

# HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

29th September 2017



Thank you to all who have attended parent-teacher meetings this week. We hope that you have found them useful. The teachers have enjoyed the chance to meet you and it is an ideal opportunity early in the academic year to find out how we can work together in the best interests of your children. Please do make an appointment as soon as possible if you have been unable to attend.

The issue of home learning is always a contentious one - for parents - some of whom want none and some of whom feel there is never enough. It is also quite a challenge for teachers as it takes time to prepare, gather in and mark. Chasing up homework is a waste of time in class and we need to train the children to take pride in their learning and to stick to deadlines. Please talk to your child about home learning. If they need help and you can give it just write that in the book. If it is too much of a struggle don't let it become a battle ground but let the teacher know by writing on the homework that it seemed challenging. If it is taking excessive amounts of time (or too little!) write that on the homework too. It is helpful for teachers to know.

There is a new group starting on Thursday afternoons (1.15-3.15pm) with Cindy Squire which is aimed at giving parents and children time together to make maths learning fun. It is a very relaxed group -and the children love being involved. There are still places so contact the office before next Thursday if you'd like to join in. There is no cost.

We were really lucky to have a half day visit from the Torrington Community Dentist this week. Your children will have come home with a new toothbrush and hopefully renewed enthusiasm to use it! They each participated in a workshop carrying out a number of activities to find out about how to care for their teeth. We do try very hard to ensure that children are taught about healthy diets in PSHE. There have been huge improvements in the quality of school meals in recent years and we encourage parents to consider very carefully what they put into children's packed lunches. Unlike one school in the news this week, we do not ban sausage rolls! However we do ask that you do not send sweets into school at any time. Squash in water bottles should be as diluted as possible and water is a much healthier option.

### HOOKE COURT MEETING

There will be a Hooke Court meeting for all Year 4 parents on Tuesday 3rd October at 6pm in the Year 4 classroom. Thank you to all the parents who have paid for the residential, just a reminder that the deadline for all payments is 30th September. If you are having any problems with payment, please speak to someone at the school office.

### ARE YOU FREE ON A WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON?

We are looking for a volunteer to help with Art afternoons on Wednesdays. If anyone is willing to help every week, please let the school office know.

### THANK YOU

Thank you very much to Mrs Stroud who has given Chestnuts lots of new books for our classroom.

### TOY CARS

We are looking for some toy cars for the children to play with at lunch time. If anyone has any that they are willing to donate to the school, please hand in at the school office.

### FRUSTRATION GAME

Rainbow Club are trying to get hold of the Frustration Game for the children to play with. If anyone has the game that they no longer require or is willing to donate the game to the school, we would be most grateful.

#### What's on next week?

**Monday**

Swimming for Yr1&2

**Tuesday**

Y4 Hooke Court meeting 6pm

**Thursday**

Paddington Bear Dinner Menu

#### This Week's Learners of the Week

Mia Carter

Faith Elkins

Darius Boicu

Bodie Carter

Joshua Pester

Luke Chappell

Madison Shaw

Aliyah Brooks

Katy Lewis

Jayden Harvey



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We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Medieval Themed Banquet tonight!**

7.30pm at the school

There are still tickets available if you would like to purchase them last minute – money in a named envelope can be handed into the school office or call 01837851528 before 6pm  
There will also be an 'Auction of Services' with lots of exciting items to bid on!

Don't forget your Dinner Tickets on Thursday if you would like to enjoy the Paddington Lunch!

### TUCK SHOP

Just a reminder that the tuck shop is open at break time on Fridays selling flap jack or fruit for 40p.

## PADDINGTON Lunch

on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017



**Paddington Bears** (Chicken in a Bear Shape)

or

**Wellington Bake** (Vegetarian Sausage Roll)

or

**Filled Battered Suitcase** (Jacket Potato with Triple Cheese)

served with

**Peruvian Potatoes** (Baked Diced Potatoes)

**Duffle Coat Toggles** (Carrot Batons)

**Sticky Paw Prints** (Sweetcorn)

**Floppy Red Hat** (Ketchup)

followed by

**Marmalade Sandwiches** (Sponge Cake with a Jam Filling)



## SHEBBEAR COLLEGE



Senior School  
**OPEN WEEK**  
9th - 13th October



Come and see our Senior School 'in action' and chat informally with teachers and pupils about school life here at Shebbear. Enjoy a tour of the school, including our new Music Centre and new Sixth Form Centre, and meet with the Headmaster who will answer any of your questions. You are welcome to simply drop in during the week, however we recommend that you book an appointment.

Book today on 01409 282001 or email [registrar@shebbearcollege.co.uk](mailto:registrar@shebbearcollege.co.uk)



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### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

**Breakfast Club** 7.45am – 8.45am Monday to Friday  
**Rainbow Activity Club** 3.30pm – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday  
£4.50 per 1 hour session

*Come along and join the fun!*

To register your child and to book sessions, please contact the school office.  
Tel: 01837 810248 Email: [admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk)

*Occasional sessions and emergency childcare available as long as numbers permit.*