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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks of term have been really busy in school and it looks to be staying that way as we move towards the summer holidays which start after next Friday.

After the excitement of the London trip last week, all of the children in school have been able to enjoy a fantastic Arts' Week. Three whole school events were organised (as well as extra activities in class) representing different strands of the arts.



On Tuesday we welcomed Maggie Harbour (who is an old friend of the school) and she worked with the children to make clay gargoyles. The results are really quite impressive and the children took great care to produce a good sculpture. On Wednesday, Jess Bailey led each class in producing a dance which was then performed in front of the whole school at the end of the day. Then on Thursday, Kip Pratt was in school and worked with the children to learn some songs and perform some short sequences of music. Again, this was performed as a concert and thanks to all of you who were able to come along to see it.

The theme of the week has been about celebrating the Commonwealth not least in this Coronation year. This was particularly evident in the dances and music performances.

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## Upcoming Events

**July 18**

Sports' Day (9.15am)

**July 20**

Cup Assembly

**July 21**

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

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Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy – Macsen, Hunter and Hector

Panda – Hannah and Woody

Koala – Reggie and Tommy

Christie were the House point winners for this week. Babbage won the TT Rock Stars weekly competition



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Hopefully the children have enjoyed the various experiences – it always makes a nice change to get someone in to lead an activity and all of our visitors were excellent.

Thanks to Mrs Evans for organizing the activities and visitors. There is plenty going on next week too so do check below for all of the details.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Alford  
Headteacher

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## Other news this week

**Sports' Day:** The planned new time for this is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July starting in the morning at 9.15am. At the moment, the forecast is looking okay. However, we do have a back-up which is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.15pm. If the weather on Tuesday is not looking good, we will aim to make a decision by 8am at the latest so do look out for any updates.

**Reports:** Hopefully you will have received these by now – if not, do let us know. It is always a pleasure reading through them and seeing how children have progressed. I hope that you are pleased with them too.

**Open Evening:** On Monday afternoon at 3.35pm we will be having an open evening. You will be able to come into school to see some of the children's work and say hello to your child's class teacher whether they be their existing one or the new one for September. It is very much an informal event rather than timed meetings but it would be lovely to see lots of you attend.

**KS2 SATs:** We received these earlier this week. They are a mixed bag as can often be in smaller schools where each pupil contributes such a large percentage (in our case about 8%) for each pupil taking the tests. It means that a couple of pupils perhaps not doing quite as well as expected and your overall percentage looks disappointing. That said, a good proportion of children achieved the expected standard and very pleasingly, we had a number of children who reached the higher standard (sometimes known as greater depth) and our outcomes in this regard were above national averages. When the final results have

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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>

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

### Up-coming Term Dates:

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

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Half term starts on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Last day of Autumn term is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

been verified, we will publish the whole school summary on our website. In the meantime, well done to all of the children and staff for your efforts.

The Year 6 children did also have the honour this week of choosing the menu for lunch on Thursday. Their choices were clearly very popular (chicken burger/veggie burger and pancakes) and we had a very good take up across the school.

**Special Visitor:** On Wednesday we welcomed back an ex-member of staff,

Mr Tony Burnett. Tony was a teacher at Shebbear back in the 1950's and is now a sprightly 96 years old. Although much of the school has changed since his time, he recognised some bits and was able to reminisce about



his time working at the school. He also told us that it was at Shebbear that he met his future wife, Geneth (Miss Lewis as she was). Sadly, Geneth passed away earlier this year but Shebbear holds a very strong place in Tony's heart both the school and the pub where both he and his future wife were in lodgings. We were delighted to be able to help him in making this trip down memory lane.



**Uniform Order:** The uniform has arrived in school and Mrs Hawker is currently sorting it out. If you have paid for items through the School Money app or by cash/cheque, these will be sent home via pupil post.

If you have ordered items but are yet to pay for them, please do so via the School Money app if possible or directly to the school office by cash or cheque, and once Mrs Hawker can see that payment has been made the items will be sent home to you.

**Next Week:** As mentioned previously, there is lots going on next week:

Monday – Koala class trip to music concert at Okehampton College (don't forget that you will need a packed lunch and swimming kit as we will go straight over to Ruby Oak after the concert).

Tuesday – Sports' Day starting at 9.15am (reserve day on Wednesday at 1.15pm if needed).

Wednesday – New Reception children in school all day for transition visit.

Thursday – Cup assembly (9.15am).

Friday – Y6 Leavers' assembly (9.15am) – due to numbers and space, we will need to restrict this to Year 6 parents and carers only.

Friday is also the last day of term. Don't forget that school will end on Friday at 2pm (earlier than normal). Also, children should come to school wearing their normal school uniform rather than PE kit.

Flower Show: A reminder that on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (the day after we break up) the Shebbear Flower Show takes place in and around the village hall along with the school building. All welcome.

## Looking ahead:

### **Great Torrington School - Year 5 & Year 6 Open Events September 2023**

#### **Open Evening**

Staff, pupils, and governors look forward to welcoming all Year 5 and 6 students and their families to our Open Evening.

Please arrive early to allow time to be seated in the drama studio for the Headteacher's welcome at 6pm. There will be a second introduction at 7pm to allow for numbers.

Following a welcome from the Headteacher, you will have the opportunity to wander at your will around our school, all department areas will be open and staffed for you to ask any questions you may have about GTS.

**Open Evening Booking line** | <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/675933664787>

#### **Open Morning**

See the school in action. This is the ideal opportunity to get a real feel for the atmosphere of the school and ask your tour guides lots of questions. Parents and pupils in year 5 & 6 are welcome to attend our Open Morning.

The morning gets underway with a welcome talk at 9.10am before having a tour around our school. At the end of the tour, you are welcome to stay for light refreshments and talk to a member of our senior leadership team.

**Open Morning Booking Line** | <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/675997475647>