



School **Update**

Spring Term 2021- Week 8

Friday 5th March 2021

The East Anstey School Newsletter

School Re-Opening Arrangements



Monday 8th March

Dear families

Following the recent government announcements, I am writing to welcome you back to school and to give you information on our full re-opening.

Monday 8th March – Children from all year groups return

Pupils, Bubble Groups and Staffing Children will once again attend school in “bubble” groups. These bubbles are based on our class groups. The bubbles will be organised and staffed as follows:

Bubble 2 (Juniors) – Mrs Scandrett with support from Mr Scandrett and Mrs Dennis. Bubble 1 (Infants) – Mrs Yarney with support from Miss Cooper, Miss E Mair and Miss L Mair

Transport

School transport will be running normally and as it did (prior to school closure) during the Autumn Term. Please contact your transport provider directly if you have any queries.

Start and End of Day Top Gate:

Bus children will enter via the top gate (a member of staff will meet them from the bus). The children will then disperse to their bubble entrances when on site.

Lower Gate:

All other children should enter via the lower gate which will be open between 8.45 and 9.00am. Staff will meet children from bubbles 1 & 2 directly where they will be taken to their classes.

Class 1 - Lower gate, lower path and then up to door to Class 1

Class 2 - Lower gate, round the hall and front door to Class 2

For those dropping off and picking up, could parents please remember the social distancing measures required and be considerate to other families. Bubbles will be separately dismissed at the lower gate from 3.30pm

Please note that parents should not come on site either when dropping off or collecting their child(ren). If you need to speak to the class teacher, please contact the school office in the first instance and we can either pass a message or get the teacher to contact you. We will continue to use Class Dojo for passing day to day information, so this remains an alternative contact method.

If you think your child may have any issues with coming in to school, please don't worry – we are mindful that some may be anxious about coming back in and will do all we can to alleviate any concerns.

Attendance

Government guidance is clear that all children should be attending school regularly from Monday 8th March, and that is also our expectation. Any child that is unwell should be kept

off as you would normally, with a call to the office or dojo to class teacher with the reason. Should they be showing any symptoms of Coronavirus, they must be kept at home, inform the school and testing arranged immediately. If a child becomes ill during the day (whatever the symptoms), we will contact parents to collect immediately. If you do have to have your child or any family member tested either due to symptoms or close contact tracing, please let the school know the result as soon as possible.

Curriculum

From March 8th, our full curriculum will be taught. We will be help the children to settle back into school life rapidly and will also assess their learning as they get used to school routines once again. Whilst some activities will be approached slightly differently this term, we will still be organizing our exciting learning opportunities and seasonal events. We will be sending out more detail about the term in our newsletter and communications home.

Uniform

Children should wear uniform where possible, which should be regularly cleaned. We know that some children will have outgrown their uniform and don't want to replace at this end of the year, in which case, appropriate alternative clothing will be acceptable.

PE/Outdoor Learning

We will again have Primary Sports coming in to deliver some of our PE sessions. They have completed their own risk assessment and are fully aware of our site specific restrictions. On PE days, children should come ready dressed in their PE kit. Please note that the PE days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays until further notice.

Outdoor learning will also be on Thursdays and children should bring some suitable warm clothing for this activity.

Lunches

We are pleased to report that school meals will again be fully available from next Monday. For those preferring to bring their own packed lunch, lunchboxes can be brought onto site, then taken home again for cleaning. Please remember that school meals remain free for those in Reception, Year 1

and Year 2, together with anyone who has specifically applied for (and been granted) free school meals via Devon County Council. The cost of a meal for children in nursery and Years 3 - 6 who don't qualify for free school meals remains at £2.30.

PPE

The children will not be required to wear masks in school. Staff will wear masks as appropriate on school site. Other basic PPE is available for cleaning duties etc. Should a child require 1st Aid, then masks and face shields will be worn by staff as required.

Other Precautions and Measures

We continue to try to limit the transfer of items to and from school, although lunch boxes, bags, books etc. are able to be used and can go from home to school. Your class teacher will be in touch regarding reading book arrangements.

The school remains zoned and additional markings are in place to help contact management. Bubbles (both children & staff) will not mix during the school day. There may be times when two bubbles are on the school field, but areas will be zoned and the members will not interact.

School equipment can now be used again to enable us to fully deliver the curriculum. All equipment that is used will be cleaned at the end of the day. Children may be allocated equipment (pencil, pen etc.) that will be kept with them throughout and will not be shared.

There is plenty of hand sanitiser and handwashing soap on site and we will be encouraging handwashing throughout the day. Regular cleaning of surfaces, handles etc. including the toilets will be carried out throughout the day as part of our hygiene regime.

Further information updates will now be published as part of (and alongside) our e-newsletter release each Friday. Please contact the school office for specific queries.

Nursery Opening

Nursery is currently open for all children. If you would like your child/ren to attend a session place, please contact the office for further information or email: eastanstey@exmoorlink.org

Infant News



Hi everyone

Well done for making it! We are so looking forward to seeing you all next week. You have been fantastic at keeping in touch and sending in your comments, photos and work and I feel like we are in a really good place to come back to. Have a wonderful weekend and here's to a sunny, exciting and fun few weeks ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Yarney

This weeks achievers are:

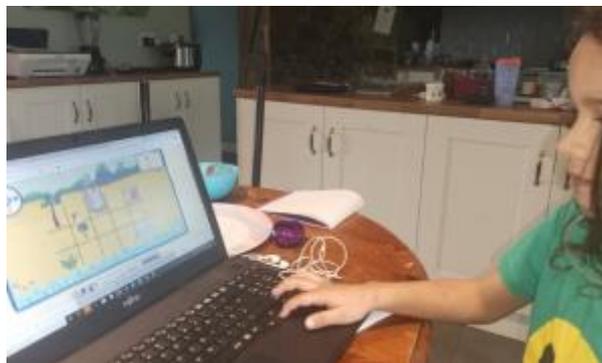
Amethyst: Ruby and Lily - for hard working every day at school, without complaint. Fantastic measuring from you Ruby this week and super writing and spelling from you Lily. We are so proud of you - well done.

Gold: Rory for some great independent writing, finger space and neat letters - well done. You have worked so hard over our time away. Well done Rory.

Silver: Phoebe For super mark making and frogspawn collecting. You have been playing and sharing beautifully these last few weeks.

Bronze: Milo and Callie for joining in brilliantly in our live lessons. You have been great, joining in with quizzes and stories and showing and telling. You have also been working hard at home. Well done.

Libby, for helping out with cooking and lambing at home and keeping active and busy. We've loved seeing your photos Libby.







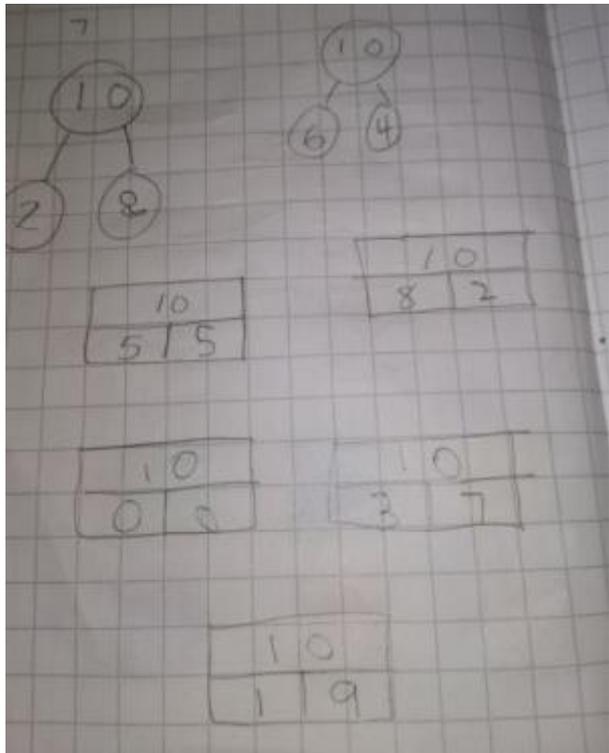


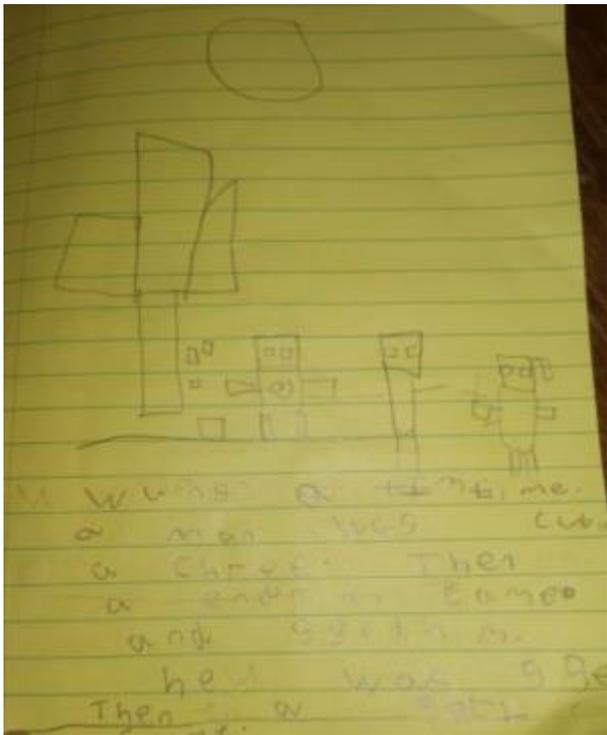
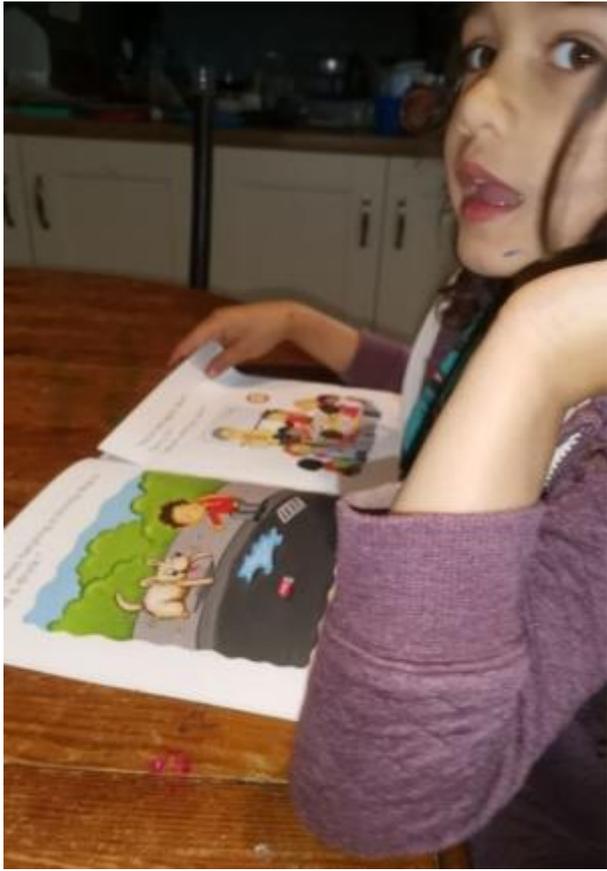


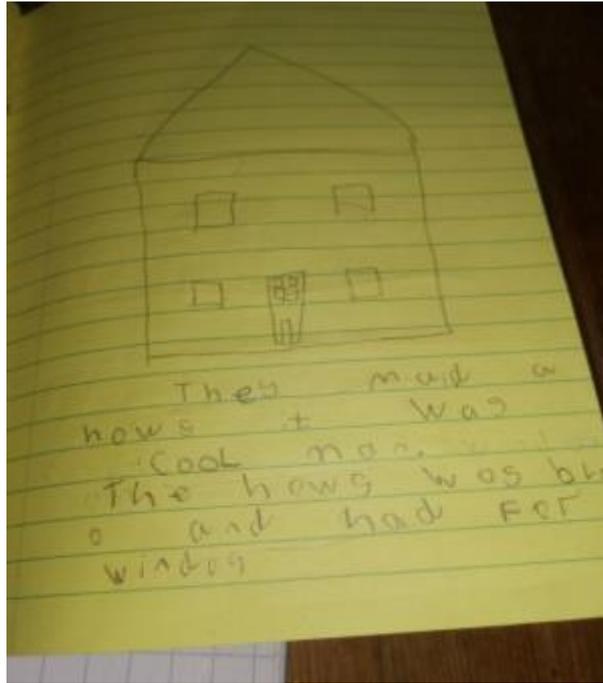












Junior News



Dear Parents,

I would just like to say a **huge** well done and thank you to everyone, and that we are all really looking forward to seeing our children on Monday. Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Scandrett

Weekly Achievers:

Amethyst award:

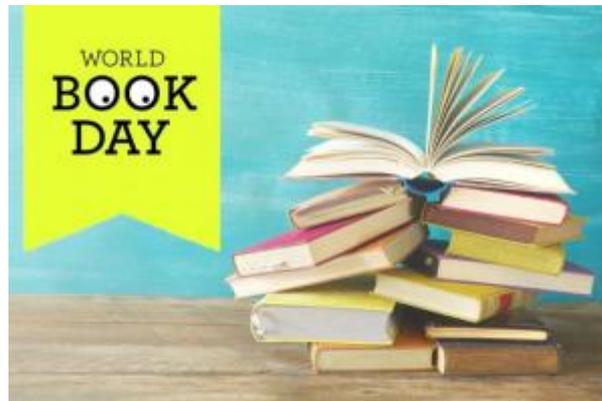
Jesse – for amazing diligence with your work over this whole lockdown period. I have been so impressed with how hard you have worked on your individual pack of work; on the online sessions with me and also with the online sessions which were part of your weekly timetable too. Your handwriting has really improved and I have particularly enjoyed reading your Oliver Twist story. I would love to read the ending if you managed to finish it?

Diamond awards:

Lucy/Liberty and Sofia – for fantastic effort in your final assignments on TEAMS. I loved reading and listening to your stories this week and was very impressed with the level of care you took to complete your work. Well done for sharing these with the rest of the class online. Also, I have been very impressed with your contribution to all of our online sessions. Good work girls!

World Book Day

It was World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021. We held an online TEAMS assembly at 10am, which was great fun with a magical visitor. Book Tokens which allow £1 off any book £2.99 and over, or a free £1 book will be sent home next week (week commencing 8th March).



Message from the Fire and Rescue Service to all families

Importance of smoke alarms

As our local Fire and Rescue Services are still unable to visit schools they have asked us to share a key safety message, which is that all households with children should have working smoke alarms.

If households don't have working smoke alarms they are entitled to a free Home Safety Visit.

All information concerning this is in the flyer below.



Your Fire Service needs YOU!

As we are still unable to visit our schools for the annual fire safety talks, we still want households with children to be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms.

If you don't have working smoke alarms then you can call
0800 05 02 999 to request a **free HOME SAFETY CHECK**
(quote code : 294)

And if you or someone you know answers "yes" to at least one of these questions:

- is over 65 years old?
- finds it difficult to move around?
- can't hear things very well?
- smokes?
- doesn't have one smoke alarm for each level of their home?
- has NO smoke alarms?

They can also request a free **HOME SAFETY CHECK** by calling **0800 05 02 999**

Blue Peter on YouTube...



What's On

With re-opening and the government road map for relaxing lockdown restrictions, we are hopeful that we may be able to return to holding more normal events as the year moves on. Until that is possible, we will continue to hold events remotely via Microsoft TEAMS.

Coming up...

School re opens - Monday 8th March Easter Assembly and other events to be announced soon. 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

- Email the office eastanstey@exmoorlink.org

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