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The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter



From the Head

Hello all,

Welcome to the summer term. Well what a beautiful start to the season (well the end of spring actually!). It has been fantastic to be able to get straight out and use the field and let us hope the conditions continue. This is a very important time in the school year with many events and the culmination of a great deal of hard work. It is a fun time but also a chance to show what we have been learning. In light of this “**using what you have learnt**” becomes a key skill and that will be a focus for us in assemblies and many lessons. I hope to see you all at some point during the term, especially during some of our many exciting events.

Exmoor Challenge

Our teams of year sixes have been training hard for the Exmoor challenge which takes place on Saturday 2nd May. Last Saturday we completed 12 miles of the course in beautiful conditions and all did extremely well. We have now selected the three teams (made up of children from across the federation) that will take part on the day. I must say a huge thank you to Graham Turner, Joe Brock and all the other parents for helping with the practice walks. Good luck to the teams and we will be there on the day following their progress.

Term events

This term has many fun events for us all to look forward to. We have some summer sport fixtures and festivals (weather depending), Oceanfest, life skills, trips and theme days, our fabulous sports day and fete, as well as open afternoon, parent's evening and the leaver's assembly. The year sixes will be also be preparing for their transition to South Molton. This term we will also be supporting local events such as the Anstey Open Gardens Event and the village Fete. More about all of these and other events closer to the time.

Tests

This is the half term where many children take National tests or school versions of them. These tests form only one of the ways that we assess our children and we emphasise that children should not get stressed about them. We remind them to simply try their best and never to panic about them. If you do have concerns about the tests or how children are preparing for them, do not hesitate to contact me at school.

New Curriculum and Levels

The national tests may be taking place for year 2 and year 6 (with phonics tests for year 1) but year 2 and year 6 are the only groups to still be given levels. With the arrival of the new national curriculum and the removal of the old level system you may notice a change in the way that the school measures how your child is doing. The new national curriculum works on an “age related” system – broadly whether they are on track for their age. All children will be measured against this system from next year. This is an exciting time for us in school as we are now able to extend our curriculum to enhance opportunities. Much more on this soon as we formally launch the new **Exmoor Link Curriculum** later this term.

Summer weather

Summer is (almost) here! With the warmer weather (hopefully continuing), I would like to remind you about sun protection and would request that sun hats are sent when appropriate. Sun cream should be sent in or single application cream applied before school please. Please advise us of any special arrangements. Summer dresses or shorts are suitable now and sandals are acceptable. Trainers are to be reserved for PE please unless in school (black) colour. Many thanks.

Enjoy the term

Tim Gurney

Early Summer Term 2015
Apr '15 Number 70

DIARY DATES

(Dates may be amended or added)

Apr 2015

Mon 27th *First Swim of term*

May 2015

Sat 2nd *Exmoor Challenge*

Mon 4th *Bank Holiday*

Fri 8th *PTFA Quiz Night*

Mon 11th-Fri 15th *KS2 SATS*

Tue 12th *Governors Meeting*

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd *KS1 SATS*

Monday 25th-Fri 29th MAY HALF TERM

June 2015

Fri 5th *Year 6 to visit SMCC*

Move-Up Day 1

Tue 9th *Sports Day*

Wed 10th-Thu 11th *Yr 6 London Trip*

Fri 19th *Oceanfest (Yrs 5&6)*

Tue 23rd *Bikeability Day 1*

Wed 24th *Pre-School Group Photo*

Fire Service Talks

Fri 26th *Bikeability Day 2*

Tue 30th *Year 6 to visit SMCC*

Move-Up Day 2

July 2015

Mon 6th *Parents Eve 1*

Mon 13th *Parents Eve 2*

Tue 21st *Leavers Assembly +*

Summer Fete

Wed 22nd *Last Day of School*

committed

The East Anstey Team

caring

Mr Gurney Mrs Yarney Mrs Everett-Kelway Mrs Partridge Mr Deveney Mrs Attwood Mrs Loftus

Mrs Dennis Mr Yarney Miss Mair Mrs Glasspool Mrs Dean Mrs Buckee Mr Hutcheon

Mrs Mair Miss Cooper Miss Mair Mrs Jones

'Part of the Exmoor Link Federation'

INFANT CLASS NEWS

Dear families,

Welcome back to the infant class. We hope you had a lovely Easter. We are looking forward to our new summer topic all about 'Space and our planet' and all of the exciting things that we have planned. We would also like to welcome Miss Aisling Reid to the classroom. She is our St Lukes PGCE trainee teacher and we are all really looking forward to working with her.

For our topic we are going to be finding out about our solar system and some of the planets in it. We will also be looking at why our planet is so special and this will lead into the history of our planet next term. We will be looking in a very simple way at the planned mission to Mars and how they are hoping to create places to grow plants. We will look at what plants need to grow and why they do not grow in space.

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.

For RE Mrs Attwood will be covering Christianity and 'me, my family and friends'. Also a continuation of our PHSE topics about Health and Growth, Safety and friendships.

Class routines:

The infants will need a **PE** kit on a **Tuesday** (this includes a school t-shirt, dark blue or black shorts and some shoes suitable for running and games.) ***It will be important that children have the appropriate clothing this term as we are looking at athletics and sports day activities.*** We will be having Pro-coaching covering athletics on a Tuesday and we will be swimming on a Monday afternoon. Children will need a costume, towel and a bag for wet things. Please don't send in shampoos etc as we will be very tight on time. The children will have the chance to rinse off as they get out of the pool.

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. ***We also put lots of notices and letters in bags so please check them regularly so that you don't miss any messages.***

Snacks: The children are allowed to bring in a morning snack. We will provide fruit for free and parents are able to pre-order milk cartons if you

would like your child to have milk in the mornings. ***We will be asking that any other snack that the children bring in for playtime is a healthy one.*** We are promoting **h e a l t h y e a t i n g** 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.** ***Children will be asked to save these until lunchtime.*** 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.

We're looking forward to a term of sun and fun, so please remember **sunhats and sun-cream** to be left, labelled, in your child's tray.

Liz Yarney,
Lizzie Mair,
Elspeth Dennis,
Lisa Buckee,
Martin Hutcheon
and Aisling Reid

Summer Term Achievers

Weekly Achievers

Infant Achiever: **Lucy**

Junior Achievers:

Maths achievers: **Brinn
Amber**

English achievers: **Reuben
Jacob**

Childminder/Nanny wanted

4 hours per day,
West Anstey area.

To take sole care of 7-month
old baby at our home.

For further information please
call Jo on 07926 032401

House Points



Totals so far this term

Ruby 37 points

Sapphire 40 points

Emerald 46 points

Amber 49 points

Thought for this half term...

Start each day with a smile-

One smile will soon lead to another...

JUNIOR NEWS

Dear families

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are now ready for the summer term. This term is quite long but very busy. There are many sporting events such as sports day, Oceanfest and bike ability. All the juniors will be going to Rosemoor, as part of our science/topic work and Year 6 have their London trip. We will also have an art week and topic day later in the term.

In two weeks time we will have SATS week, which year 6 have been working very hard for. This will be an assessment week for all the children but also a chance for them to undertake an extended personal project. This year, each child can choose a forest/jungle to research as a case study. Year 6 will start a London project in preparation for their trip. Throughout the afternoons that week we will run some inter house sporting competitions as well. We will also be running a breakfast club that week, for year

6 only, so they can arrive at school early and have breakfast in a relaxed atmosphere, with their friends (more details to follow).

Much of our literacy this term links well with our topic, through diary and letter writing. We will continue with spelling work every morning. We are also continuing our reading drive with house points for every time your child reads at home (Olivia P. managed to read to an adult 17 times over the Easter break!).

In maths this term we will be working on place value, decimal numbers, mental addition and subtraction, further consolidation of written calculation, time, data and rate, and shape and measure.

Our topic this term is forest and jungles. This will include map work, examining ecosystems and their inhabitants, comparing case studies and threats and sustainable management. Our art work will be incorporated into much of this work and be the theme of art week. We will also

look at the work of Henri Rousseau. Plants are the science topic this term. We will investigate germination, growth, parts of the flower and lifecycles. A trip to Rosemoor will consolidate all of these ideas.

Just a few reminders and requests: full school PE kits are required on **Tuesdays** (a sunhat would also be advisable) and swimming kit for **Mondays**. If your child is unable to take part due to medical reasons, please provide a note or leave a message. Please can all school uniform be named, especially jumpers (our jumper box is constantly overflowing).

Further details of trips and visits will follow. We look forward to seeing you later in the term for parents evening or at one of our events.

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

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to pre-school - it is lovely to see everyone back!

Our main topic this term will be Space and Our Planet and we will be looking at the planets in the solar system, particularly colour and the effect the sun has on our planet and others, space travel and making our own rockets.

We will continue learning about growth and will be looking at lifecycles in the environment. We begin the term reading the stories 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Other areas of play and learning will focus on managing feelings and relationships; speaking; using media and materials; the world and growth; moving and handling; number, shape, space and measure.

We are also having a Sunflower Competition! It would be lovely if the children could plant seeds at home, record growth using photos or drawings and to measure their sunflowers regularly - don't forget to keep us updated.

Finally, we plan to hold a parents evening later in the term when you can come along for a chat and to view your child's records. Further details soon.

We look forward to a busy term!

*Sarah Cooper
and Louise Mair*

Clubs

After school clubs are:

Monday: Archery (to 4.45pm)
(North Devon Archery Academy)

Tuesday: Multi-Sports (juniors)
(Pro-coaching)

Wednesday: Netball
(Mrs Partridge)

Thursday: Singing
(Mrs Yarney)

All after school clubs run from 3.30-4.30pm (except Archery)

Lunchtime clubs are:

Tuesday: Multisports (infants)
(Pro-coaching)

Friday: Gardening
(Mrs Attwood)

2014/2015/2016 TERM DATES

Summer 2015

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

Autumn 2015

Thursday 3rd September to Friday 18th December
Half term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
Non-pupil Days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September and Friday 23rd October

Spring 2016

Tuesday 5th January to Thursday 24th March
Half-term - Monday 15th to Friday 19th February
Non-pupil Days: Monday 4th January

Summer 2016

Tuesday 12th April to Wednesday 20th July
May Day Holiday - Monday 2nd May
Half-term - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Non-pupil days: Monday 11th April

Notices and Reminders

- For the week beginning Monday 27th April, CM Coaches will be running the bus route previously run by Kingdoms Coaches. Then from Tuesday 5th May the route will be taken on by Taw and Torridge until further notice.
- 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 now be made online via Tucasi. 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).
- 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.

Thank you!

PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 8th May, 7.00pm

Sportsman's Inn, Sandyway

£10 per head to include
Carvery Supper

For further details or to
book a team

Contact Sarah on
01398 322975

Year 6 Transition and Move-Up Days

This year we will be having two Move-Up Days on Friday 5th June and Tuesday 30th June.

Year 6 will be spending the days at South Molton Community College getting to know their new classmates and teachers. The rest of the school will all be moving up a year for a taste of the changes to come in September and we will be inviting our new reception intake to join us on these days. More details nearer the time but if you have any queries, or would like further information do let us know.