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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

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# Shebbear Community School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the school community – children, staff, parents/carers, governors – for their hard work and support this year. Ensuring that we have a successful school is a real team effort.

As we reach the end of term we have some goodbyes to say. Miss Chauhan will be leaving us after tomorrow to take up a new role at Hatherleigh School. After some supply work, she joined us on a longer term contract in 2022 and had to endure an Ofsted inspection about a week in! She has gone on to be a valuable member of staff who has had a positive impact on the children's learning in Teddy class. We all wish her well in her new role.

Our 11 Year 6 children will also be bidding us farewell after tomorrow. While it is sad to see the children moving on, it is also lovely to reflect on the progress that they have made over time and how much they have grown both in terms physical size and their character. They have been a joy to work with (most of the time!!) and they certainly returned our best ever SATs results which will always put them in our good books. We wish them well in the future at their respective secondary schools – three different ones this year. I hope that we have prepared them well for their future lives and wish them every success.

They will have one final commitment tomorrow morning – the Y6 leavers' assembly which starts at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing lots of their adults attend.

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## Upcoming Events

**July 23**

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

**July 23**

Last day of term

**September 4**

Autumn term starts

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Award Winners this week  
Teddy Class – Elske, Elsie,  
Daphne, Teddy  
Panda – Tika and Fred  
Koala – Libby, Oakley R,  
Casey

The house point winners for the year were Drake followed by Babbage in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Astor were 3<sup>rd</sup> and Christie 4<sup>th</sup>.

I did send these parents something I saw on Facebook the other evening. While it is aimed at Y6 parents and carers, the sentiments apply to everyone, namely that the children's primary years flash by before you can barely blink and that you should enjoy every last moment. Before you know it, your little baby in Reception is at the end of Year 6 and are not relying on you anymore (except for money in my own experience!).

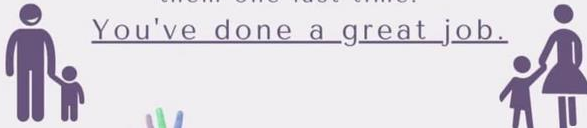
Here it is:

## Year 6 Parents,

Walk your child to school one last time this week. Even if they don't want you to.

Laugh about the sticks they used to collect or the paintings they so carefully carried. Reminisce about their sports days & how funny they were in their nativity, Tell them how proud you are of them & how excited you are to see them grow. Remember how little their hand was when you held it on the first day of reception.

Hold that hand again as you walk with them one last time.



I hope that you all have a fantastic summer holidays. Let's hope that we get some of the warm, sunny weather that has eluded us so far this year.

School starts again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Best wishes,  
*Mr Alford*  
Headteacher

## Other news this week

**Attendance:** For the school year: 95.23%. This compares to 94.7% in Devon primary school and 94.5% nationally.

## 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:**

Non-pupil days on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Half term is the w/c 28<sup>th</sup> October

Autumn term ends on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Spring Term starts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

Teddy class had the best attendance for the year with 96.66%. They were followed by Panda class with 95.24% and Koala with 93.90%.

**Cups and Awards:** Earlier today, we held our annual cup assembly. Most of the awards are focussed around learning – this might be to recognise the progress pupils have made for example. Others are for wider aspects of school life. We also handed out attendance awards. These were not just for 100% attenders – there were a few of these – but everyone who achieved attendance of over 98% for the year which equates to no more than three or four days of absence (obviously the higher the percentage, the fewer days of school missed). There were 23 children who achieved this which is 34% of the pupils in school. Here is a list of award winners including the 100% attendance pupils.

Reception	Learning	Daphne Trace
Year 1	Learning	Elsie Brooker
Year 2	Learning	Charlie Tonkin
Year 3	Learning	Max Hockley
Year 4	Learning	Woody Winsor
Year 5	Learning	Oakley Howrihane
Year 6	Learning	Annie Kirk
Year 6	SATs	Spencer Ash
Marshall Cup	Reading	Ryn Monaghan
Maths	Maths progress	Chloe Huffey
Matthew Mason Cup	Positive Attitude to School	Casey Bernstone
Mrs Hutton Cup	Performing Arts	Isla Searle
Sports' Cup	Sporting contribution to school	Sam Herridge & Sammy Brock
Spirit of Devon	Friendship	Hunter Bernstone

These pupils achieved 100% attendance for the year Elsie Brooker, Poppy-May Murphy, Jack Summers, Charlotte Trevell and Tommy Summers.

Drake were House point champions for the year with a total of 6061 house points.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Babbage 5622

3<sup>rd</sup> – Astor 5542

4<sup>th</sup> Christie 5375

**Open Evening:** Thanks to everyone who came along last Monday after school. It is always quite a surge of people when the doors are opened. We run it straight after school as this tends to be more convenient for most. It thinned out after not too long and you hopefully had the chance to speak to class teachers. We also welcomed our new Reception children for an induction meeting which was hopefully useful.

**School Trip:** We had a fantastic day at Escot Park near Exeter on Wednesday. I am sure that the children told you about what they got up to but the highlights for many were the maze and seeing some of the animals who live there including owls, a wolf, a lynx and a pair of bears who the lady confirmed do like eating marmalade albeit on its own rather than in a sandwich. KS2 children had the joy of undertaking a swamp walk which I believe was quite an experience. I hope their dirty clothes have recovered. See the photos below.



**Term Dates for Next Year:** Please see the attached document with the term dates for the next school year. As I have mentioned previously, while Devon County Council set the overall term dates, schools are able to choose when they have both their non-pupil days (five) and two occasional day each year. As these are often tagged on to the start or end of a term, it does mean different schools will have slightly different term dates so do always check not least if you have children at more than one school.