

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break and managed to have some fun family together. This Friday sees a great Shebbear tradition, the turning of the Devil's stone. The stone turning is at 8pm but there are various things going on prior to this. If you're new to the area and wondering what it's all about, this may help:

<https://calendarcustoms.com/articles/turning-the-devils-stone/>

The box of Remembrance poppies have arrived and will be on sale each morning. There are various related items so don't forget to bring in some change. The school will be visiting the War Memorial in Shebbear next Thursday (11th November) to pay our respects. The Remembrance Sunday service takes place a few days later (14th). Please let me know if your child may be willing to attend to represent the school. I can then arrange to meet you on the day.

The school was very busy over the half term break with the installation of our new heating system (they started in the summer but couldn't quite finish then). The school is certainly feeling nice and warm and I am pleased to say that we have exchanged our old system for an air source heat pump, so we are also doing our bit for the environment.

Many thanks to Mr Goode, one of our school governors, for overseeing the works and doing lots of the unlocking and locking up during the week.

Mr Alford



Upcoming Events

November 19

Children in Need

November 25

Non-uniform day

December 3

Christmas Fair

Learning Awards

Awards were given this week to:

Teddy – Tika and Hunter

Panda – Pixie, Hannah, Buster, Sam H

Koala – Cody and Jasper

House point winners were
Drake



Other news this week

Covid: As you may know, we have had cases of Covid within the school community this week. Please continue to monitor for possible symptoms and get a PCR test if you are concerned. I understand that some children are showing cold like symptoms such as headaches, runny noses, sneezing, sore throats as well as, or instead of the traditional ones. With cold season in full swing, it makes it even harder to spot but I would err on the side of caution if in doubt.

Presentation and handwriting: Just before half term, the children were given a presentation challenge to see how much progress they could make in the week or so prior to the holidays. It has been really pleasing to see many of the books and the improvements that have been made. The teachers have been really encouraging the children to show pride in their work (every lesson, every day) and it has made all the difference for many so a big well done!

Shipwreck Sam: The children in Teddy class were this week treated to a performance of the play Shipwreck Sam, performed by the Boo to a Goose Theatre Company. It was a thoroughly entertaining show and all of the children in Teddy class really enjoyed the experience.

We do have a whole school theatre trip coming up on the 14th December to see the pantomime Cinderella at the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple.

Christmas Show: The pupils in Panda and Koala class have started work on their own Christmas show which is going to be a version of Aladdin. The performance itself is on Wednesday 8th December at 10am and again at 6pm.

Easy Fundraising: Thanks to everyone who has signed up to this. The Easy Fundraising scheme means that you can earn money for the school each time you buy something online. Just signing up will earn us £15. It's easy to do and has already earned the school over £500. All the details for signing up are here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shebbearsch/>

Maths Week: Next week, we will be celebrating mathematics and numbers. There will be lots of activities going on including some live

Useful Links

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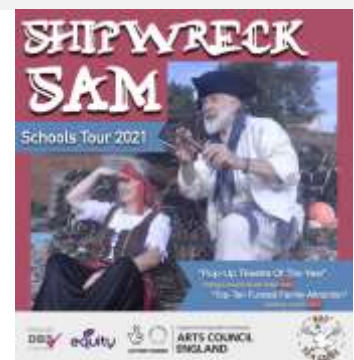
Safeguarding: Any concerns should be reported to Mr Alford who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. In his absence contact Mrs Gough or Mrs Evans.

Up-coming Term Dates:

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Non-pupil day on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 5th January



link ups and a Times Tables Rockstars inter school competition. The children can earn points from between 7.30am on Monday 8th until 7.30pm on Thursday 11th. Hopefully the children will help Shebbear to win and everyone will be inspired to love maths even more!

Non-uniform Day: There will be one of these on Thursday 25th November with the cost being a prize for the Christmas Fair which is on the following Friday (3rd December).

Other Items that may be of Interest:

Saints South West are running a number of football camps over the Christmas holidays. Details here:

<https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/camps>

