

Newsletter January 2020

On behalf of all the Governors and staff best wishes for 2010 and a Happy New Year!

Parent Support

The school has received an abundance of support from all of you by turning out for craft workshops, Sing-A-Longs, the Christingle with donations for the Foodbank as well providing fabulous children's costumes. It was wonderful for both the children and staff. Thank you - your support was much appreciated.

PTA

Our new PTA had been beavering away making the Christmas Grotto for Santa Claus to visit. Thanks once again for the £941 raised at the fayre. The PTA are always looking for new members to welcome.

Santa Selfie by Peter Bently

One of our parents came across the children's book Santa Selfie in a Glasgow book shop and noticed that the author has dedicated this book to all the children at East-the-Water Primary School! After some investigative work, Mrs Downing decided to email the author. Apparently when visiting our school during The Appledore Book Festival one year, the author got the idea for this book after chatting to the children at our school. Maybe he will come back and visit us again in the future with a little persuasion?

Year 2020

On Thursday 16th January we are celebrating this new year with a roast meal and a celebration cake. All children will be given a special cake to celebrate 2020. Thursday 16th January is census day. This is the day that the government monitors pupils who are entitled to a school meal and those who take a free meal on this day among other things. Our school budget is partly based on the number of pupils who are entitled to a free meal who have a dinner on this day. The more pupils who take up a meal on 16th January, the more our school budget is! Please note that roast dinner will now be served each Thursday instead of a Wednesday from now on.

Year 5 and 6

Please can I remind year 5 and 6 parents that teachers are not available until the end of each school day, as the school day begins in year 5 and 6 at 8.50am. If you urgently need to give the teacher information please give it to the TA on duty outside Mr Matthews's classroom. At the end of the school day, of course the teachers are more than happy to chat.

Foodbank

The Foodbank in Bideford would like to thank you all for your kind food donations throughout last term, the Christmas period in particular. The donations will be donated to families who are in need in our local area. Two of our families made and kindly donated some hampers for us to distribute. These have been gratefully received. Mollie in Holly Class, made and sold hair scrunchies which raised £39.25. Mollie then spent the money to buy food items to make up hampers. Thank you everyone for your kindness.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO)

Year 6 had an amazing opportunity of attending and experiencing a live symphony orchestra in Exeter. The 60 tickets and the cost of the coach was donated to the school making the trip not only amazing but free!

Year 1 swimming

Northam Swimming Pool have expressed how much they have enjoyed teaching our year 1 children this autumn term and commented on how well they did.

London Residential

Please ensure those deposit payments are in on time! Please see previous mail for deadlines dates.

Holiday dates for 2020, 2021 and 2022

Our new calendars and holiday dates are now available from our school website. Please note that October half term 2020 will be only one week long, no additional days. The extended half term will now take place in May, commencing May 2021.

Governing Body

We would like to welcome our new Clerk to Governors, Justine Jackson. Justine has relocated to Devon from Sussex and now living locally. The Governors have recently reviewed our Unacceptable Behaviour Policy. This reviewed policy is available on our school website.