

UPDATES

The East Anstey Primary School Newsletter

From the Head

Hello all.

Welcome to our summer term. I hope you all had a great Easter holiday. It was great to see so many of you involved with our Hawkrigge Hike during the break. I am still collecting the last sponsor money but I can already say that the event was a real success. This is always a very important and exciting time in the school year with the culmination of a great deal of hard work and learning. This is the children's chance to show what fantastic progress they have made and then enjoy the end of year events. As always, I hope to see you all soon and look forward to an exciting term.

Events

Each summer term we have some fantastic events to look forward to. Some of these include: the Exmoor Challenge, (see page 5), sports fixtures and festivals, Oceanfest 19, theme days, trips (including our fantastic residential to London), Junior Lifeguard Award, Sports Day, as well as our open events, parent's consultations and our leaver's events. The year sixes will be also be preparing for their transition to South Molton. 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. We help the children to prepare themselves for them but also 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 speak to your class teacher or contact me at school.

Summer weather

The weather has been a little up and down and is due to be chilly for the bank holiday, but very soon generally warmer conditions will be with us (I am always optimistic). It is therefore time for me to send out my reminder about sun protection as we head into May and would also request that sun hats are sent in when appropriate. Sun cream should be sent in or single application cream applied before school please. Please could you also advise us of any special arrangements? Summer dresses or shorts will be suitable this term and sensible sandals are acceptable. Trainers are to be reserved only for PE please unless in school (black) colour. Many thanks.

Looking forward...

We are looking forward to some new initiatives this term. We are upgrading our website currently and will be aiming for a launch later this term all being well. We are also hoping to publish our new Learning Pathways folders as the term goes on. This is your child's curriculum guide and achievement record all rolled into one. One other exciting event is being planned for just after the end of term. This will be our federation Tractor Run and Fun event. We will publish lots more about this soon so do keep an eye out.

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

May

Sat 4th Exmoor Challenge
Mon 6th May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th KS2 SATS
Wed 15th Full Governors' meeting, EA, 6.15pm
Fri 17th-Sat 18th Residential at Met Office (Year 6)
w/b Mon 20th KS1 SATS
Mon 20th Yr 6 Transition Day at SMCC
Wed 22nd Science Fair finals (details to follow)

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May - Half Term

June

Tue 4th Yr 6 Junior Lifesaving
Tue 4th Bag2School collection (details to follow)
Wed 5th School and class photos
Mon 10th 1st Swim of term
Fri 21st Oceanfest, Y5/6
Tue 25th Big Bang Science, Juniors

July

Thu 4th/Fri 5th Yr 6 London Residential
Wed 10th Full Governors' meeting, BN, 6.15pm
Fri 12th Business & Open Afternoon
Thu 18th Parent consultations
Thu 18th Bikeability 1
Fri 19th Bikeability 2
Mon 22nd Leavers assembly
Wed 24th Last day of term

Summer Holidays

Mon 2nd September - non pupil day
Tue 3rd September - non pupil day
Wed 4th September - children return

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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 our summer term. We have a really exciting topic this term called 'Mysteries and The Great Fire of London. In Science we will be learning about materials and how they are changed by forces, heat and cold and how they have different properties, magnetic, waterproof etc. For Design and Technology we will be looking at making houses that are waterproof and strong using different materials. RE is about places of worship and places that are special to us.

Ms Horrell is with us teaching on a Wednesday afternoon and this half term the children will be learning about different artists and trying out different styles of art. Also the children will be doing music looking at playing instruments in different ways.

Our Literacy for the next three weeks will be based around the story ' Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave' and our Maths focus will be on addition and subtraction, data handling, counting in 2s and number bonds. Phonics will continue daily alongside guided reading, spelling practise and super sentences.

Sarah, Louise and Miss Mair are working alongside our Rabbit Nursery children. This first couple of weeks we are looking at houses and homes and in particular 'The 3 little pigs' and ' Hansel and Gretel'. These stories link wonderfully to maths

and counting and shape; Reading and language and also Science and materials. We are then going to move on to People who help us and the Fire Brigade which links nicely to our Fire of London topic. We're hoping that the Rabbits will get a trip to a fire station sometime this term.

Mr Yarney will be running Outdoor Learning on Wednesdays as usual and Chris will be in to run sports coaching on a Thursday. So outdoor learning clothes will be needed on Thursday and PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The weather will probably be changeable for a few weeks so the children will need wellies and waterproof coats initially.

I am also very happy to welcome back Mrs Govier into class 2 - she is doing some phonics intervention and supporting SEN during the week. Mrs Rycroft is also popping in a couple of times a week supporting Sarah and the Rabbit children.

We also welcome David Barr into class as our teaching student doing his final placement. We hope he enjoys his time in our lovely school.

I have been finding the messaging on 'Class Dojo' very useful and hope you have too. Thank you for all of your photos and messages for our class page. Please keep sending things in. We love to know what is going on at home. There are still a couple of families who have not yet

signed up so if you need a password, please let me know.

In a couple of weeks Year 2 will be taking part in KS1 SATs. This should be a positive week, with snacks (of course) and a nice time for me to work with the Year 2s. We have spent time getting used to different kinds of papers and it shouldn't be something that the children worry about at all. If you feel that your child is in any way anxious please let me know.

Here's looking forward to a warm, sunny term ahead.

*Mrs Yarney,
Miss Cooper
Miss E Mair,
Miss L Mair and
Mrs Horrell*

Hello there!

My name is Mr Barr and I am a PGCE student at the University of Exeter.

I am the newest addition to Class 1 and am looking forward to helping Mrs Yarney with the teaching of the class over the next two months.

Thank you for welcoming me to East Anstey and please don't hesitate to come and speak to me!

Mr Barr



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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 should be brought in through the lower entrance.
- 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!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/ PUPIL PREMIUM

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.

CLUBS

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

After school clubs: (3.30-4.30pm)

Thursday : Sports (KS2) *Chris Grave*

Lunchtime clubs:

Monday: Sch Council *Mrs Scandrett*
Wednesday: Eco/Art Club *Mrs Yarney/MrsDennis*
 Football *Mr Gurney*
Thursday: Sports (KS1) *Chris Grave*
 Woodland *Mr Yarney*
Friday: Wildlife *Mr Govier*

Please make sure you have returned the relevant permission slip. Thank you.

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 and sun hats/screen for the (hopefully) warmer days ahead.

TERM DATES

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: Thursday 26th July.

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Autumn 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December

Half-term: Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

Non-pupil days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Spring 2020

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 27th March

Half-term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Non-pupil day: Monday 6th January

Summer 2020

Wednesday 15th April to Wednesday 22nd July

May Day Holiday: Monday 4th May

Half-term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Non-pupil days: Tuesday 14th April and Thursday 23rd July

JUNIOR NEWS

Hello parents,
And so we embark on the Summer term. The children have returned from their Easter break with a calm and 'ready to learn' attitude. This term is always a busy one with assessments; business week; science fair; Year 6 residential; sports day; leavers assembly to mention but a few.

We have the Year 6 SATS running the week beginning 13th May with assessments for the remaining Year 3,4 & 5 the week beginning 20th May. The Year six children have been having extra SATS revision in preparation for this and have done exceptionally well. They have been focussed, motivated and worked really hard. All I ever expect from my children is to give their best and these guys are not letting me down. I am very proud of them already.

Topic Work

Our topic this term is the Rainforest. This engaging topic will introduce the children to rainforests around the world. They will learn what they are, where they are, what they contain and who lives there!

The Arts

We have various art projects this term which include Nature drawing and printing; repeating the same image (leaves) and using a range of mediums. We will be learning about the French artist Henri Julien Félix Rousseau and his work on jungles. The children will also be learning to develop the use of sketch books to record observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.



Physical Education

Mr Grave will continue to deliver sports coaching each Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school for this.



Outdoor learning will continue to be delivered each Thursday afternoon by Mr Yarney. We always hope for good weather at this time of year, however, the children are expected to take part 'whatever the weather.' Therefore, please make sure your child has suitable clothing such as wellies and waterproof clothing, if needed.

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 need to be handed in.

For your information:

- Times tables to be practised 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 practised 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 Summer 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.

Jenufa 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	Sports coaching	Thursday afternoon



Rotary Club of Exmoor

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If you have been following our school blog, Facebook or Twitter feeds, you will perhaps be aware of our annual preparations for the Exmoor Challenge.

The formal event is a sixteen mile, circular walk across part of the moor starting at culminating at Dulverton Junior School. The event, once again organised by the Rotary will see around six hundred competitors and takes place across some really challenging terrain. Many of our junior children take part in the training as part of their curriculum work and our year 6 children can enter the Youth Challenge itself.

This year we have two teams entered across the federation. Anyone completing the course receives a medal but teams are also battling the clock between checkpoints and trying to avoid penalty points to feature well in the final rankings. The event takes place on Saturday 4th May (tomorrow) at Dulverton school with our teams getting underway around 9-9.30.

Do come along if you would like to cheer them on (great refreshments available and the moor on your doorstep) but I am sure you will also join me in wishing them the very best of luck for the challenge.

Tim Gurney

Spring Term Achievers Weekly Achievers

Infant Achiever: **Jamie**

Junior Achiever: **Drew**

House Points



Totals so far this term

Ruby 54 points

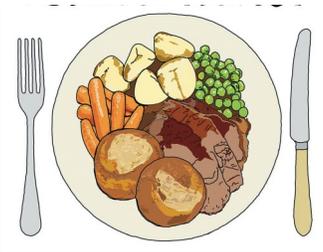
Sapphire 71 points

Emerald 117 points

Amber 100 points

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

We are always looking a ways of developing and improving our school catering service. Following the success of the **tuck shop** currently held at Bishops Nympton during morning break, we are aiming to open this up to Anstey children from Tuesday 14th May. Items on offer will be healthy snacks such as rice cakes, cheeses, fruit, healthy choice home-made tray bakes and sugar free ice lollies for the warmer days. Items will cost from 30p.



We are also hoping to reintroduce **community lunches**. These were always very popular with parents and friends of the school, and we are very keen to hear if you would be interested in joining us for a full roast dinner, pudding and hot drink. We hope to initially offer one Wednesday per month, starting on 22nd May. The cost to adults for the meal and drink will be £4.20. Please let us know in the office by Friday 17th May if you would like to join us.

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



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

BISHOPS NYMPTON SCHOOL PTA

FERRET RACING

Bishops Nympton Parish Hall

Friday 10th May 2019

Doors open 7pm

First race 7.30pm

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