
Friday 6th June 2024

Shebbear Community School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term. It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week.

Yesterday we marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day by holding a whole school assembly. The operation back in 1944 cost many thousands of lives but ensured that we all enjoy freedom and liberty today.

I particularly focused on the fact that the soldiers were just normal people from places like Shebbear most of whom had never travelled that far – I heard one veteran talking about being there on the day and that it was first time in his life that he had ever been on a beach (he grew up in Nottingham).

I shared some then and now photographs and reminded the children that when we see older people, it is really easy to forget that that were young once and that getting old happens to all of us eventually. It was lovely to talk to some of the children afterwards and how positively they spoke about older people that they know and good to see the respect and understanding that they give them. They should be very proud of that.

I said that there was a good chance that many of the children will have relations (albeit fairly removed now) who were there that day or fought in one of the world wars. If you do have any further information about family members who may have served, we would love to hear about it so do encourage the children to let me know.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alford
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

June 12

Cricket tournament

June 12

Music Day (KS2)

June 17

Non-pupil day

Award Winners this week
Teddy Class – Daphne,
Charlotte and Isla
Panda – Darcie and Mason
Koala – Archie



Drake had the most house points for this week with Babbage winning the TT Rock Stars challenge.

Whole school attendance this year is 95.53%

Other news this week

Attendance: For this week: 95.0%.

Teddy – 97.33%

Panda – 95.79%

Koala – 91.90%

After today there are just 31 school days until the end of the school year. Having undertaken our normal half termly attendance check I am pleased to say that 61% of pupils are in excess of 96% attendance for this school year including seven pupils who currently have 100% attendance. Being in excess of 96% attendance means the children will have missed no more than about seven days of school across a whole year. There are currently 14% of pupils (which is down I am also pleased to say) who are regarded as being persistently absent. This means that their attendance is below 90% so about 20 days of absence across the year or four school weeks.

Wherever your child is on the attendance front, there is still time to improve it (aside from those hundred percenters) by trying to avoid any further absences this school year. As a rough guide, two days of absence equates to a one percentage point drop in attendance.

Thanks for your support in this.

Dates for your diary:

Sports Day' - Wednesday 3rd July (pm)

Open Evening - Monday 15th July (after school)

Whole school trip – Wednesday 17th July (all day)

Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Tuesday 23rd July (9.15am)

Uniform Orders: Mrs Hawker will be placing a uniform order on the 20th June to ensure that it arrives back at school before the end of

Useful Links

School Contact Details

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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:

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/>

term. Please see the attached order form should you wish to order any items, or alternatively orders can be placed via the School Money app.

School Photos: Hopefully you received the appropriate link and order details. Let us know if not.

Non-pupil day: This is nearly upon us and means the school will be closed on Monday 17th June and provides a perfect opportunity (notwithstanding the dismal weather) to enjoy a long weekend with no school absence necessary!

Koala Class Puberty Talk: For parents/carers of Koala class children, don't forget that this will be happening next week. The materials Mrs Gough uses are available to view should you wish to. Please let her know if you want to have a look.

Cricket: Our cricket team are playing in a big tournament at North Devon Cricket Club on Wednesday so the best of luck to them.

Road Closure: The road between Battledown Cross (by the college) and the square will be closed next week by South West Water. The school will be accessible from the square side of the village but not, we are led to believe, from the college end. Please allow extra time if you come that way.

