairly lightly although many of you were not so lucky and suffered damage and loss of electricity. As I said at the time, closing the school is never an easy decision to make and often much easier to evaluate in hindsight. I think anyone who saw the clip of the tree toppling over in the middle of Bude will understand that being cautious is probably the best course of action to take. Well done to all those children who remoted in for home learning. I am inclined to think that old fashioned snow days will be a thing of the past. Obviously, for this to happen it will necessitate some snow which has been rather thin on the ground (literally) over the last few years although I was reminded on Facebook that it was four years ago this week that we had the big downpour of snow courtesy of the Beast from the East.

That name might be interpreted in a slightly different way at the moment with the events in Ukraine. We have been very mindful in school to not dwell on this too much (and unnecessarily upset or worry the children) while be ready to answer any questions about the situation, of which there have been plenty particularly amongst the older children.

It is certainly a worrying time and the TV coverage from Ukraine has been really upsetting. While as a school we cannot do much, we do want to do something and our school council met this morning to come up with a plan.

As a result, we are going to have a non-uniform day next Thursday, the 10th March. The theme will be the blue and yellow colours of the



Upcoming Events

March 10

Non-uniform day

March 14

Year 1/2 swimming starts

March 28

Parent consultations this week

Learning Awards

Teddy – Jake and Grayson

Panda – Libby and
Spencer

Koala – Josh and James



Ukraine flag. We will also be offering children to plant a sunflower seed to grow as a symbol of peace. Hopefully by the time the beautiful yellow flowers are blooming, peace will have been restored.

We will ask for donations (suggested £1 for the non-uniform and 50p for a sunflower) but all donations are welcome including larger ones if you would like. We will send it to the Government Ukraine appeal. They have pledged to match all donations so let's see how much we can raise as a school. There will hopefully be some further fundraising activities on the day with further details to follow.

Mr Alford

Other news this week

World Book Day: It was lovely to be able to celebrate World Book Day in school this year, after the remote version 12 months ago. There were some fantastic costumes on display and we were all impressed by the creativity many of you showed. Thank you! It was hard deciding on some winners for the competition, but after much deliberation they were:

Max (Stickman) in Teddy
Spencer (Gangsta Granny) in Panda
Ollie (Gangsta Granny) in Koala

Panda and Koala tuned into a live event about using your imagination with tips and inspiration from Michael Morpurgo and Simon Farnaby, among others, Teddy class also got to meet (virtually) Michael Morpurgo and take part in his live storytelling of his WBD book: Jemima the Pig and the 127 Acorns.

We had an assembly in the afternoon followed by a peer reading session where the children shared their book with someone from another class. It was lovely for the children to have this opportunity as we haven't been able to do anything similar for two years.

On a separate note, the extreme places to read photo challenge winner will be announced on Monday (entries are now closed).

SWW Visit: The children in Panda Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Sophie Moore, on Wednesday afternoon, who is the Community Education Officer at South West Water.

Useful Links

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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>

Up-coming Term Dates:

Half Term is the week of the 21st February

The last day of term is Friday 8th April.

Summer term starts on Monday 25th April

May Bank Holiday is on Monday 2nd May



She talked through why SSW and what the company children could do to save water and were shown an experiment to see breakdown whilst others do not. This children as we have previously Christmas. Sophie was amazed by took away some new information.



the water cycle was so important to did. Sophie also explained what the how waste water was treated. They how biodegradable materials was a good revision session for the completed a topic on water before the children's knowledge but they also

Swimming: Pupils in Years 1 and 2 should be starting their swimming sessions a week on Monday. There has been a delay in starting due to some issues around the use of the minibus from Shebbear College. Hopefully it will be resolved soon but in the meantime we are trying to find a temporary solution. Parents/carers in those year groups should get an update next week.

Parent Consultations: We have had to move these back a week from the previously advertised week commencing 21st March to the week commencing 28th March. More details to follow closer to the time.