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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After what has seemed like a very long term, we do finally reach the Easter holidays. The children have spent time over the last few weeks learning more about the Easter story and the significance of Holy Week to Christians across the world.

We have also had various Easter related activities going on in school including the egg rolling and Easter egg hunt (see reports below).

While not Easter related, the children in Koala class were making pizzas on Monday as part of their Food Technology topic this term and yesterday Panda were making hot cross buns. It meant at the start of the week the school was smelling like Pizza Hut and ending the week smelling like Greggs the bakers! Most importantly, the children really enjoyed it and they tasted delicious.

Despite the pressures of the curriculum and the forthcoming SATs tests (along with the various other assessments mentioned last week) we do try to retain a broad curriculum and include as much enjoyment as we can. After the last two years, it is really important that children have the chance to take part in these type of activities as well as trips, singing, art and sport. For most of us, it is these elements that we often remember from our own school days. So while learning to read and write, be confident at maths and build a wide range of knowledge in different subjects is still our central role, we will always find a space for the wider curriculum to ensure the children enjoy school and build a love of learning, whether that be in algebra or pizza making.

Have a lovely Easter break. Let's hope the weather cheers up a bit. The sunshine seems to have disappeared since the moment I mentioned on here about the importance of sun cream!!

Take care and see you all back on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Mr Alford

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## Upcoming Events

### April 25

New Term Starts

### May 2

Bank Holiday

### May 9

KS2 SATs start

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## Learning Awards

Teddy – Hector, Ethaniel and Solomon

Panda – Archie and Reuben

Koala – Reggie and Ella

House point winners were  
Christie

TT Rockstars winners - Drake



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## Other news this week

**Mr Stevens:** Children in Panda class have spent the last half term enjoying lessons with Mr Stevens, who is a student teacher from MarJon university in Plymouth. He has done a fantastic job working alongside Mrs Evans and I know the children have enjoyed having him. He has proved to be a real asset and we will miss him being in school. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well for his future career.

**Egg Rolling:** Well done to everyone who took part in this. It always provides an exciting and fun end to the Spring term. The winners were: Egg Decorations – overall winner was Max in Teddy. Class winners were Sammy in Panda and Reggie in Koala. Egg Rolling – overall winner was Hunter in Teddy. Class winners were Annie W in Panda and Zac in Koala.

**SSSG Easter Egg Treasure Hunt:** On behalf of the SSSG:

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Easter event on Wednesday. We really enjoyed organising it and it's great to be back being able to arrange fundraising events again! Huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes, uniform and gave cash donations. And another huge thanks to everyone who joined in with the trail and returned with their completed sheets, we hope you enjoyed finding the clues and cryptic questions! In total we raised an amazing £141.37. The winners of the Easter trail are:

Teddy – Grayson    Panda - Annie W    Koala – Zac



Well done to our winners and well done to all of the children and parents and carers who took part, we loved your enthusiasm! We were keeping our fingers crossed the rain stayed away which it did! As always, thank you to all helpers and SSSG team members for their hard work in making these events happen and thank you to all of the staff for their continued support when we hold these events.

Just a heads up for the summer term, we will be holding a family quiz so please keep an eye out for more details after the Easter break!

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## Useful Links

### School Contact Details

**Tel:** 01409 281220

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### Website:

<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>

### Up-coming Term Dates:

Summer term starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

May Bank Holiday is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term is the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> May

The school is closed for a non-pupil day and the extra day for the Queen's Jubilee on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

The last day of the summer term is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

The autumn term starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Islam Talk:** On Wednesday morning, the children had an online assembly about Islam. This linked to their recent RE topic on the faith. A lady called Umi Merali Zoomed in from London to talk to the children. Amongst other things, she talked about what it is like fasting during the month of Ramadan which is currently taking place. She also answered many of the children's excellent questions.

We have been trying hard to give the children enrichment opportunities and hear people from different faiths. This year we have had a Jewish speaker, Islam (as above) and Christian from when Reverend Warren comes in to school. Next term we are hopefully welcoming Reverend Leigh who is the Methodist chaplain at the college and I am trying to find a Sikh speaker to talk to the children about Sikhism, which is our RE topic after Easter.

**Special Visitor:** On Thursday after school, we had a visit from Richard Brown who is the son of a previous head at Shebbear, David Brown. He ran the school between 1964 and 1987. They were also the last family to live in the school house. What is now the staff room was Richard's bedroom and the school office was their living room. He told me that both his mum and dad were teachers at the school and spent his entire junior years being taught by one or the other (two years each – just imagine that children!!). He was intrigued by the various changes that have taken place since he left in 1979 as I was about some of the features that existed in the past including a bathroom half way up the stairs to my office and a garage where the main entrance is now. Sadly, both his mum and dad have now passed on but the Brown family will always have an important place in the history of Shebbear School.

**Easter at the Burton Gallery:** Please see the attached information about events at the Burton Gallery this Easter. Amongst other events, they have an exhibition about children's books including one of my favourites, Charlie and Lola.

**Hatherleigh Cricket Club:** Would like to invite you to their open evening on 22nd April from 5:30pm onwards. We have cricket for all ages! (See attached poster).

If you are 5-8 years old, you can come and join our softball cricket All Stars on Saturday morning between 9:30am and 10:30am. You can sign up, following this link here:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/1c3ec643-a312-401a-8b01-4053e0e248a3>

If you are 8-11 years old, you can come and join our softball cricket Dynamos on Friday evening between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. You can sign up for Dynamos, by following this link here:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/25f56ecd-fbd2-4a96-a7d1-f24a418d6956>

Also on Friday evenings between 5:30pm and 6:30pm is hardball cricket training for Primary School age children and out newly formed women's softball team training as well.

We are a family friendly club who welcome all to our training. You will get a warm welcome with the bar open and food being served. If you would like anymore details, please contact Alex on [hathjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:hathjuniors@gmail.com)