
Friday 8th December 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, our KS2 children put on a fantastic performance with their presentation of 'Panto Pandemonium'. It was an excellent show enjoyed by all those present. There were some amazing individual performances and the singing from all of the children was of a very high standard.

Well done to everyone for their hard work in learning their lines and the songs. Thanks also to Mrs Evans and Mrs Gough for directing the show and everyone who helped make it such a special occasion.

Thank you for your donations at the end of each show. This raised over £170 which will be used to buy additional microphones for future shows.

The last week of term is set to be a busy one. On Wednesday we have Christmas lunch followed by class parties. The children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on the day.

On Friday, we have our end of term Carol Service at Lake Chapel. This starts at 1.30pm. It is always a lovely occasion and a great way to end the term. All parents and carers are welcome to attend on the day.

The children should be collected directly from the chapel at 2.10pm when the service ends. If you are unable to attend, I would ask that you make the necessary arrangements for collection and do let us know if, for example, another parent is collecting them.

The school will then be closed until Wednesday 3rd January for the Christmas holidays.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

December 13

Xmas lunch and party

December 15

Carol Service

December 16

Xmas holidays start

Award Winners this week
Teddy Class – Oliver, Poppy and Isaac
Panda – Jake and Willow
Koala – Casey and Barnaby



Drake had the most house points

Whole school attendance this term is 95.79%

Other news this week

Attendance: The overall attendance for the year has just slipped below 96% this week. There has been a fair bit of illness around. The emphasises the importance of avoiding any unnecessary absences as you never know when the children will be truly unable to come into school such as a sickness bug. Teddy had the best attendance this week with 94.38% followed by Panda on 94% and Koala on 90.91. Well done to those children who have 'soldiered on' over the last couple of weeks, despite not always feeling their absolute best. I was particularly impressed by how many children from Panda and Koala were in on Thursday morning despite being tired from the show the night before.

SSSG fundraising update: In October 2023 a new committee was formed. The first fundraising event we held was a Halloween cake sale and then we started planning the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Raffle.

- The Halloween cake sale made a profit of £136.80
- The Christmas Fayre made a profit of £266.24
- The Christmas raffle made a profit of £314
- The Advent candles have made a profit so far of £36, there are still some candles available to buy ready for next year or as decorations.

The SSSG would like to thank everyone who helps with the setting up, running and cleaning up at events. A big thank you to everyone for supporting our events and thank you for all the donations - we would not be able to run the Secret Room without your kind donations.

The funds raised will be used towards the purchase of tablets for the children to use, and will fund children's first aid courses. The plan is for the first aid course to take place during school hours in the Summer Term.

Thank you from the SSSG Team.

Opening of the new classroom: Earlier today, we welcome Ron, Graeme and James Ackland to the school. They were here to officially open the new classroom that is being used by our Reception children. The Ackland family very kindly donated some money to the school which was able to pay for this new facility. A plaque on the building recognises their generosity and it was lovely to welcome them both into school. Many of you will know that Ron is celebrating his 90th birthday this weekend so the children gave him a special rendition of happy birthday to you.

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:

Term ends on Friday 15th December at 2.10pm

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 3rd January is the first day of the spring term

Spring half term is the w/c 12th February

Spring term ends on Thursday 28th March

Full date list can be found here: <http://www.shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>



Santa Dash: If you were driving by the school at about 11.30 this morning you may have been surprised to see dozens of children running around the playground in their Santa hats, tinsel and Christmas jumpers. They were taking part in a North Devon Santa Dash which was intended to get as many people as possible running this morning. The children (and staff) did really well and clocked up many a lap of the circuit which ran around the playground. The laps were counted to find which of our houses were the eventual winners. In the end it was Astor that triumphed.

Sir Geoffrey Cox MP: Unfortunately, Sir Geoffrey was unable to come today as he was ill. He will hopefully rearrange a visit for the new year.

Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills: This event was postponed by GTS as a result of the cold weather. It will hopefully be rearranged in the spring term.

Panda Swimming: Panda class are due to start their sessions on Monday 8th January and families involved should have received a letter giving details.

Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Measuring: We have been told that the school nurse will be visiting on the 4th March to do this. A letter giving more information was sent out some time ago, but I have attached it again to this newsletter. The link to withdraw your child has now passed, but if you want to discuss this further then please contact them directly.