
Friday 9th July 2021

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Well isn't the football getting exciting? Given the last year and half, it is lovely to have some really positive news to get excited about. The children have all been full of it this week and I am sure we are all looking forward to the final on Sunday. It is going to be a tough game against Italy, but I am sure that Gareth and the team can do it!

I rarely do anything spontaneous (just ask Mrs Alford) but I am going to say that **IF** England win on Sunday, then we will have a non-uniform day on Monday (I can't grant a bank holiday sadly). The theme will be red, white and blue or football themed. Obviously this will be subject to England winning, so you may need to have the normal school uniform as a stand by.

If the non-uniform day doesn't work out we'll only have another 55 years to wait!

Have a great weekend and enjoy the game.

Mr Alford

Art Week: As part of Art Week, the whole school has been learning about British Artist Yinka Shonibare. Each class has created texts in English on various artists and to link with Shonibare's work with fabric, everyone has decorated a bag to bring home. Teddy used tie-dye techniques, Panda used glue and paint and Koala used batik. Today we finished the week with a whole-school fashion show so the children could look at each other's work (see photos at the end of the newsletter).



Upcoming Events

July 19

Y6 Leavers' Party

July 20

SSSG Cream Tea

July 21

Whole school trip to
Roadford

Learning Awards this week

Teddy Class – Solomon, Mason, Hunter

Panda Class – Otto and Barnaby

Koala Class – Ollie and Jasper

Drake were the winning house (again, again!)



Other News This Week

Updated Guidance: As I am sure you know, the majority of Covid restrictions will be relaxed on the 19th July (the last week of term). It will mean events such as the leavers' assembly and the school trip can go ahead as normal. Similarly, and all being well, the SSSG will run an after school cream tea event on Tuesday 20th with more details to follow. Given the timing, we will maintain the current start/end of day procedures until the end of term. Masks won't be mandatory, but I would still recommend them for that week when coming onto the school playground so we can hopefully get to the holidays with no further cases.

Arrangements for September are being drawn up and I will let you have these before the summer holidays. There won't be lots of changes, but there are some aspects of the last 16 months that we may carry on with.

Saints South West (SSW) and the last day of term: On the last day of term (23rd July), SSW will run football club at lunchtime rather than after school. The children will have sufficient time to eat their lunch too. School will end on that day slightly earlier than normal. It will be 2.45pm for Teddy and 2.50pm for Panda and Koala.

New Reception Children: Thanks to everyone who came along on Wednesday evening. I hope that you found it useful and informative. Many thanks to the SSSG who have donated a book bag with some books to start the children off as they join school.

School Uniform: Hopefully you have been able to order uniform ready for September. Just a reminder that school hoodies and fleeces shouldn't be used as an alternative to the sweatshirts on a day to day basis. I have turned a blind eye to it during the last 16 months, but we will need to go back to normal in September. They are both fine for PE lessons or for break times on a cold day.

Whole School Trip to Roadford Lake Activity Centre: You should have received a letter earlier this week giving details about the whole school trip to Roadford Lake on Wednesday 21st July. The school kitchen is happy to provide a packed lunch, however this must be booked with Mrs Hawker in the office by Friday 16th July.

Swimming: A reminder that Year 5 & 6 children will be swimming next Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

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:

Last Day of Summer Term is Friday 23rd July (don't forget early finish)

First Day of Autumn Term is Tuesday 7th September

Autumn half term is the w/c 25th October

Last day of the Autumn term is Friday 17th December

Assemblies in school this week: There has been a distinct England/Gareth Southgate theme this week. In particular we have talked about the need to show determination and resilience, using the example of Southgate's penalty miss in 1996 which cost England the game and how he recovered from the disappointment. I also talked about the importance of practice, to get good at things whether it be football, maths, a musical instrument, handwriting etc. I said that I had heard Raheem Sterling's old teacher on the radio and one of his memories of him was his willingness to practice all the time in order to get better. It is a really good trait for children to have and will help improve their skills in whatever it may be. For those of you with older children (upper KS2 or secondary), I really recommend Gareth Southgate's book called 'Anything is Possible'. It is a great read and full of ideas for those approaching or already in their teens. He talks about the importance of being kind, working hard and following your dreams and ambitions. I can't recommend it enough.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Anything-Possible-Brave-Follow-Dreams/dp/152913532X>

Wildlife Competition: We have been overwhelmed with entries so many thanks to everyone who has entered. There have been so many entries that we have had to draw up a shortlist to send onto Ash in India. Hopefully, we should have the winners by the end of next week.

