

# UPDATES

## The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter

### From the Head

Hello all and welcome back to school

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy some sun. Although the sun is still with us, the morning mists show that the season is beginning to turn and we are now looking ahead to another exciting school year. It is always really nice to see some new faces at school and I would like to welcome all new starters to East Anstey. I am really pleased with how well the youngest children are already settling in and beginning to enjoy school life.

#### AUTUMN at EAST ANSTEY

This is always a wonderful term at school with so many events and festivities. After settling in to the term we will start preparing for the Harvest Festival. Before the clocks go back we hopefully will enjoy a number of sports fixtures if the weather stays on side (!!!) Later in the term we will be holding our annual book fair and then after half term start to prepare for all the excitement of Christmas. We will, as always, be staging a large scale performance but I will not be revealing what the play will be until we are a little closer with scripts.

#### IN CLASS

The classes have started really well and it is great to see everyone back (some returning to the school) and eager to learn. Welcome back also to Mr Hutcheon, who joins us from his time at Bish Nym. Everyone has settled into school life and the children are rapidly getting used to some new and some familiar routines. The classes are beginning their topics including: The Vikings (Juniors) and Farming (Infants). These are both great topics and I am really looking forward to some wonderful project work. English and Maths mainly takes place each morning and we of course offer a very broad curriculum of all other subjects.

#### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Developments this year include our newly reorganised and very exciting curriculum (I will be sending some parent information about this during the term), more new computing equipment (landing in a classroom near you soon!), general decorations, some of which already have happened over the summer break and most excitingly we will be launching our FOUNDATION UNIT PROJECT. This will be to build a purpose built class space for Pre School and our foundation children if possible. Of course we will need to start this with some fundraising and I would like to launch the project with some information for you all very soon. We will also hopefully be upgrading our paper communications to you (leaflets and advice) to improve school – home communications and also to explain some of the changes to the education system as they happen.

#### WEATHER

At the moment we seem to be enjoying a fantastic extended summer (long may it continue) but as the colder and wetter weather comes our way please could you make sure that the children are suitably prepared with appropriate clothing (especially for PE). If in doubt, do check with the class teacher.

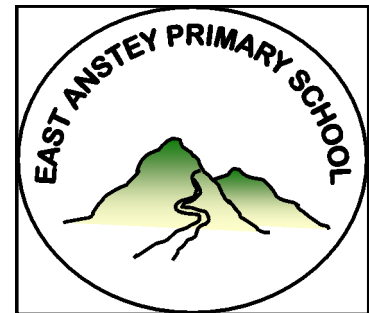
#### CLUBS

We are hoping to offer a very full programme of clubs again this year. This will include some different opportunities including clubs run by our providers this year – Pro Coaching. I will also be looking to run a number of interesting projects for inquisitive minds this year. We can always do with help and if you feel that you could run or help to run a club then do please contact the office. It would be great to see you and we can provide training and full support.

Enjoy the term and I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our many events

Best wishes

Tim Gurney



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#### Dates for the Diary:

*(Please note - dates may be amended or added)*

#### Sep

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> *Governors Meeting @  
Bishops Nympton 6pm*  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> *Oral Health Visit*  
Tue 30<sup>th</sup> *Harvest Festival 9.30am  
East Anstey Church*

#### Oct

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> *Open Afternoon, 2.30pm*  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> *Parents Evening 1*  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> *Parents Evening 2*

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct –  
Half Term**

#### Nov

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> - *Book Fair*

#### Dec

Tue 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed 10<sup>th</sup>, Thu 11<sup>th</sup> -  
*Christmas Play Performances*  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> *Christmas Dinner & Party*  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> *Carol Service*  
*Last day of term*

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan –  
Christmas holiday**

#### Jan 2015

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> *Non-pupil day*  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup> *Children return*

committed

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 Mr Hutcheon  
Mrs Mair Mrs Bateman Miss Mair Mrs Jones

## INFANT CLASS NEWS

Dear families

Welcome back to the infant class and a particular welcome to our new starters who are already settling in really well. We hope you had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to our Autumn topic and all of the exciting things that we have planned.

This term our topic is Autumn, farming and the seasons. We are hoping to look at different aspects of farming, the production of wheat and flour for bread, eggs to chickens, and cows and milk. We are hoping to get some eggs in the class so that the children can see them hatch and watch those first few days of development.

We are also going to look quite closely at the weather, and how the seasons change. The children are invited to keep an eye out for Autumnal things that they could bring into class (conkers, leaves, acorns etc.) We are also going to learn about Harvest and why we celebrate it today. We are going to find out what harvest would have been like 100 years ago and learn a bit more about seasonal food. In DT we will be making bread and

making a cart to take our wheat to the mill, pumpkin soup, windmills and watermills.

Literacy will be made up of a selection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as more of a focus on spellings, grammar and punctuation. Maths will be the progression of counting, problem solving and number facts. We will look at shapes and measures, money and time.

### Class routines:

The infants will need a **PE** kit every day (this includes a school t-shirt, dark blue or black shorts and some shoes suitable for running and games. As the weather gets colder children could bring in some leggings or tracksuit bottoms)

The children will also need to bring in their **reading folders** daily and we ask that the children read at home as often as they can. You are welcome to come and change their books if you would like to but we do ask that children read their books at least 2 or 3 times before you change them and that they stick to their book band

colour unless a change is agreed by a teacher.

Next week we will start up **home-work**. This is for YR1 and 2 only and will at times include spellings, maths, revision of things that we will be learning about and also practising things that we have learnt that week.

**Snacks:** The children are allowed to bring in a morning snack. We will provide fruit for free and a cup of milk (10p a cup). We do ask that any other snack that the children bring in for playtime is a healthy one. We are promoting healthy eating and children will be allowed to have fruit or a fruit based snack, a wholemeal flapjack or muesli bar or cheese, cheesy strings etc. No sweets, chocolate or crisps please. If you have any questions about snacks then please just ask.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns then please don't hesitate to pop in for a chat.

*Mrs Yarney, Mrs Attwood,  
Miss Williams, Mrs Dennis  
Mrs Buckee and Mr Hutcheon*

## 2014/2015 TERM DATES

### Autumn 2014

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Half term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Non-pupil Days: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Spring 2015

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Half-term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Non-pupil Days: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer 2015

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
May Day Holiday - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Half-term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Non-pupil days: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015

## Vouchers

The Sainsburys vouchers we collected were redeemed at the end of last term and we are awaiting the delivery of the PE equipment we have chosen.

The Morrisons scheme has now started and we would encourage you to send in any vouchers to put towards equipment, seeds etc for our gardening club which is run in the summer term.

Thank you for your continued support with these schemes - the children really do benefit from the extra resources

## JUNIOR NEWS

Dear families

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. It has been lovely to hear your children coming back to school with exciting tales of their summer holidays.

We have many new faces to welcome into the junior class this year. Firstly to year 3; Grace, Lily, Chakita, Charlotte, Sophie, Frank, Finley and Hugo. They have been brilliant at coming into class and organising themselves for the day. It is a lot different from the infants but they have all been doing really well. Also joining us this year are Reuben, into year 5 and Chloe and Tom, returning after a short time away.

Our topic this term is the Vikings. It's a great topic with many opportunities to link across the curriculum into literacy, art and DT and even science. We will begin with discovering who the Vikings were - their beliefs, traditions and way of life. We will then look at them as

invaders and settlers - the historic evidence and their legacy.

In literacy, we will be blocking our work into topics. The first four weeks will be dragons. We will write poetry and perform it; read stories about dragons and write our own stories on overcoming a monster. We will then learn about information text through the secrets of historic locations.

In maths, we will be learning about place value and addition; addition and number; addition and subtraction; shape and measure; multiplication, division and fractions; number and fractions and written multiplication and division.

In science, the topic this term is forces. This will involve investigations, research and explanations of what has been discovered. In music, we will continue to practice music notation using xylophones. In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism.

PE will now take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Taking the sessions will be Chris, from Pro Coaching and Mr Guy. As the term progresses, Mondays tag rugby lesson will require a warm track suit as we will be outside. Full school PE kit and trainers are needed for lessons and long hair must be tied up please.

Homework will begin next week and we will be sending a separate letter home regarding this term's arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you all at the harvest festival and open afternoon.

Dawn Everett-Kelway  
Claire Partridge  
Elspeth Dennis  
and Dave Yarney

## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We are pleased to confirm that the Pre-school is now fully under Governor management. We are delighted to welcome both old faces and new and it is lovely to have pre-school so busy. We have lots of plans for the coming term, including a topic 'all about me' and hopefully visits from people who help us, such as firemen, policemen, nurses etc. Look out for information coming your way soon.

### Clubs

After school clubs are:

Monday	Tag Rugby (Pro Coaching)
Tuesday	Gymnastics (Mrs Everett-Kelway)
Wednesday	Music (Mrs Partridge)
Thursday	Film/Animation (Mrs Yarney)

*Please see separate clubs letter for details of finishing times.*

Lunchtime clubs are:

Wednesday	- Art & Craft (Mrs Attwood)
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### Uniform

We will shortly be placing an order for uniform. Please place any orders with the office by Friday 19th September. Price lists are available online or from the office.

### Oral Health Visit

The Juniors will be having a talk on oral health on Wednesday 17th September followed by a disclosing activity. Permission slips have been sent home so please return these to the office as soon as possible.

Children will also need a **toothbrush and toothpaste** on the day.

Do join us for our

## Harvest Festival

on

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am,  
East Anstey Church

## 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 unless otherwise stated.
- Junior tuck shop - this will be up and running shortly. Each child has a named wallet for their tuck shop money - maximum of 50p per day please.
- 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.
- Please note that for safety purposes parents should not use the staff car-park when dropping off or collecting children. The area becomes very busy with school buses and staff arriving and leaving at various times.

Thank you!


## Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

South Molton Community College are holding their Open Day and Evening on Thursday 25th September. The school is open from 9.30am-12pm and 2pm-3pm for day visits and in the evening from 6-8pm with a welcome in the main hall at 6pm followed by guided tours for parents/guardians and prospective students. SMCC will also be visiting our school later in the term — dates to be advised.

All applications for secondary school must be made by 31st October. You should have already received details at home on how to apply but please contact us or visit <http://www.devon.gov.uk/learningschools/admissions/how-apply-school-place/admissionsonline.htm> for more information.



# Book Fair



Dear All

Year 6 will be running a book fair for the week beginning on 10th November. We will be selling books and stationery. We will also be running our second-hand book stall.

If you have any of the following for our second-hand stall, please bring them into the office by 7<sup>th</sup> November -

- Good quality books - suitable for any age
- Comics

Thank you in anticipation,  
Year 6

## School Meals

A reminder that school meals are now FREE for all children in years R,1 and 2 and we would like to encourage all families to take full advantage of this recently introduced scheme. All infant children are automatically included in the scheme - no form filling is necessary!

A reminder also to families of Junior class children to contact us if you think you may be eligible for free school meals. The application process is quick and simple and can be done via the office.

Our kitchen team work hard to provide both a nutritionally balanced and an appetising menu. Do please contact us if you would like further information or to discuss the scheme.

## PTFA NEWS

It seems a long time ago now, but huge thanks to everyone who helped raise money through PTFA activities last summer- we had some good times and lucrative ones too!

Now that those nice start-of-term-shiny school shoes are already mud splattered ( or is that just my kids?) it's time to move on from thinking about uniforms and matching socks to start making some cash for the school by having some fun with our families.

**Come to Middle Chilcott, if you're free, 7.30 pm onwards, Tues 16 Sept, to hatch some plans.** For more info call Sarah Milne on 322975 or Cath Candish on 341765

Thought for the term...

The hills are not as high, the sea so deep as a dream. (Kit Williams)