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The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter

From the Head

Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn!

I hope that you all had a great summer holiday. I know the weather wasn't wonderful but I hope you managed to make the most of it. Autumn is now well and truly upon us as the year marches on. It may be a little early for talk of Christmas but actually this term always races by and this is one of the most exciting times of the school year.

It has been a lovely start to a school year. As always in September we welcome our new children and families. The children have made a great start in their classes and as always, I have enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic excitement as they all learn new routines or make some new friends.

Staffing news

We welcome back Mrs Partridge to the juniors. She is teaching topic and several foundation subjects this year and it is lovely to see her back in class - we wish her a great year. We also would like to welcome Mrs Govier back to East Anstey this term. She is working in the infant class supporting Mrs Yarney whilst Miss Mair takes her maternity leave.

Curriculum

The class topics are now well underway. The Early Years (infant class and pre-school) topic is Fantasy and Magic. Meanwhile the juniors will be studying several aspects of life during Victorian times. I am very pleased to announce that we have been successful in our bid to become learning partners with Exmoor National Park. We have been really lucky to have been selected for this partnership and we are looking forward to some great learning experiences this year. We are updating our website to reflect this and all of our curriculum offer over the next few weeks so do check back to see what is on offer.

Autumn Weather

As the season appears to have well and truly turned, please could we ask that children are sent with suitable weather appropriate clothes. This is especially important for Outdoor Learning but also for PE sessions now.

Events

There are lots of these to look forward to once again this term. Our sporting festivals get underway again now and we look forward to the Harvest festival that is just around the corner. Later in the term we will once again be holding our excellent book fair (organised and run by our children) and other events and trips are also planned. We will have many opportunities for you to come in to school, where the children can share their learning with you and you can see what we have all been up to. Keep an eye on our regular newsletters for more on these and don't forget to check out our school blog!

Christmas

Very soon our thoughts turn towards the festive period and for East Anstey that means the Christmas Play! Of course, I am unable to reveal anything just yet, but once again we will be staging a fabulous show for all to enjoy. We also look forward to our lovely Carol Concert and Christmas parties to end our term.

I hope to see you all at our events very soon and don't forget to keep up with all the latest on our social media feeds. Enjoy the term.



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DIARY DATES

Please keep checking - dates may be amended or added

Sep 2017

- Wed 20th Governing Body Meeting, 6.15pm, Bish Nym
Fri 22nd Replies due re flu vaccinations (Years 1,2,3,4)

Oct

- Fri 6th Harvest Festival, 2.00pm, EA Church
Thu 12th Pre-School Open Morning, 9.00 - 10.30
Fri 13th Open Morning, 9.30 –10.30
Tue 17th Parents Evening (School and Pre-School)

Monday 23rd Oct - Fri 2nd Oct
HALF TERM

- Tue 31st Deadline for Secondary School Applications

Nov

- Tue 14th Applications open for Primary School places
Mon 27th - Thu 30th Book Fair

Dec

- Wed 6th Play Performance, 4.00pm
Thu 7th Play Performance, 6.00pm
Wed 13th Christmas Dinner
Fri 15th Carol Concert, 2.00pm

committed

The East Anstey Team

caring

Mr Gurney Mrs Forder Mrs Yarney Mrs Partridge Mr Devaney

Mrs Loftus Mrs Read Mrs Dennis Mr Yarney Miss Mair Miss Woollacott Mrs Govier Mr Holloway

Mrs Mair Miss Cooper Mrs Rycroft Miss Mair Mrs Jones

'Part of the Exmoor Link Federation'

INFANT NEWS

Dear Families

Welcome back to school. I'd like to start off by welcoming Mrs Govier to our classroom. She is covering Miss Mair's maternity leave and we are very lucky to have her with us until later next year. We are very excited about our new topic this term: Fantasy and Magic. This is a great topic for delivering our learning in an exciting way. The children will begin by learning about castles and dragons and fantasy settings. I have invited the children to share anything they have that links with our topic in our 'show and tell' times. This will be on a Friday afternoon. We would love to see any books, models, photos, or research that the children have found out about our topic, but no toys please.

Our **science** topic is about materials, what things are made of and why they are made of certain materials. We are always looking for different and interesting materials to use in our exploration, making or maths so if you have any interesting things like – plastic lids, cardboard tubes, buttons, sequins, glass pebbles, stones pinecones, conkers, coloured leaves, washers, bolts, wood offcuts etc , that you can donate, we would be very grateful. We are also hoping to build some castles and then knock them down with catapults and

marshmallows!!

Our **English** this term is based on fantasy stories and magical settings. We are starting off with instructional writing and the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. The children will have weekly guided reading sessions and should read with an adult one to one at least once as well. We had some wonderful helpers to hear readers last term and are on the lookout for anyone who can give some time in an afternoon this term. Please let Mrs Yarney or the office know if you are able to volunteer. We cannot stress enough the difference that regular reading at home will have on your child's progress so encourage you all to read together as much as you can across the week. It only needs to be 10 minutes at a time. Years 1 and 2 will start to receive weekly spellings based on their phonic and spelling work in the week and we will have spelling checks on Fridays.

In **maths** we will be learning about number, place value, equations and solving problems. 'Mathletics' our online maths homework programme is up and running so please look out for that. If you have lost your log in card just let me know and I will print off a replacement. The web address is: www.mathletics.co.uk and go to

student sign in. I will put up a variety of activities that the children can complete and earn certificates.

Outdoor Learning with Mr Scandrett and **PE** with Chris are on a Wednesday and Thursday respectively so children will need outdoor 'messy' clothes on a Wednesday and PE kit on both days. As the weather is getting cooler and wetter, long leggings or tracksuits are a good idea as well as a change of socks or a spare jumper. We will try to be outside in both of these sessions unless the weather is particularly bad.

In **art** and **DT** we will be learning about the artists Mondrian and Jackson Pollock and working with clay.

Just to remind families that we provide milk (at a charge) and free fruit but children are welcome to bring in healthy snacks as well (no crisps, sweets or chocolate please)

We look forward to seeing all of you over the coming weeks.

Mrs Yarney,

Mrs Govier

and Mrs Dennis.

PS we are looking for donations of any cars, tractors, or trucks. We are hoping to add them to our playground area for all children in

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

Children under the age of 5 (both Pre-School and Reception Year) receive a free carton of milk at morning break. Once your child turns 5, you can continue to buy milk for him/her by going direct to Coolmilk (<http://www.coolmilk.com>) who will arrange delivery and take payment.

For those children on free school meals (not UIFSM), there is the option for the school to purchase milk on their behalf. Please let the office know if you want your child to continue to receive milk or if you need assistance with any of the milk ordering procedures.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome all our children and families to the beginning of the new school year. This term's topic title is 'Fantasy and Magic', we will be discovering more about your Childs passions and interests to guide us on our learning journey.

We will be asking the children, 'what is magic?'. We will be reading traditional fairy tales (The three little pigs, The Gingerbread man) and favourite stories (Gruffalo) to find out more about the pretend world.

We are also focusing on Sensory Behaviour and teaching the children more about their bodies and senses, planning a variety of sensory and exploration activities to motivate and challenge the children. We will be looking at change in the natural world as Autumn appears.

We continue to work closely with Class 1 each Thursday afternoon. We will also be introducing the Early Years and Foundation children to a 'Magic time' at 3pm for a catch up and share the days learning experiences, snack, story or group activity.

Polite reminder -When your Child begins Pre-school they are issued with a book bag and communication book. Please remember the book bag each week. This is an important activity encouraging your child to show an interest in stories, promoting listening skills, developing vocabulary and speech. Please return the book bags to the book bag tray at the beginning of the day. We will help your child select a different book. Please ensure you return the books enabling us to continue to provide the service to all our children and their families.

Each day at Pre-school we have a 'show and tell' time when we take turns to look at toys and pictures or something that we have enjoyed at home... Please join in by encouraging your child to place a toy /picture in the 'show & tell' tray at the beginning of the day. Thank you.

Come and join the fun .. All welcome.. Pre-school Open Morning - 9.00- 10.30am 12th October 2017

Pre-school Parents evening - 3.30-5.00pm. 17th October 2017. Book a time to chat to Sarah and Chrissy about your childs progress.

Anstey Parent &Toddler group - Monday Mornings 9.30-11.30am

All Under 5's welcome. £2 per child. Meet others and share play ideas. Louise will be supporting the group this term. Messy play and crafts planned. Come along for a cuppa!

Sarah Cooper, Chrissy Rycroft, Louise Mair and Mia Jones



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Sports

Our new sporting season will be kicking off shortly as we have a full and exciting sporting calendar ahead of us for this academic year. We will be continuing our work towards the Sainsbury's school games award. We wait with anticipation for last year's results.

We will be entering as many sporting fixtures as possible. Diary dates have already been allocated for netball, football, tag rugby, athletics and show jumping. We intend to extend this list by adding more fixtures through various sporting avenues and connections.

As ever, we will be relying on the support and assistance of our parents to help with transport to various sports venues and their ever encouraging support on the side lines for our East Anstey sports stars.

See you on the side lines.

Learning in the natural environment

Our continued improvements of our school grounds will be a major focus throughout our outdoor learning sessions. We have signed up to the Woodland Trusts Green tree awards, and will be using this initiative to work towards varying levels of awards.

Look out for new shrubs and plants being planted to brighten and green up areas around school which are a little concrete heavy. Any donations of materials, gardening supplies etc will be gratefully received. We enjoy upcycling as a cost effective and planet saving method of achieving our goals. Please speak to myself about any materials that you have which could be beneficial to our outdoor learning experience.

Stay green!

JUNIOR NEWS

Hello everyone

I am so pleased to be able to welcome you back to the beginning of another school year- my third in fact, since joining East Anstey. I very much look forward - as I have in previous years - to working with all of the children, supporting them with their personal progress and watching them grow in all aspects of their learning.

The junior team and I will be working closely and tirelessly to deliver a first rate educational experience for the children, beginning this term with a step back in time to the Victorian era.

English and Maths

These subjects form the core of the childrens' learning experience, developing essential numeracy and literacy skills, which can be applied to other areas of the curriculum. They will, for instance, begin to learn about the Industrial Revolution - how it changed life for the better, whilst also considering the long term effects on the environment and debate issues around damage to the Earth's climate facing us today.

Science

Linked to the Victorians, the children will discover the significant pioneering works of scientists and engineers of this and other eras. They will also be presented with the opportunity to work in teams to design, prepare and run a stall for a Science Fair, as part of our connections to The Ogden Trust at Dulverton Junior School.

Programming

As well as developing their skills using Powerpoint and Publisher, the children will be starting to learn some basic computational skills using the Scratch programme this term

Design

The children will have the chance to investigate bridge design and work in teams to build one of their own. As part of their research into Victorian life, they will find out about childhood toys and games and investigate the technology used to create them.

The Arts

William Morris is synonymous with this period of history and presents the perfect opportunity to design and create their own pattern for home furnishings, wall paper or house-hold accessory.

Humanities

The children will be investigating how transport has changed since the early 1800's, alongside exploring how towns have developed around mines, mills and other industrial sites. This will lead us into finding out about the lifestyles of both adults and children and how things were changing rapidly during the Victorian era.

PE and Outdoor Learning

Please note a change to arrangements for this year:

- * ProCoaching with Chris will now take place on a Thursday;
- * PE and Outdoor learning with Mr Scandrett will remain on a Friday.

The children will need to be organised for both afternoons and come to school equipped with the correct and appropriate clothing. Can I take the liberty of suggesting that the children leave their kit in school overnight, to ensure that they are prepared for an afternoon of outdoor learning for the following day.

With changes to school uniform this year, I would also like to encourage the children to dress in our equally smart PE kit: navy shorts and maroon top with the school logo, rather than football kits. Thank you. Hoodies and jogging trousers will also be available for purchase, should you wish and will match our school competitive sport's kit, which will be implemented this year. Please speak to the admin team, if you would like any further information in this regard.

Home Learning

This will be set most weeks, throughout this term and take a variety of forms. It will be set on a Thursday and is due in the following Tuesday, when all home learning books need to be handed in, so that the next week's learning can be

sent home. This will avoid children to-ing and fro-ing with bits of paper, which inevitably leads to home learning being lost, forgotten or buried in the bottom of bags or pockets. For your information:

- * Times tables to practice x3 each week. A copy of the times table level will be provided in home learning books and replaced, when a maximum score is reached;
- * Half term word list - taken from the statutory spelling list - will be made available in home learning books, for your reference. The children will continue to develop and practice a range of strategies in school, but will also be expected to practice learning their word list x3 each week at home. Spelling is an important requirement in the new English curriculum and requires support from both school and home to ensure that the children make the best possible progress, when measured at the end of the year;
- * All children have an individual reading book, which they need to bring into school each day. We encourage parents to listen to their children read at least x3 each week;
- * Throughout the term, the children are presented with projects to complete that are linked to areas across the curriculum.

All that remains is for me to wish you all well. I hope to see you all at some point during the term; whether that be for our Harvest celebrations or the Christmas Play and Carol Service (it will be here before we know it) and of course parent consultations. My door is always open, however, so should you wish to speak with me at any other time, then please spare no hesitation. I will be available Monday-Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Alternatively, you can also ring through to the admin team or send an email, which will be brought to my attention speedily.

With very best wishes for the coming months,

Nic Forder and team

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Letters have gone to most of our Year 6 children regarding applying for Secondary School places from September 2018.

We have not yet received letters for some families with Somerset addresses but we are assured that you can still log on the portal to apply for a place. The ID number provided on the letters will speed the process but is not a requirement to apply. Please make sure you log on to <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place> to apply for a place before the deadline of **31st October**.

Children with Somerset addresses should also notify Somerset County Council of their secondary school choice.

Clubs

Our after-school and lunchtime clubs for this half term are as follows:

After school clubs: (3.30-4.30pm)

Thursday: Sports (Juniors) Procoach

Lunchtime clubs:

Monday: French (Infants)* Mrs Bradley
(some places available)

Wednesday: Eco Club Mrs Yarney

Thursday: Sports (Infants) Procoach
French (Juniors)* Mrs Bradley
(some places available)

Friday: Music Mrs Govier

*French club is payable direct to Mrs Bradley. Please contact the office or Hannah for further details.

2017/2018 TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September to Friday 15th December

Half-term: Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

Non-pupil days: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Thursday 29th March

Half-term: Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Non-pupil days: Wednesday 3rd January

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 16th April to Wednesday 25th July

May Day Holiday: Monday 7th May

Half-term: Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Notices and Reminders

- If sending money in to class, please put it in a named envelope stating what it is for to make sure it is allocated correctly.
- Most payments (e.g dinners, trips etc) can be made online via Tucasi. We would encourage parents to use this system where possible - If you would like a reminder of how to register for online payments please contact the office. Payment can also be made by cash or cheques (payable to Devon County Council unless otherwise advised).
- If you would like the school to administer medicines such as antibiotics or painkillers, please ensure a permission form is signed in the office. We are unable to give the medicine if we do not have this in place.
- Please label all uniform as it is easy to mislay items even in our small school.
- Please remember to let us know by phone or note if your child's normal after school transport arrangements will not apply. This is particularly important when after-school clubs are running.
- We would be grateful if parents could avoid using the staff car park (including visitor space) during the morning and afternoon drop off/collection to allow safe access for the school buses.
- Children can be left in school from 8.45am onwards. If you do arrive earlier than this please stay with your children until that time.

Thank you!

Do join us for our

Harvest Festival

on

Friday 6th October

2.00pm

Flu Vaccinations

Letters were sent home yesterday to children from Years 1, 2, 3 and 4, inviting them for flu vaccination in school. For children of this age the vaccine is actually administered as a nasal spray.

The school are hosting the vaccination session which will be run by NHS England. Parents have to give (or refuse) permission - please ensure your replies are back in school by next Friday (22nd Sept).

We don't yet have a date for the clinic, but will inform families when we receive notification.

Thought for this term...

A single step is all you need to start even the longest journey...

Anon



Just a reminder that the school is signed up for 'easy-fundraising' which helps raise funds for both school and pre-school. Over 3000 retailers donate a small percentage of the retail price to our cause whenever you shop with them online via the easy-fundraising website. The retailers are all household names such as Next, Sainsbury's, M&S, Amazon etc and registering is free and easy.

To register go to:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastansteyps

There is no additional charge to you as a purchaser. Simply go the easyfundraising page, use that to navigate to your preferred supplier, then shop as normal. We would encourage as many people as possible to sign up and spread the word to friends and family. If you would like further details of the scheme please contact the

House Points

Totals so far this term



Ruby 87 points

Sapphire 106 points

Emerald 116 points

Amber 43 points

Autumn Term Achievers

Weekly Achievers

Infants: **Elijah & Judah**

Juniors: **Hugo**

School Meals

A reminder that children in Years R, 1 and 2 are eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). For children in Pre-School or the Junior Class (including the Year 3 children who have just moved class), meals are charged at £2.30 per day. Those families that qualify for 'normal' free school meals should apply online ([https://new.devon.gov.uk/ educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals](https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals)). Please contact the office if you need further assistance - any qualifying families will also attract Pupil Premium which entitles your child(ren) to discounts on various school activities and enable further resources to be purchased on their behalf.

We will be posting photographs of our school meals onto the website and school blog so that families can see the meals that are being served.

What is working and what isn't? Please use the Soundboard below, pick up the phone or come in and see us. All suggestions and issues are important to us and we will work together to resolve any problems. We hope you are finding the website useful, but any requests or suggestions for content etc would also be very welcome.

Please cut this out and return it to school with any comments/suggestions/questions etc.

Soundboard



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) How does it work in Devon?

Sessions for parent carers

What support is there for children with SEND?

What is 'assess, plan, do, and review'?

What do all these changes mean for me and my family?

What is the SEND Local Offer?

We will help you to understand the system in Devon. To book a place – click on the Eventbrite link or speak to the host school.

More dates coming soon!

Event	Date	Start	Finish
<u>SEND Parent Information Event – Totnes</u> The Grove Primary School	10 October 2017	13:00	15:00
<u>SEND Parent Information Event – Uffculme</u> Uffculme School	18 October 2017	11:00	13:00
<u>SEND Parent Information Event – Hatherleigh</u> Hatherleigh Primary School	19 October 2017	15:30	17:30
<u>SEND Parent Information Event – Chulmleigh</u> Chulmleigh community College	08 November 2017	19:00	21:00
<u>SEND Parent Information Event – Exeter</u> Ladysmith Infant School	15 November 2017	09:00	11:00
<u>SEND Parent Information Event – Barnstaple</u> Petroc College	20 November 2017	14:00	15:30

For more information, call 01392 383000 ask for SEND Local Offer
Email sendlocaloffer@devon.gov.uk



28th September '17 *

SMART

South Molton Art - Music Centre

At South Molton United C of E Primary School

Runs weekly on Thursdays from 4.30pm to 6pm for existing and aspiring players— come along and learn a new instrument, sing as part of a fun choir, or develop your playing as part of an ensemble; and bring your parents/carers to play too!

Email csmss2s@outlook.com for further details