

# UPDATES

## The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter

### From the Head

Hello all

Welcome to 2014

First, I would like to wish you all a happy new year and to welcome you all back to school. I hope that you were able to have a restful break and that neither illness nor floods made things too difficult.

### New Year, New Term

We have now launched into the term and are getting up to full speed. This is always a short and busy term with much to fit in. Clubs have started (with more in the pipeline) and swimming is already well underway. I am looking forward to our exciting junior topic which focuses on Pre-history, geography and much, much more. The infants are already into their topic – Pirates and Islands (Arggh). There are also many sports taking place this term and we will hopefully be running some exciting trips including our residential to Heatree. Later in the term we turn our thoughts to Easter as spring approaches.

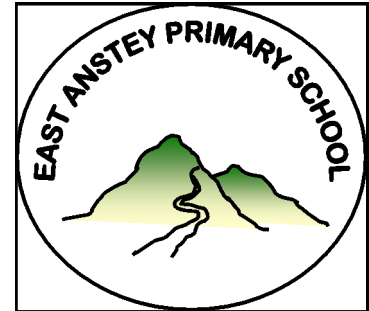
I would like to welcome back Miss McKelvey and Miss Foster who have started their second teaching placement at school. I am sure they will do very well and I hope they enjoy their time with us.

### Staying in touch

Look out for the weekly updates and I would like to draw your attention to other ways of staying in touch. The school operates the message line service and you can email us at [admin@east-anstey-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@east-anstey-primary.devon.sch.uk) or [head@east-anstey-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@east-anstey-primary.devon.sch.uk) or you can use the sound board on our newsletters. We will also continue to use the text system especially as the weather turns for the worse.

I hope to see you all at the exciting events coming up soon. Best wishes to you all and have an enjoyable term.

Tim Gurney



Early Spring Term 2014  
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## DIARY DATES

**Dates for the Diary:**  
(Dates may be amended or added)

**Jan 2014**  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> *Fire Service Visit*

**Monday 17th to Friday 21st February**  
**HALF TERM**

**Mar 2014**  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> *Open Afternoon*  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup>-Fri 21<sup>st</sup> **HEATREE**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> *Parents Evening 1*  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> *Last Swim*  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> *Parents Evening 2*

**Apr 2014**  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> *Easter Assembly 9.30am*  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> *Easter Activities Day*  
*Last Day of Term*

**Monday 7th to Monday 21st April**  
**EASTER HOLIDAY**

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> *Non-pupil Day*  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> *Children return to school*

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The East Anstey Team

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Mr Gurney Mrs Yarney Mrs Everett-Kelway Mrs Partridge Mr Deveney Mrs Attwood Mrs Loftus  
Mrs Dennis Mr Yarney Miss Williams Mrs Glasspool Mrs Dean Mrs Buckee Mrs Tilbury Mrs Mair

## INFANT CLASS NEWS

### Dear Families

Welcome back to school. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. This Spring term we would like to welcome some new additions to the infant class. We are pleased to say that Mrs Dean and Mrs Buckee have joined the infant team for this term. They will be supporting and working with children in the classroom and we are very happy to welcome them. We must also welcome back Miss Foster, our Exeter University student who will be with us until nearly Easter so we are very lucky that the Infants will have lots of adult support this term.

This spring term our topic is 'Pirates and Islands'.

In History we will be looking at how pirates lived, and what life on board ship was like. We'll meet some pirates from the past and make lots of art and craft to do with pirates and their treasure.

In Science we are looking at the seasons and the weather. The children will be finding out why we have four seasons and some countries do not. We'll look at the weather and record the weather in a scientific way.

For RE we will be looking at New Beginnings and also the festivals of Holi and the Chinese New year.

In maths the children will be continuing to develop their skills in calculation, measures and shape. They will be using facts that they have learned to help solve problems.

In Literacy the children will be writing stories with familiar settings, stories with fantasy settings, poetry, instructions and recounts.

If you have any artefacts, pictures, books or a particular interest in any of our topics we would love see them or you.

#### Notices for this term:

Please could all children bring in a warm coat every day, as we like to get fresh air as much as we can, even in cold weather. Children should also have sensible black or dark shoes/boots as part of their school uniform.

Please could all children have a sensible pair of PE shoes in their PE bags. Ideally trainers are best for most sessions but plimsolls will do if getting trainers is difficult. The children will also need a PE t-shirt, shorts and leggings or tracksuit bottoms for outdoor work. You may put in a sweater for outside but they can wear their school jumper.

Please send in bookbags daily for reading and notices. Any questions please don't hesitate to speak to the office or Mrs Yarney.

**Homework** will be sent home again this week, and we will be giving the children a word or language homework (which may be spellings but not every week) and a maths focus. These will usually be sent home on a Thursday to be completed by the following Thursday.

This term Year two will be getting a **personal project** focus, which they can complete over the course of the half term, to be handed in on Monday 24th February. Awards will be given for projects that have had lots of effort put into them.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming term. Please don't hesitate to come and chat to staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Yarney,  
Mrs Dennis,  
Miss Williams,  
Mrs Buckee  
Mrs Dean and  
Miss Foster

## 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.
- Any cheques should normally be made payable to Devon County Council (only current exception is the Scholastic Book Club which is paid direct to Scholastic.)
- Most payments (e.g swimming, trips etc) can now be made online. Please log in regularly using your password to check for payments due. If you need a password reminder please contact the office.
- Junior tuck shop - Cheese, crackers and cereal bars are available. Each child has a named wallet for their tuck shop money.
- Infant break - free fruit and/or vegetables, with milk available at 10p per cup.
- 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.

Thank you!

Thought for this half term...

Life's what you make it... (Talk Talk)

# JUNIOR NEWS

Hello and welcome back

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

The spring term is quite short so we have a lot to fit into our weeks. First of all, we welcome Julia McKelvey back to the junior class for the remainder of her teaching practice with us.

Heatree residential is coming up in March. For those of you who are new to Heatree, there will be more information closer to the time. If you have any questions or worries about your child coming on a residential then please come and talk me. Every year, all the children have a great time and can't wait to go back.

In literacy this term, we are studying fictional writing. This includes fantasy, science fiction and mystery. We are going to link this to our topic by going time travelling! For the remainder of the term, we will focus on non fiction texts, including, reports, persuasion and autobiographies.

In maths we are beginning the term with number work looking at reasoning about numbers, decimals, related facts and multiples and factors. We will then move on to calculation strategies, both mentally and written, for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue with daily times tables practice.

In science, the topic this term is the earth, the solar system and light. We will be looking at the importance of the sun in our solar system, how the moon orbits the earth, learning some of the names of our stars and also finding out about how our eyes work.

As you probably know, our topic this term is prehistory, including up to the stone age. We will study the early origins of man and how the world has changed over that time, including the ice age. We will look at the evidence for that period of history and how it has taught us about early man. We will find out what life was like in the stone age and compare it to our lives now!

Through art we will continue with our topic theme. Julia is an art specialist, so will be completing a unit of work on cave art with the children, experimenting with natural materials and a variety of techniques.

RE this term will focus on signs and symbols across the faiths and what they represent.

Swimming will continue until the very end of term with one week off during Heatree week. Games will continue to be on Wednesday, beginning with football. Due to the time of year, this can be weather dependent. It may be necessary to change day or move inside, so all children should have their kit in school at the start of the week. A warm set of joggers and jumper (that you don't mind

getting muddy) will be a good idea. Please remember that earrings need to be removed or covered.

Our first session on a Wednesday has now changed. Miss McKelvey will be taking German and Mrs Mulligan will be taking recorders. The children will be allowed to bring their recorders home to practise (sorry!) but they do need to be back in every Wednesday.

A few notices now; booster for year six will begin next Tuesday afternoon, run by Claire. This will take over as their home-work until May. If you have any questions about this just ask. For the rest of the class, homework will continue to be given out on Thursday and returned the following Wednesday; long hair needs to be tied up please; every child needs to have a warm coat in school, every day please.

As always, if have any concerns or questions, just pop into class in the morning to speak to one of us.

We all look forward to seeing you at one of our events after half term.

*Dawn Everett-Kelway,  
Claire Partridge,  
Elspeth Dennis,  
Dave Yarney and  
Julia McKelvey*

## Public consultation on school admission arrangements 2015-16 and education travel arrangements 2014-15

School admission authorities are required by the Schools Admissions Code to consult on changes to admission arrangements. Devon is consulting on arrangements up to 28 February 2014.

As part of the consultation they would like to hear the views of as many interested parties as possible which includes parents.

The admission arrangements can be viewed at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements) or call My Devon on 0845 1551019 for a paper version.


**EAST ANSTEY**


**PRE SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 24th January  
 7.30pm for 8pm  
 At Sportsman's, Sandyway

A great night out and  
 a challenge between local villages  
 Teams of 6  
 Carvery  
 £10 per person  
 All welcome

Contact Michelle on 01398 341170  
 or Sharon on 01769 550522




## Dinner Money

Following our financial audit of the School, a point was raised by the auditor regarding dinner money arrears. All dinner money must be paid for at the end of the week that the dinners have been eaten or paid on the day the child has the dinners. An even more convenient way to pay for your school dinners is by paying online at <http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk>. You can use this online system to pay in advance for your child's dinners and it can also be used to settle other accounts such as swimming lessons and school trips. If you don't have your individual log in details for your child please contact the office. There is also a users manual available in the office should you require a copy. Thank you for your help in ensuring all dinner money is paid on time.

### 2013/2014 TERM DATES

#### Spring 2014

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
 Non-pupil days - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
 Half term - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### Summer 2014

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
 May Day Holiday - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
 Non-pupil days - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
 Half term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

### Clubs

After school clubs are:

Tuesday - Study Club (to 4.15pm)

Mrs Everett-Kelway

Wednesday - Dance Club

with Atalia (£3 per week direct to Atalia)

Thursday - Cooking Club

Mrs Yarney/Mrs Partridge

**All after school clubs run from 3.30 -4.30pm (except Study.)**

Lunchtime clubs are:

Wednesday - Art & Craft/

Mrs Attwood

Friday - Origami Club

Mrs Yarney

### House Points

Totals so far this term



**Ruby 53 points**

**Sapphire 46 points**

**Emerald 56 points**

**Amber 63 points**

### Spring Term Achievers Amethyst Awards

*Infant achiever:* **Harry**

*Lower Juniors:*  
*Maths achiever* **Niala**  
*English achiever* **Brinn**

*Upper Juniors:*  
*Maths achiever* **Edward**  
*English achiever* **Christopher**

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

### Soundboard