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The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter

From the Head

Hello all.

Welcome to 2019. I would like to begin by wishing you all a very happy New Year if I haven't already seen you and hope that you all had a lovely festive season.

Spring Term

With a late Easter this is not the shortest of Spring Terms but it is already a very full one. There are all kinds of exciting things to look forward to during this season. We have some exciting new class topic themes, school trips and visits, exciting initiatives, and Easter activities to look forward to at the very end of the term. The classes have settled back into school really well and we are already getting into exciting topic themes such as "Under the Sea" and "Invaders". We are looking forward to some fantastic musical opportunities such as Wellington Come & Sing and we will be aiming to enhance the opportunities to learn different instruments in 2019. As well as many sporting fixtures to look forward to, we also welcome James Kemp to school as he delivers specialist cricket coaching. Clubs got underway again this week and we are hoping to boost this further with other clubs coming online as the weather improves (hopefully) after half term.

We are in process of developing a brand new website as we update our current system. The new site will hopefully be a great first port of call and we aim for this to be more user friendly, easier to navigate and full of information. Do look out for announcements in our newsletters as we get ready for the launch.

Staffing

Mr Yarney continues to deliver our outdoor learning provision this term. Chris Grave once again supports our Sports and PE delivery in school and I am very much looking forward to organising our tournaments and events.

New Year, New Challenges...

We have two federation teams confirmed for the Exmoor Youth Challenge this year. This is a highly challenging event for teams of year sixes and includes full open moorland walking over a sixteen-mile course. The event also involves map reading, orienteering and extremely close timings! We will begin our training and practices as soon as the weather improves and this year we are opening these to all junior children and their families. Hopefully as part of the programme this year we will be able to stage the "Hawkridge Hike" as a general event for our families and community. Look out for more updates as we get closer to the event.

You are probably also aware that we are getting ready for our annual residential trip to Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor for year 4 and 5 children. This is always an excellent venue with very exciting outward bounds and adventurous activities including everything from Raft Building to Abseiling and High Ropes! The skills on this residential supplement our well established outdoor learning programme as part of our Primary Learning Pathways curriculum. No matter what year group, there is so much exciting learning this term to get involved with. Remember everyone, aim high and dream big!

Winter weather

This is the worst half term for the weather and so as always, could I request that children are well prepared for wintry conditions with coats, gloves and appropriate footwear. If severe wintry weather occurs, then please follow the **SNOW CLOSURE GUIDANCE** (previously sent). Please be aware that the systems to find out if the school is open include: the School Text Service, Facebook & Twitter, Radio Devon and the Devon County Website (please sign up for email alerts). These are the main systems as staff may not be able to get to the school to update other systems or put notes on the gates. If bad weather strikes during a school day, then you will be contacted accordingly.

Enjoy the term and I look forward to seeing you all during some of our exciting events.

Best wishes

Tim Gurney



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DIARY DATES

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

January

Tue 22nd Yr 6 Mr Godwin Transition Visit
Mon 28th Football Tournament , SMCC, Yr 5/6
Wed 30th Governors Meeting, 6.15, Bishops Nympton

February

Fri 15th Dog's Trust visit

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February , Half Term

March

Tue 5th Individual photographs
Wed 13th - Fri 15th Heatree Residential Yr 4/5
Wed 20th Governors Meeting, 6.15, East Anstey
Thurs 21st Open Morning
Thu 28th Parent Consultations

April

Tue 2nd Easter activities and assembly
Wed 3rd Come and Sing Event , Wellington School

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April - non pupil day
Welcome back 24th April.

Spring Term Achievers

Weekly Achievers

Infant Achiever: **Evie C**

Junior Achiever: **Lucy**

committed

The East Anstey Team

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Mr Gurney Mrs Scandrett Mrs Yarney Mrs Partridge Mr Deveney Mrs Horrell

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.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Under the Sea', which has lots of opportunities for challenges, play and cross curricular activities. We will be learning about our different oceans and continents in our Geography time and finding out about the story of the Titanic, in our History time.

For this term, Mrs Mia Horrell will be joining us on a Wednesday afternoon when she will be delivering art and music.

Literacy

Our Literacy this term will be a mix of fiction and non-fiction starting with the poetry book 'I love bugs'. Phonics will continue daily with Foundation continuing through phase 3 of our Letters and Sound programme. Year One will be revising phase 4 and working through phase 5 and Year 2 will be working through alternative phonemes in phases 5 and 6.

Reading

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. We will be continuing our very successful reading voucher scheme - and lots of children have won a prize so far. Just to remind you, every time they read with an adult they receive a sticker and once they have 3 stickers they can put a

voucher in the box. On a Friday we pull out a voucher and that child wins a prize. The more vouchers you have in the box, the higher your chance to win a prize.

Maths

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. Time is also a very good skill to start practising at home. We usually start with o'clock and half past, followed by quarter past and quarter to.

Physical Activities

Mr Yarney will be continuing to teach 'Outdoor Learning' this term. I know there are lots of muddy activities planned so please make sure that Outdoor Learning kit is in every Thursday. Our PE lessons with Chris also continue on a Thursday along with the additional cricket session on a Tuesday. So children will need both Outdoor Learning kit (old trousers, jumper, wellies and a waterproof coat, perhaps waterproof trousers) on Thursday and their PE kit (black shorts, school PE t-shirt, trainers and leggings or tracksuit bottoms for colder weather) on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Classroom organisation

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 is water so that we can reinforce our healthy schools policy. Under 5s can 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 Horrell



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

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

- Please let us know in the school office if any of your contact details change so that we can alter them on our system. This is particularly important for mobile numbers that can change quite regularly, but we do also have a legal responsibility to ensure that all the information we hold on each family is up to date and correct.
- 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

Spring 2019

Tuesday 8th January to Friday 5th April

Half-term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

Non-pupil day: Monday 7th January

Summer 2019

Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 24th July

May Day Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half-term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Non-pupil days: Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 26th July

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:

Monday: Keep Fit Mrs Rycroft

Wednesday: Eco/Art Club Mrs Yarney/Mrs Dennis

Football Mr Gurney

Thursday: Sports (KS1) Chris Grave

Woodland Mr Yarney

Friday: Wildlife Mr Govier

SPORTS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING KIT

Please can all parents make sure that their child has the appropriate kit in school for the days on which they do PE or outdoor learning. For this half term that is Tuesday and Thursday for all children.

The PE kit consists of; a burgundy top, black/blue shorts and trainers. Jogging bottoms and a jumper for when the weather is cold.

Outdoor learning Kit consists of; waterproof overalls and wellington boots. Warm clothing for underneath waterproofs for when the weather is particularly cold.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We continue to encourage families to sign up for free school meals and pupil premium wherever possible as it results in additional funding that is directly available for your child. This can be used to subsidise trips, clubs etc as well as providing additional support if needed in school. This is different to the Universal Free School Meals that are provided for our Infant children so, even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and receiving a free meal, it is still worth applying for pupil premium.

All applications should be made via the citizen portal - full details are available on:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

If you need any assistance with any part of the process, please call in to the school office.

House Points

Totals so far this term



Ruby 52 points

Sapphire 51 points

Emerald 57 points

Amber 51 points

JUNIOR NEWS

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year to all our parents. The children have returned to school in a very mature manner. They are showing a real keenness towards their work and clearly know the routines; which were embedded during last term. We have had a great start to the year and are very excited for the coming Spring Term.

The team remain the same with myself, Mrs Partridge, Mrs Dennis, Mr Yarney and Mrs Govier. We are also lucky to have a visiting cricket coach for the first half term called Mr Kemp and continue to have Mr Grave delivering his coaching session each Thursday afternoon.

Topic Work



Our topic is very exciting this term, Viking raids and invasions.

Mrs Partridge will be teaching the children all about the resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, first king of England; further Viking invasions and Danegeld; all about Anglo-Saxon laws and justice and exploring Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066.

The Arts

We have various art projects this term which include designing and making Viking longboats, Viking jewellery and shields with embossed designs. We will also be exploring the artist Rembrandt and his etchings. The children will get to improve their mastery of etching as an art and design technique, including drawing, painting with a range of

materials - charcoal/etching and embossing using foil.

Physical Education

Mr Grave will continue to deliver coaching each Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for this, especially as the weather is now turning colder and wetter. We also have a visiting cricket coach each Tuesday afternoon for the first half term until our February half term break.

Outdoor learning will continue to be delivered by Mr Yarney and the children will be expected to take part 'whatever the weather.' Please also make sure your child has suitable clothing such as wellies and waterproofs.

Home Learning

Home learning is a very valuable part of your child's education not only in practising 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 should 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 Spring term and remind you that if you have any concerns or questions then please do not hesitate to come and see me; send me a dojo message; email school admin or even call and I will aim to speak to you as soon as possible on that day.

Jenifa Scandrett and the Junior team

JUNIOR CLASS TEACHING

Teacher	Session(s)	Day(s)
Mrs Scandrett	Literacy, Numeracy, Music, Art, PE, MFL	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday morning Tuesday and Friday all day
Mrs Partridge	Science, Topic, PSHE, RE, ICT	Monday and Wednesday afternoon
Mr Yarney	Outdoor learning	Thursday afternoon
Mr Grave	Pro-coaching	Thursday afternoon

Thought for this term...

The hills are not as high, the sea so deep, as a dream.

Kit Williams, Masquerade



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



Saturday Science Club - Colourful Chemistry

2 hours hands-on fun & learning
January 19th, 1-3 at Barnstaple Library

- investigate acids & bases
- make an elephant's toothpaste
- create rainbow density column
- put together bath bombs & perfume

Booking is essential - www.science-dipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club or call/text 07847006048

Suitable for all primary school-aged children, drop off workshop (but adults are welcome to stay)

Under 5s are welcome but must be accompanied by their grown-up.

£15 per child which includes all resources, take homes & refreshments.

Colourful Chemistry is worth 2 points towards the British Science Association's Superstar CREST Award



Messy Church

*Coffee and chat,
Children's craft activities,
Crafts short informal service
Lunch! Yum!
and lots of fun*

Where? West Anstey Village Hall

What time? 11.30am – 2.00pm

When? Every 3rd Sunday

Next Dates:

January 20 - Joy;

February 17 - Love;

March 17 - Messy Treasure Hunt

For more information contact:

Rachel Holland: 01398 341199 hollandclan@fhsinternet.com

Revd. Penny Lawson 01398 341278 plawson@btconnect.com



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2019 Parent Workshops in North Devon

Supporting a Child with Challenging or Aggressive behaviours

2 Day Ticket - £30

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th February

Understanding & Supporting an Autistic Child

2 Day Ticket - £30

Thursday 28th February & Friday 1st March

Understanding Autistic individuals with Demand Avoidance [PDA]

1 Day Ticket - £20

Wednesday 6th March

Understanding and supporting individuals with Attention Difficulties [ADHD/ADD]

1 Day Ticket - £15

Friday 8th March

All courses are being held at the **Castle Centre in Barnstaple** and run from 9:30am until 2:30pm each day. The address is: 25 Castle street, Barnstaple. EX31 1DR. Although there is no parking on-site, local parking is within walking distance. Lunch is not provided, but refreshments and snacks will be available free of charge.

To book tickets online head to: www.cedaonline.org.uk/bis-net/training-and-workshops
Or to book over the phone or find out more contact us using the details below.

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£500 Thank You Scholarship available*

**Taste of Teaching Day
Saturday 26th January**

BATH SPA UNIVERSITY **INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION**

Come and join us for a day of discovery – find out how to change your career by becoming a teacher at our Taste of Teaching Day on Saturday 26th January!

We have a day jam-packed with immersive, interactive taster sessions for all the family, including:

- Demonstrations, family-friendly workshops, and activities to give you a taster of the rewards teaching can bring
- Expert academic tutors, students and our support services on-hand to answer all of your questions about teacher training and the practical considerations of changing career
- Free parking on campus
- Guided tours of our beautiful lakeside setting and state-of-the-art teaching facilities

Come along, be inspired, and find out how we can help you start your career in teaching!

**Taste of Teaching Day
Saturday 26th January
10am - 13:30pm**

Come join us!

Newton Park Campus
Find out more and book your place
www.bathspa.ac.uk/teacher-taster

£500 Thank You Scholarship*

Registration is free, and friends, family members and children are all very welcome!

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