
Friday 12th May 2023

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I Hope you all enjoyed the celebrations of last weekend for the King's coronation. It's going to be hard going next week with a full five day week!

There was no respite for our Year 6 children this week. They have been undertaking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests with the final one ending this morning. They have completed six tests in total in grammar and punctuation, spelling, reading and three mathematics papers. It has been tiring for them but they have stuck at it well and really applied themselves. Hopefully they will be rewarded with good outcomes when we get the results in July.

Children in Year 2 have their own version of SATs over the next couple of weeks with tests in reading and mathematics. Unlike their Year 6 peers, these are marked within school and used to help inform final assessment judgements in combination with their ongoing work.

Looking ahead to later in the summer term, children in Year 1 will undertake their phonics screening assessment while Year 4 children will complete a multiplication tables check. Both are designed to help schools and parents/carers get a clearer understanding of how their child is getting on in these key areas.

It always raises the debate about whether there is too much testing in schools. In the case of the Year 2 assessments, these are being scrapped after this year. The new on-entry assessment at the start of Reception will now provide the baseline to judge the progress of pupils over time.

Talking of exams, good luck to all our ex-pupils who are taking GCSEs, A Levels, BTECs and so on in the coming weeks. I expect in many cases, it only seemed like yesterday that they were doing their SATs at Shebbear. How time flies!

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

May 18

Y6 and YR H and W check

May 22

Y5/6 Rounders tournament
at GTS

May 23

Y3/4 Rounders tournament
at GTS

Awards were given this week to the following pupils:

Teddy – Willow, Oakley,
Hector, Jake, Teddy

Panda – Oakley and
Solomon

Koala - James

Astor were the house point
winners for this week



Other news this week

Theatre Performance: On Wednesday afternoon, the children in Teddy class were treated to a production of 'Storm in a Teapot' by the Boo to a Goose theatre company. It was a show full of audience participation and a great time was had by all. The theatre company receives funding from the Arts Council which allowed us to book the show at a very subsidized rate meaning that there was no additional charge for parents.

Swimming: After a couple of Tuesday morning sessions, swimming reverts back to Monday afternoons for the remaining two weeks of this half term. After the Whitsun break, Koala will start again and a letter will follow soon giving details.

Leavers' Hoodies: Mrs Gough sent out an email to Year 6 parents and carers earlier this week. Don't forget that if you want to order a hoodie that the closing date is the 17th May, see email for details.

Height and Weight Checks: These take place next Thursday in school. Parents and carers were sent details last term. If you do not wish your child to participate, you must have used the opt out option sent previously.

Ordering Lunches: A polite reminder that lunches do need to be ordered in advanced on the School Money app including those children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 who receive the universal free school meals to ensure your child can eat their preferred menu choice. If you are unable to access the app then please contact the school office for assistance or email the menu choices to us.

National Trust Offer: There is an offer running at the moment which allows families to visit National Trust properties for free. It is a time limited offer but I understand it is easy to complete the form. Details can be found in the article below.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1760223/National-Trust-Free-Family-Pass-Terms-and-Conditions>

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:

Week of the 29th May is half term

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/>