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Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival on Wednesday. It is always lovely to see the hall packed full of people. Well done to the children for the various contributions including some lovely singing.

Similarly, many thanks for the harvest donations. These will be taken to the food bank in Holsworthy in the coming days.

The Shebbear School Support Group (SSSG) met on Wednesday evening for their AGM and to plan future fundraising events. The new committee is as follows:

Chair: Georgie Monaghan

Treasurer: Selina Woollacott

Secretary: Carly Hookway

Thanks to them for volunteering and also to everyone else who attended the meeting. The Christmas fair has been booked for Friday 1st December in the village hall so please keep that date free in your diary.

Despite talk of Christmas, I believe we are in line for an unusually warm and sunny weekend so I do hope you are able to make the most of it.

Best wishes,

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

October 10

Open Morning 2

October 12

Phonics talk

October 17

Panda tag rugby

Award Winners this week

Teddy Class – Charlie,
Emily, Liam, Jack, Elsie,
Hope
Panda – Solomon,
Hunter, Max
Koala – Oakley R and
Oakley H



Drake had the most
house points

Whole school
attendance this term is
96.2%

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Other news this week

Attendance: Teddy class continue to lead the way on attendance with 97.76% closely followed by Panda on 97.14% and Koala on 93.38%.

Phonics and Early Reading: On Thursday 12th October at 3pm, Mrs Fuller is hosting an informal session to explain how we teach phonics and early reading at school, and to offer some tips to help you help your child at home. This is not just for new parents/carers, all are welcome, even if you have been before!

Teddy Class Wish List: If you have any old birthday or other greetings cards, we can make good use of them by using the unwritten side. We would also welcome pens with a bit of life left in them, envelopes and stickers for decorating and stamping. We are also looking for pine cones, acorns and conkers! Thank you in advance.

Rabbi Claude: After a little confusion about dates last week, we finally had our online session with Rabbi Claude. He spoke to all of the children about what it was like being a Rabbi, the recent festivals of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and the importance of the Bar and Bats Mitzvah in the Jewish faith. These are all areas of learning that the children have covered or are about to cover. He also answered many of the excellent questions the children asked. He was very impressed by the knowledge many of the children had and hopefully they enjoyed the experience.

Panda Multi-Skills: On Tuesday, the children from Panda class spent the morning at GTS doing a range of sports to help develop their sporting skills. They had a great time despite the sudden downpour they encountered. Thanks to Shebbear College for use of the mini-bus and to Fred's gran for helping out with the transport.

After School Football Club: By the time you are reading this, our new PE coach should have undertaken his first session at the school. The take up for the after school football club has not been great. However, we are planning to trial it starting after half term – please let the school office know if your child is interested.

Open Days: We ran one of these on Thursday and have another next Tuesday. They are aimed at anyone looking for a school place in the next year or so. Feel free to join us from 9.30am.

Uniform Orders: Mrs Hawker will be placing an order next week – please let her know if you would like any items. The next order will then be in the New Year.

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 23rd October

Term ends on Friday 15th December

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 3rd 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/>