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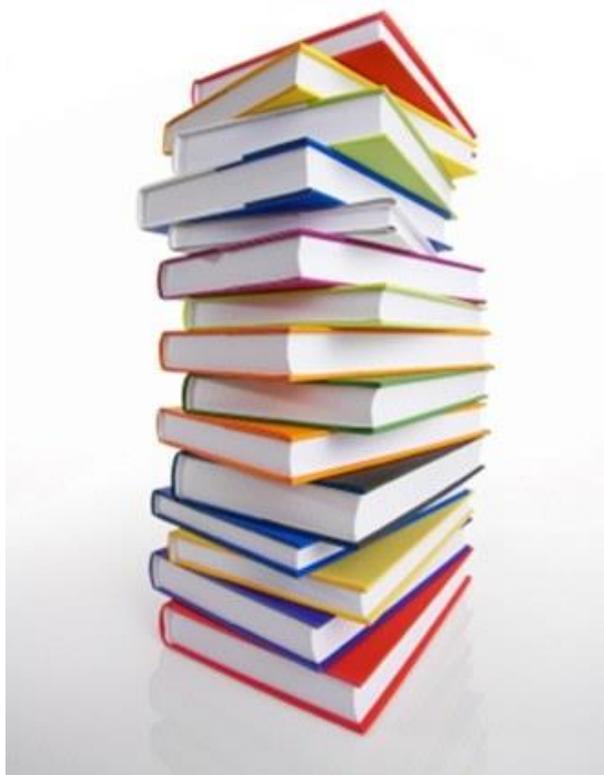
*The East Anstey School Newsletter*

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**Spring Term 2021- Week 2**

**Friday 15th January 2021**

## Infant News



Dear families

Welcome to a new and different Spring term. Once again, can I just thank all of you for supporting your children at home and having a go at accessing the home learning. It has been so encouraging to see all of the pictures and feedback of your children's learning and lovely to see them at our live Teams sessions.

As you know we have started off with a mixture of written work and some online learning - and your feedback is really appreciated. We want you to be able to access as much of the work as possible so want to present it in the easiest way possible for most families. Our live Teams sessions will continue to run at 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the present, as it seemed to work for most people. What we will be doing will vary from week to week and this weeks English and Maths went well. It is very useful if the children are able to sit at a table so they can take part in some activities and if possible, distractions are kept to a minimum. I know that often this is very difficult with families and small amounts of space, so please just do what you can. Please check on Class Dojo regularly, as I am updating the children's points as work is coming in. You will also see feedback to work sent in on the children's Assignments page in Teams.

### **Class Awards**

**Amethyst: Ruby** and **Rory**: for great effort in their learning this week and completing lots of tasks.

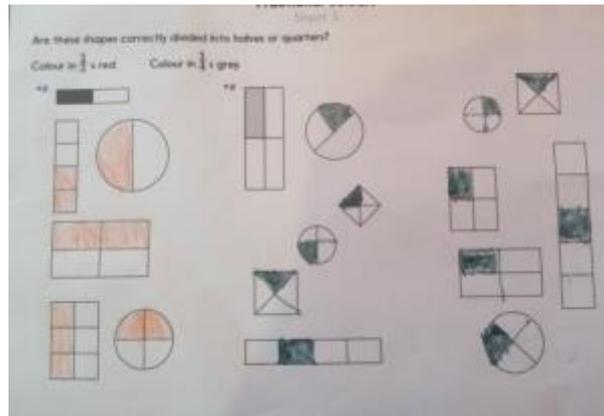
**Gold: Milo** and **Raffles** : for super fractions work this week.

**Silver: Lily and Callie** for engaging with learning at school and at home. Well done girls.

At present the Dulverton Science photo competition has been postponed, but if any of you have already taken your Science photos then please send them in and we can hold on to them until needed. Take care and keep safe everyone, remember that you are doing a fantastic job. We are here if you need us so keep in touch.

Kind Regards

Mrs Liz Yarney



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## Junior News

Dear families

A huge well done to all my parents who have managed to ping me photos and updates of your child's learning this week. I know this isn't easy but I am blown over by your commitment and engagement.

I ran the second of my online teaching sessions on Wednesday and was very impressed with the children's engagement; their preparation for the session and their ability to access and utilise the functions in TEAMS. I loved seeing my class all in one place and urge those few that didn't attend to try and join us. At the moment this is Monday 1:30pm and Wednesday 10:15am.

The photographic competition set by Dulverton and the Ogden Trust before Christmas may now be postponed until the end of the term due to little uptake from other schools. I have to say, however, a huge well done to Henry, Sofia, Evie B, Jesse and Annabell for some amazing entries. We will hold onto these and re-submit them once we have a further deadline from Dulverton School. (Pictures attached above)

**Awards for this week are;**

**Leon - Amethyst** award for being the first person to put his hand up online to answer questions in our session. Fantastic confidence, well done.

**Henry - Gold** award for excellent comments regarding the manufacture of plastics and their effects on the environment.

**Jesse - Gold** award for sharing models of your eco-bricks in our online session and answering questions really well.

**Lucy/Edward/Sofia/Evie T/Evie B/Daniel/Callum/Liberty/James - Silver** awards for really good engagement in our online session about 'plastic pollution' on Wednesday.

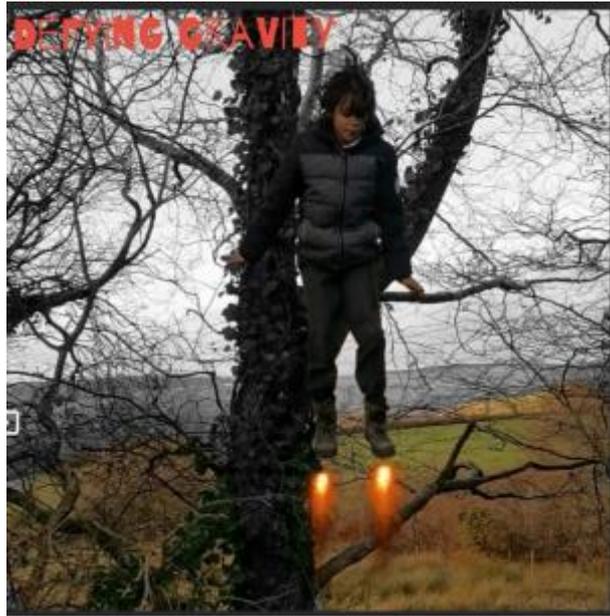
Keep up the good work everyone,

Kindest regards,

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## General Information



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### *Current School Opening Arrangements*

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East Anstey Primary School is currently only open to the children of **Critical (Key) Workers** and those designated as **Vulnerable**. School transport is running as normal for these children. If you think you may be eligible for a place at school and would like your child to attend, please contact the office for more information. The school is currently **closed** for all other children until further notice. All previous arrangements for COVID 19 are still in place on site with distancing and hygiene measures fully in place. Visitors are not currently permitted on site unless by prior arrangement. Please note the National Lockdown regulations are currently in place.

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### *Nursery Opening*

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Nursery is currently open for all children. Please note that this applies to Nursery aged children only - not children in reception year. If you would like your child/ren to attend a session place, please contact the office for further information or email: [eastanstey@exmoorlink.org](mailto:eastanstey@exmoorlink.org)

#### **Remember - 'Hands. Face. Space.':**

- hands – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds
- face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)

Please can we respectfully ask parents/carers to wear face masks where possible, when dropping off and collecting children? Thank you

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### *Admission to School - September 2021 - closes today 15th January 2021*

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Reminder to all families with children currently in nursery (children born between 1.9.16 and 31.8.17) - please see below for details of how to apply for a school place for your child as they are due to start in Reception in September 2021. **Please note that you must apply for a school place, even if your child has been attending nursery.** The website is open for applications from 15th November to **15th January 2021**. Any queries, do contact the school office.

Was your child born between  
1st September 2016 and  
31st August 2017?

## How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at  
[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)  
from 15th November 2020 to 15th January 2021

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on

**0345 155 1019**

or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



Even if you have already given  
details to a primary school, you  
must apply for a place through the  
Admissions Team. This is the only  
way to apply; other forms or lists  
held by schools will not count.

Devon  
County Council 

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### *Flu vaccinations (missed)*

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If your child missed the Flu vaccine that recently took place in school, and you would still like them to have the vaccine, Virgin Care are running Community Clinics through January 2021. To book your child an appointment at one of these Clinics, please call **0300 247 0082**.

### Remote Learning

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### *Remote Learning Programme*

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During the last school closure, back in 2020, we developed our remote learning package quite extensively.

This time round, we have refined our offer and our plans going forward are outlined below:

### **Aims**

We are aiming to provide **3-4 hours of quality remote education** for children on a daily basis.

We aim to provide a **wide range of learning opportunities and tuition** (including live lessons using Office 365 & TEAMS, access to teachers, links to the latest national provision, daily/weekly based and project based learning through our websites and the TEAMS platform).

We aim to enable **regular 2-way feedback** using our communication systems (such as ClassDojo).

We aim to **provide on-going support**, reviewing progress and what's working well/not so well at home

**Provision** Your class teacher will set remote learning on a weekly basis (setting packs and / or live sessions as appropriate).

We will send links to this Home Learning before Monday morning each week so that families can access their learning the following week. They will communicate when work is due, they may give you a suggested timetable and they will make contact with you as the week progresses.

We will celebrate success wherever we can and will put the latest good news into this newsletter each week.

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### *Home School Survival Tips*

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1. **Start Home School.** Re-creating school at home is not straightforward but finding separation from learning time and relaxing time is important.
2. **Get into a routine.** We all need structure and this is still true when isolating at home. Setting up a daily timetable is a good way to make the structure work and get some quality bursts of learning taking place. Make your timetable and put it up so everyone knows the pattern. Split time into lessons and subjects so you can really concentrate.
3. **Do some PE.** Regular breaks and exercise can all add value to the Home School experience and break up the day. Some physical
4. **Don't Panic (Parents or Children).** Do what you can and do what works for you. The school will provide learning to help during closure but we understand the difficulties in accessing and completing this.

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Remember, you're doing a great job :)

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## What's On

Although many of our school events will not be able to be held in our normal way, we are aiming to hold some of our usual termly activities via Microsoft TEAMS.

A list of dates for virtual events will be added below - please make sure your child's TEAMS access is still working as you will need that to access the online events. We are also increasing the number of communications we send home via TEAMS including messages, homework etc., so it is becoming increasingly important that you have access. Please contact us as a matter of urgency if you are having any difficulty.

### ***Forthcoming dates for your diaries:***

#### **March 2021**

***16th March 2pm via TEAMS - Open Afternoon***

***w/c 22nd March - Parent Consultations via TEAMS or phone call***

***30th March - Easter Assembly 2pm via TEAMS***

#### **Term Dates**

***Half Term Holiday - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February (depending on school opening)***

***End of Term - Thursday 1st April***

Connect:



Do you have some good news for us or an advert you would like to share? Do you have some community news or would like to promote a project or event? Connect with our newsletter and reach a wide audience. Children, do you have something to share (book reviews, hobbies etc)?

- Email your news or adverts direct [news@exmoorlink.org](mailto:news@exmoorlink.org)

- Email the office [eastanstey@exmoorlink.org](mailto:eastanstey@exmoorlink.org)

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