
Friday 9th September 2022

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The news we received yesterday evening has come to a shock to us all. Although Her Majesty was 96, I think we were all surprised yesterday, particularly as she was performing duties just a few days ago.

Everyone at Shebbear Community School sends their deepest condolences to members of the Royal Family and wish every success to our new monarch, King Charles the third.

We undertook a whole school assembly this morning where we talked about her life and celebrated her many achievements, not least her incredible service over such a long period of time.

We watched some clips of her family members talking about her and also saw the film of Her Majesty and Paddington Bear, to emphasise that she had a very good sense of humour.

The children did some follow up activities in class and had time to talk about their memories. Everyone was mindful that the passing of such a well-known person can often stir up memories of our own losses.

As was mentioned in the email sent home last night, please do let us know if any of the children are particularly affected by the Queen's passing. We will do all we can to support and help them.

As I write, the precise details of what will happen in the next week or so remain unclear. This includes details of her funeral and whether schools will be closed on that day. I will keep you updated when I know more.

For now, we will endeavour to keep things in school as normal as possible while also giving the children the chance to reflect on this special moment in our history.

Below is what I had written for this newsletter, prior to yesterday's



Upcoming Events

September 12

Koala Swimming starts

September 28

School trip to Eden Project

October 4

Author visits



announcement:

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the summer holidays. Everyone looked very smart in their uniform and I saw lots of very shiny shoes as the children walked in on Monday morning.

We particularly welcome our new children in Reception and further up the school. They all seem to have settled well. Our new Reception class bucks the gender trend of the school as a whole with eight girls and only one boy.

Hopefully it will be a successful year for everyone and during assemblies this week I have talked to the children about working hard in school, aiming to always do their best in whatever they are doing and being kind and thoughtful to others.

I have been impressed by the excellent punctuality in the first week. We all really appreciate this and it certainly helps start the morning a positive way. Similarly, let's aim to maintain good attendance over the year. Our school attendance was much lower than normal in the last school year so I am hoping this will improve between now and July.

Below are a few dates that have been penciled in for the term ahead. One or two are yet to be fully confirmed but will hopefully help you start planning ahead.

It's a shame the sunshine of the last few weeks couldn't hang on a bit longer but the rain has certainly been good for the garden.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher

Other news this week

Dates for this term:

Wednesday 28th September – Whole school trip to Eden Project

4th/5th October – Appledore Book Festival author visits

Friday 7th – Flu immunisations

10th/11th and 17th/18th – Bikeability for Y6

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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:

Autumn half term is the week of the 24th October

Term ends on Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 is a non-pupil day

Wednesday 4th January is the first day of the spring term

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

Thursday 13th – Harvest Festival

Friday 2nd December – Theatre Alibi visiting school

Wednesday 7th – Christmas production (KS2) – 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 14th – Panto trip to Barnstaple (Jack and the Beanstalk)

Thursday 15th – Christmas lunch followed by Christmas parties

Friday 16th – Christmas service at Lake Chapel and last day of term

Do keep an eye out on the newsletter for further dates and any amendments as necessary.

School Lunches: Thanks to everyone who has been booking their school lunches on the school money system. I know there have been a few gremlins not least when people have booked at home but it has not shown up on our system. We will iron out these issues and hopefully the system will make everyone's life easier – which has always been the intention!

After School Clubs: Our new after school club started this week. It runs on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 5.15pm. Places need to be booked in advance using the school money system.

Born to Move started today and from next week, we will be running further clubs. On Tuesday there will be a multi skills club (bookable via the school money system) and on Fridays will be football and a fitness class. Places at these can be booked via the details found on the email that went out earlier this week. If you're unsure, please contact the school office for more details.