
Friday 9th June 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a lovely half term break. It was certainly beautiful weather but also very busy across Devon and Cornwall. On the first Saturday of the break I was driving up to Birmingham for a family wedding the next day, and the traffic heading down to the south west was unbelievable with barely a break in the congestion from Okehampton to beyond Bristol. I did feel for those people who must have taken hours to get down here. You'll be relieved to hear that we had a lovely journey up with no congestion at all although spending a couple of days in Birmingham made me realise even more how lucky we all are living in Devon!

The sunny weather continues so another reminder about the importance of sunscreen, sunhats and water bottles. The children have been good about it so far and there have been some cracking hats on display.

If you get chance, do go and have a look at our new mini-classroom which is adjacent to Teddy classroom. It was installed during the holidays and is lovely! It has created an additional space within the school. Its main purpose will be for reception pupils from September. You will also notice a new door that will connect it to the main Teddy classroom.

Unfortunately, the planned new playground markings hit some technical difficulties meaning some of the old ones have been removed while some remain. The whole job will now be completed in the summer holidays including the new markings.

There is lots to look forward to in this last half term of the school year not least **Sports' Day** which is less than a fortnight away and **takes place on Wednesday 21st June starting at 1.20pm** on the village hall playing field next door. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a picnic and some chairs.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

June 12

Cricket league game 2

June 14

Go Wild in Teddy class

June 14

Cricket tournament

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy – Sophia, Charlie and Dexter

Panda – Tommy and Rachel

Koala – Annie and Reggie

Drake were the house point winners for this week



Other news this week

Cricket: I'm sure other cricket nerds out there will know that a week from today, the Ashes series starts when England take on Australia in a five match series. I'm pleased to say that we also have lots of cricket going on ourselves. We played (and won) our first match in a new after school league – report from Mrs Evans below – with our next game coming up this Monday. Then on Wednesday, we are taking a team over to North Devon Cricket Club at Instow to take part in a tournament. Meanwhile, a number of Shebbear children are taking part in the All Stars and Dynamos programmes run at the weekend as well as starring for the Hatherleigh youth teams. It is great to see so many children getting involved!

It was a pleasure to accompany the team to Westcroft School on Monday for the first cricket league fixture. It was a closely fought game with some excellent bowling, fielding and batting from both teams. Well done to all of our players who conducting themselves and participated brilliantly. The end result went our way with the final score of 136 runs to us and 132 to Westcroft.

Year 1 phonics and Y4 Multiplication Tables: The final couple of statutory assessments started this week with Year 4 pupils undertaking the multiplication tables test. This is done online in a format that is very similar to TT Rock Stars. The children complete 25 random times tables questions in a very strict time limit. Next week, these will be completed and the Year 1 children will undertake their phonics screening assessment. Here the children have to identify 40 words using their phonics knowledge. This is completed on a one to one basis and will be overseen by Mrs Wood next Thursday and Friday morning.

Mrs Barnes: A big Shebbear welcome to Mrs Barnes who has joined us this week as a teaching assistant and will be working in Teddy class.

Menu Changes: Please note that on Wednesday 21st June (sports day) it will be fish fingers and not a roast. If you have already booked and your child will not enjoy the changed menu, please go back into the app and either cancel or make the necessary change. Otherwise, all children booked in for roast turkey will automatically be booked fish fingers and chips.

On Thursday 13th July, our soon to be leaving Year 6 children have

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.

Ofsted Parent View:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Latest Ofsted report:
<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50188808>

Up-coming Term Dates:

The school will be closed on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th June

The last day of the summer term is Friday 21st July (2pm finish)

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 6th September

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



chosen the following farewell meal – Chicken or Veggie Burger with chips or salad. This will be followed by pancakes with lemon and sugar or toffee sauce.

Really Wild: Next Wednesday, the children in Teddy will enjoy a 'Really Wild' experience. Some of you will recall from their previous visit that they bring in a range of small animals and creepy crawlies (there's normally a spider or two in there along with some snakes). Those who are brave enough (that wouldn't be me) often have the chance to hold them! It should be a fun morning.

Uniform: Mrs Hawker will be placing a uniform order soon. Please contact her for an order form if you wish to order any items for delivery before we break up for the summer holidays.

London Residential: A friendly nudge that the final payments are due very soon. Thanks for the payments received so far.

Teddy Class trip: Look out for a letter on Monday about a forthcoming Teddy class trip. The children will be taking the bus to Torrington with further details to follow.

Date Correction: On the first newsletter after the Easter break a date list was included. It said that the week of the 10th June would be an arts week. It should have read the 10th July.