
Friday 8th October 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been lucky enough to have more visitors in school this week as part of the Appledore Book Festival. On Monday Patrice Lawrence spoke to the children in Koala and Panda about her journey to become a writer and later signed copies of her books. Patrice also very kindly cut the ribbon for the opening of our refurbished library. She was helped by Finley and Archie, whose family very kindly did lots of the initial work to convert the previous space. They were assisted by some of our keenest readers. On Wednesday, Teddy class had their chance when John Dougherty came in. He was very entertaining and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. Many thanks to Mrs Gough for organising the visits. Hopefully it will have inspired the children!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford



Patrice cutting the ribbon

Extra Day of Holiday: As you probably know, next year marks the 70th year since the Queen became our monarch. To celebrate this, there is to be an extra bank holiday. The official day falls during the Whitsun holiday so schools have been told they can have an additional day in lieu of this. After much deliberation, we have gone for Tuesday 21st June. This is the day



Upcoming Events

October 18

Parent Consultations during this week

October 22

Harvest Festival

October 25

Half Term starts

Learning Awards

Awards were given this week to:

Teddy – Mason and Ryn

Panda – Oakley H and Hannah

Koala – Danny and Elliot



House point winners were Babbage.

after the non-pupil day that was already in place (Monday 20th). It means there will be a four day period of no school (including the weekend) for anyone looking to book a short break.

We have also set the term dates for the following year (2022/23) and they can be found on our school website:

<http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Sheb-term-dates-2022-23.pdf>

Other news this week

Mrs Rayer: Our very athletic teaching assistant in Koala class took part in a virtual London Marathon on Sunday morning. Rather than pounding the streets of London she was running around the roads of North Devon in the rain as part of a world record for a virtual marathon. She completed the course in just under six hours which is an amazing effort. Mrs Rayer also raised £700 for the North Devon Hospice. I am certain she would be happy to receive any further donations which can be given via this Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Anita-Rayer7>

Harvest Festival: I am pleased to say that we are planning to invite parents and carers to attend our Harvest Festival on Friday 22nd October (9.15am start), however we are going to have to restrict numbers. It will mean that there is a maximum of two tickets per family (not per pupil). Tickets can be booked via this Google Form:

<https://tinyurl.com/4h2tjyfs>

There will be a foodbank collection so donations of tins, packets and boxes of food will be very welcome. No fresh food though.

Parent Consultations: These take place during the week of the 18th October. They are at various times depending on the teacher's work pattern and can be either in person or via Zoom depending on what suits you best. You can book a slot via the Google Form which will be posted onto Class Dojo for Teddy Class or Google Classroom for Panda and Koala very shortly.

Census Day Menu: Thanks to everyone who had lunch on Thursday. We had a brilliant take up which really helps the school out financially.

Online Safety: This is a useful web page about the use of parental controls on various devices such as iPads, PS4s and social media sites such as Tik Tok and You Tube. I highly recommend a read:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls>

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:

Autumn half term is the w/c 25th October

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

The amazing Mrs Rayer crossing the finishing line.



Black History Month: The children learnt more about the poet Benjamin Zephaniah and watched this great clip of him, reading one of his poems. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySCnplz_Ai0

SSSG Halloween Balloon Race:

Virtual Balloon Race. Hosted by Eco Racing.

Your balloon will be in a virtual race with other charity's balloons. The prizes for the race are 1st £500 Cash, 2nd Apple iPad, 10 lucky winners of £10 Book Tokens

The SSSG will be giving prizes for the 3 SSSG balloons which travel the furthest.

1st £10

2nd £8

3rd £5

Balloons cost £3 each. £2.40 goes to the SSSG. Link to the balloon race to buy your balloon:

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1905>

Please name your balloon to make it easier to track.

The SSSG are raising funds to transform the pond area.