
Friday 24th May 2024

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I attended a meeting on Tuesday morning with representatives from the Department for Education and central government regarding additional funding for the Torridge region. This is part of the Government's 'levelling up' initiative. There were a few other heads and CEOs of Multi Academy Trusts present and the message we were all giving is that our rural setting does present a number of challenges for families living in the area.

Top was the lack of public transport followed by access to services such as doctors and dentists. Also high on the list was the lack of secondary school choice and sixth form provision. The point was made that neither GTS nor Holsworthy has a sixth form so post 16 education generally necessitates a long journey to Petroc or Exeter College.

I raised that access to sporting facilities can be a challenge if you don't have your own transport and that rising fuel costs makes it expensive to transport children to clubs.

While I doubt that we will suddenly see a range of new bus routes introduced to Shebbear or an astro-turf pitch for the community, it was good to be able to share some of the challenges faced when living in this locality.

Whether things will change following the newly announced General Election on July 4th is yet to be seen but there did seem to be a strong determination to invest in our local area to help address some of these pressing issues.

Have a great half term break.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

May 27

Half term week

June 4

School re-opens

June 5

Rounders and Golf

Award Winners this week
Teddy Class – Caelan,
Amelie and Darcie
Panda – Chloe and Remi
Koala – All of Year 6



Astor had the most house points for this week

Whole school attendance this year is 95.52%

Other news this week

Attendance: For this week: 98.25%.

Teddy – 97%

Panda – 94.74%

Koala – 100% (for the second week in a row!)

Cricket: Some of our Year 6 cricket players took part in a festival at Hatherleigh Cricket Club on Monday. Unlike last week's match in the rain, we enjoyed glorious sunshine. The performance was similarly impressive with Shebbear winning three of their four matches with an exciting tie in the fourth. As a result, we were the top performing team at the festival. The next challenge is the North Devon schools' festival which takes place in June at North Devon Cricket Club.



Rounders and Golf: On the Tuesday after half term, Panda class will be taking part in a rounders tournament at GTS. Later that day, some of the children in years 5 and 6 will be trying their hand at golf at a special event at Torrington Golf Club.

School Photos: We were fortunate that the rain stayed away on Tuesday afternoon and we were able to complete a whole school photo along with class ones and a Y6 leavers' picture. A separate email will be sent to families after half term with the relevant links.

After School Clubs: An email was sent yesterday saying that Cricket Club will continue after half term and can be booked and paid for via the app. If you can't see this, then please contact the school office. Born to Move, run by Mrs Spicer, will continue throughout June but not July and this is booked directly with her.

The Extended School club is also available to book for after half term.

Half Term: Don't forget that next week is half term and the school will be closed. We start again on Monday 3rd June. Remember that we do have a non-pupil day on Monday 17th June should you wish to enjoy a long weekend away.

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:

Whitsun half term is the w/c 27th May

Non-pupil day on 17th June

Summer term ends on Tuesday 23rd July

Autumn Term starts on 4th September

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

School Dinners: You can now order dinners for after half term via the app, the menu remains the same. Please note that the Y6 Leavers' menu will be on Thursday 18th July and this will replace the choice that is usually there. They have chosen either chicken or veggie burger with curly fries, strawberry milkshake and ice-cream.