
Friday 9th February 2024

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final day of this half term also marks the half way point of the school year (three half terms done and three to go). Working in school (or having children who attend) helps remind you how quickly life goes by. One minute you are thinking about Christmas and before you know it, you're nearly back at the summer holidays.

For now, let's just enjoy the next week and a well deserved break for everyone. Whatever you are up to, I hope that you have a great time.

The Primary Times magazine is often a good source of things to do. The online version can be found using the link below.

<https://www.primarytimes.co.uk/devon/>

The school calendar is quickly filling up with plenty going on once we return including in the first week a football tournament for our school team at GTS, a Koala school trip to Bodmin Jail and the start of Art Club (still a couple of places available) on the first day back.

Have a lovely half term.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

February 19

School starts

February 20

Football team at GTS

February 21

Koala trip to Bodmin

Award Winners this week
Teddy Class – Mabel, Isla,
Poppy, Teddy
Panda – Ewan, Solomon,
Grayson, Willow
Koala – Sammy, Beau,
Barnaby, Reuben (from
last week)



Christie were top of the TT
Rockstars table and also
had the most
house points

Whole school attendance
this school year is
95.07%

Other news this week

Attendance: For the school year so far:

Teddy – 96.65%

Panda – 96.42%

Koala – 92.39%

This half term has been quite challenging in terms of attendance with quite a few children missing at various times with illnesses.

Despite this, I am pleased to report that 16 children, 10 of whom are in Teddy class, have 100% attendance. One of them, Darcie in Year 1, has not missed a single day of school since she started at Shebbear in 2022!

In contrast, there are 12 children who have attendance below 90% so are regarded as being persistently absent. In some cases, attendance is rising and being in school every day for the rest of the school year will help this further.

Children who are under 90% attendance will have missed at least 10 days of school so far – so potentially in excess of 20 days (or over four school weeks) by the end of the summer term at this current rate. Put another way, that's 20 maths or English lessons missed!

When it is put into this context, you can see why being in school as much as possible is so important.

Parent Consultation Meetings: These will take place during the week of the 11th March. More details will go out after half term so you can book a slot.

Music Tuition: We have been asked about the possibility of music tuition in school. As a result, we have arranged an assembly on Thursday 22nd when Ruth Hayes, a music teacher, will talk to the children about the possibility of learning a musical instrument. Following her visit, we will gauge interest and send out further details including costs.

The Secret Book Quest: Devon Libraries are running a scheme to encourage children to read more. Details here: <https://www.tsbq.co.uk/>

School Dinners: Don't forget to book school dinners for after half term!

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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<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:

Spring half term is the w/c 12th February

Spring term ends on Thursday 28th March

Summer Term Starts on Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May

Whitsun half term is the w/c 27th May

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