

# UPDATES

The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter

## From the Head

Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn!

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer holiday. In typical fashion the weather turned after about the first week but I hope you managed to make the most of it. Autumn is now well and truly upon us and 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 great start to a school year. As always in September we welcome our new children and families. Everyone has made a super start in their classes and as always, I have enjoyed seeing the enthusiasm as they all learn new routines or make some new friends.

### Class news

First of all, we welcome Mrs Scandrett to East Anstey as our Head of Teaching and Learning. It is great to have her back in the Federation and she is already settling in. Mrs Partridge is also teaching in the juniors once again. She is teaching topic and several foundation subjects this year. Mr Yarney is delivering Outdoor Learning and I will be taking on the sporting tournaments. We also would like to welcome Mrs Govier back to East Anstey this term. She is working in the junior class supporting Mrs Scandrett and joins Mr Yarney and Mrs Dennis. The infant team is led by Mrs Yarney with Mrs Cooper and both Lizzi and Louise Mair assisting. Chris Grave (GRV Coaching) is back once again and Mr Deveney joins us to provide some additional intervention.

### Curriculum

The class topics are now well underway. The Early Years and Infant topic is "All About Me" this term. Meanwhile the juniors will be studying "Rocks" and then "The Indus Valley Civilisation". We have several exciting curriculum initiatives once again this year and we are looking forward to our continuing learning partnership with Exmoor National Park. In particular we are updating our website to reflect this and all of our curriculum offer across the term so do check back to see what is on offer. We have a variety of clubs running this term with some brand new and exciting sessions across the week.

### 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 as we move towards the colder months.

### 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.

Tim Gurney



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## DIARY DATES

Further dates may be amended or added; please keep an eye out for any changes

### September

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Ogden Trust Careers Event (postponed from last term, date tbc)

### October

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Flu inoculations (nasal spray), details/permissions to follow  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival  
Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Open morning

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October , Half Term

### November

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Indoor Athletics, Years 3/4  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Wellington Maths Challenge  
Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Indoor Athletics, Years 5/6

### December

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Play performance 1  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Play performance 2  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Play performance 3  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service (Church)  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### Autumn Term Achievers

#### Weekly Achievers

Infant Achiever: Milo

Junior Achiever: Drew

committed

## The East Anstey Team

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Mr Gurney Mrs Scandrett Mrs Yarney Mrs Partridge Mr Deveney

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

Mrs Mair Miss Cooper Miss L Mair

'Part of the Exmoor Link Federation'

## INFANT NEWS

Dear Families

Welcome back to school and to an exciting term ahead. As we are sure most of you are aware we have a new structure in the Infant class. We have now formally joined up with our Pre-school in our Class One Unit.

Your team in Class One will be Mrs Yarney and Miss Mair as usual, who will be joined by Sarah Cooper and Louise Mair from Pre-school. We are really excited about working together and have lots of exciting plans for the term ahead.

Our topic this term is 'All about me'. A perfect start for the children to get to know each other and us. We will be talking about different families, our homes and who is important to us. We will also be thinking about our bodies, parts of our bodies, what they are for, our senses and how they help us explore the world around us. We will be thinking about our favourite things and also how we can be happy and healthy, eating well and exercising.

Our Literacy this term will be a mix of fiction and non-fiction starting with the non-fiction book 'What do you do with a tail like this?' and moving on to 'No-bot, the robot with no bottom.' Phonics will continue daily with Foundation continuing through phase 2 of our Letters and Sound programme. Year One will be revising phase 3 and working through phase 4 and Year 2 will

be working through alternative phonemes in phase 5.

Children will have book bags and reading books to take home every night and there is the expectation that they will do regular reading with an adult at home. This practise is an essential part of their progression in reading, as only through practise can they become confident and fluent readers.

Our maths will be a cycle of number work, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, shape, space and measure and statistics (data handling). By Year 2 there is the expectation that children will know their 2,3,5 and 10 times tables, so any practise at home will support your child as we move through this year.

Mr Yarney will be covering for Mr Scandrett this year by teaching 'Outdoor Learning'. This will take place on a Thursday afternoon, along with our PE lessons with Chris. So children will need both Outdoor learning kit (old trousers, jumper, wellies and a waterproof coat, perhaps waterproof trousers) and their PE kit (blue shorts, school PE t-shirt, trainers and leggings or tracksuit bottoms for colder weather).

As last year, we will have free fruit available to all of the class for morning break, but if you have a child that needs a

little more, then you are welcome to send in additional healthy snacks (crackers, cheese, fruit, cereal bars etc) No crisps, sweets or chocolate please. We provide all of the children with water bottles which they can use all the time and would ask that if your child has an additional drink in school, it's water so that we can reinforce our healthy schools policy. Under 5s receive free milk in the mornings and if you would like your child to have a carton of milk and they are over 5, just speak to the office and can order some in, for a small charge.

We look forward to catching up with everyone over the coming weeks. As always, please don't hesitate to pop in and see any of the team if you have questions or concerns. We also love to hear about the good things too, so please share with us things that are going well at home and things that you would like to share about your child - we love hearing about 'Wow!' moments, which we add to our assessments and our overall understanding of the children.

*Mrs Yarney,*

*Miss Cooper*

*Miss E Mair,*

*Miss L Mair and*

*Mrs Jones*



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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastansteyps)

We would like to 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 office.

Just a reminder that the school is signed up for 'easy-fundraising' which helps raise funds for the school. Over 3000 retailers donate a small percentage of the retail price to our cause whenever you

## Notices and Reminders

- 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!

## TERM DATES

2018/19

### Autumn 2018

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Half-term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

**Non-pupil days:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Spring 2019

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Half-term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Non-pupil day:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

### Summer 2019

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

May Day Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Half-term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

## Clubs

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

### After school clubs: (3.30-4.30pm)

**Monday:** Sch Council *Mrs Scandrett*  
**Thursday :** Sports (KS2) *Chris Grave*

### Lunchtime clubs:

**Tuesday:** Music/Band *Mrs Rycroft*  
**Wednesday:** Eco/Art Club *Mrs Yarney/MrsDennis*  
 Football *Mr Gurney*  
**Thursday:** Sports (KS1) *Chris Grave*  
 Construction *Mr Yarney*  
 Wildlife *Mr Govier*  
**Friday:** Wildlife *Mr Govier*



EXETER CHILDREN'S  
ORCHESTRA

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER



FREE  
EVENT

Children age 7 plus; come and try playing in an orchestra! We are an inclusive charity, bringing children together in a friendly, supportive environment to make music. There is no audition.

**Main Orchestra** 09.45am start Grade 1-2 upwards  
**Junior Orchestra** 10.45am start Can read & play 1 octave

Meets every Saturday at St Leonard's Primary School  
 St Leonard's Road, Exeter EX2 4NQ

Find out more: [www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk](http://www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk)



FROM AGE  
4 to  
SCHOOL  
LEAVERS

WE NEED  
YOU!

Are you:  
Learning to play  
an instrument?

Interested in playing with others?

Performing? Having fun?

Making new friends?

THEN WHY NOT JOIN US?

The North Devon Music Centre is a non profit organisation that helps young people who are learning to play an instrument to enjoy making music together through ensemble playing.

We meet weekly through school term time and hold regular concerts where we showcase to family, friends and other music lovers.

We are made up of 8 different groups of players, led by experienced musicians, catering for all levels, all ages and all types of instruments!

For more information including when and where we meet, term dates and fees please contact us or visit our website!

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[www.facebook.com/northdevonmusiccentre](https://www.facebook.com/northdevonmusiccentre)

## JUNIOR NEWS

Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all my new parents. I have come across from Bishops Nympton as the HOTL and KS2 specialist teacher there. I have met with most of you already but those I haven't, I am looking forward to meeting you all in person soon. I would like to open my door and say that I am always ready to listen to any concerns or queries you may have. If you would like to speak with me directly I am available after school most days or you can email/call the office and leave a message, if it is more urgent, and I will respond as soon as possible.

My hardworking team this year are Mrs Partridge, Mrs Dennis, Mr Yarney and Mrs Govier. The support staff are crucial in delivering high quality and very detailed provision for all the children with lots of interventions taking place throughout the day

I am really excited about this coming term and all the fun activities we have planned but mostly about getting to know your child more closely. They are a fantastic group with very varied abilities and interests and have already shown a great attitude towards the changes that are taking place.

We are lucky to have made some changes to the physical space within CL2, which you are more than welcome to come and see, and now have an attached library and ICT area along with an extra break out space. This is working very well and allows groups to go and have more tailored time with an adult when needed.

### The Arts

We have already produced a whole class piece of art linked to our topic of India, which can be found in the entrance of the school. The children loved creating the feathers for our peacock (the national bird of India) and I'm sure you will agree it looks very colourful and inviting. Please come and have a look if you haven't seen it already.

Our art project this term will culminate in the production of some Indian Silk Paintings. The children will make their own frames in D&T and then create their own individual art works developing this very intricate skill.

### Physical Education

Mr Grave will continue to deliver sports coaching each Thursday. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for this, especially as the weather is now turning colder and wetter.

Outdoor learning will be delivered by Mr Yarney and the children will be expected to take part 'whatever the weather.' Therefore, please also make sure child has suitable clothing such as wellies and waterproof clothing.

### Home Learning

Home learning is a very valuable part of your child's education not only in practicing skills but mainly in the interaction it can provide when working alongside a parent or older sibling. It will take a variety of forms and will be sent home each Friday. This will then be due the following Wednesday, when all home learning books need to be handed in.

**For your information:**

\* Times tables to be practiced each week in preparation for our 6-minute club each Friday morning.

\* Children will have their own individual times table to learn and these can be taken directly from the board in class as the child progresses.

\* Ten weekly spellings which will be practiced within school developing methods and also looking at spelling patterns. Spelling is an important requirement in the English curriculum and requires support from both school and home. They will then be tested each Friday during our SPAG (Spelling punctuation and Grammar) sessions.

\* 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 once each week and also to make a comment within the reading record. It is a great home school link.

Children will also receive one piece of numeracy and literacy homework each week. These activities are designed to encourage home interaction along with developing basic skills. Lots of the activities are game based and very enjoyable. All activities are explained to the children when handed out.

Finally, can I wish you all a great Autumn term and I look forward to seeing you at any of our celebrations such as the Harvest assembly, open morning, the book fair, the Christmas Play, Carol Service and of course parent consultations.

With kindest regards,

*Jenufa Scandrett and  
the Junior team*

## JUNIOR CLASS TEACHING

| Teacher       | Session(s)                             | Day(s)                                     |
|---------------|--|--|
| Mrs Scandrett | Literacy, Numeracy, Music, Art, PE, MF | Mon, Wed, Thu mornings<br>Tue, Fri all day |
| Mrs Partridge | Science, Topic, PSHE, RE, ICT          | Mon, Wed afternoons                        |
| Mr Yarney     | Outdoor learning                       | Thursday afternoon                         |
| Mr Grave      | Sports                                 | Thursday afternoon                         |

## House for Rent

Available soon - family home close to the school.  
For further details, please contact Sue Allibone on  
01398 341229

## Found!

An amount of cash and a walking stick (not together).  
Found outside the school over the holidays / during  
first week back. Please call into the office if you have  
any further information.



**Anstey  
Playgroup**

Meeting every Monday in term time 9:30-11:30

A supportive parent led playgroup at  
East Anstey school for children 0-5 years.  
A great opportunity to meet other local Mums whilst your child  
plays and make new friends too. Unstructured play, craft,  
messy play and snack time. Refreshments provided.

£2 per family      Call for details: 01398 341 369

## CASH PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL



With local bank branches closing and  
new restrictions on banking cash at the Post Office, it  
is becoming increasingly difficult for schools to  
process cash payments.

Most payments (e.g dinners, trips, uniform etc) can  
be made online via the Tucasi School Pay system.

We would encourage parents to use this where possi-  
ble - If you would like a reminder of how to regis-  
ter for online payments please contact the office.

The website is [www.scopay.com/eastansteypri](http://www.scopay.com/eastansteypri) and  
there is also a link on the school website (at the very  
bottom of each page).

Payment can also be made by cheque (payable to  
Devon County Council unless otherwise advised).

For those who prefer to use cash, we will continue to  
accept this for now while we assess our  
future banking options.

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.

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

## *Soundboard*