



### Little Skippers DON'T FORGET!

Please remember if your child is born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply for a school place in the reception class 2018. All applications must be made between 15th November and 15th January 2018. Please note that the reception class has oversubscribed at the beginning of previous school years. It is important that you ensure that your application meets the deadline of 15th January.

### KS2 SATS 2017

Governors have been analysing our official KS2 SATs results for 2017 which recently arrived from Department of Education. For the third year, our year 6 pupils have achieved and progressed significantly better than other schools nationally. This puts East-the-Water Primary in the top 20% of schools in the country when achieving reading, writing and maths standards. What another fantastic year! Congratulations to our old year 6 children, parents, teachers and teaching assistants who contributed towards this fantastic result. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful reputation to celebrate each year.

### Good luck to our Queen of Cakes

We are so sad to say goodbye to our cook Maxine Ball. Maxine has been an absolute star over the last 12 years that she has been with us. Maxine has worked not only as cook but as very key and active governor. We will miss Maxine's cheerfulness, sense of mischief, her kindness and care but most of all her lovely cooked meals, cakes and biscuits. Good luck Maxine in your new position, you will be missed by all our children and staff. Kitchen staff are employed by NORSE, our meal provider. We will be supported by a temporary cook who has worked previously in our kitchen. Mrs Higley will support NORSE with the recruitment of our new cook, ensuring our new cook works closely with our staff and children. Please note Norse link for allergen menu info is ;

<http://www.devonnorse.co.uk/downloads/2017-18/Allergen%20Report%20-%20Autumn-Winter%202017-18.pdf>



**2017**  
Autumn term 2nd 30th Oct –15th Dec  
Christmas Break 16th Dec–2nd Jan 2018

**2018**  
Spring term 1st 3rd Jan–9th Feb  
Half term break 10th Feb-18th Feb  
Spring term 2nd 19th feb-29th March  
Easter Break 30th March– 15th April  
Summer term 1st 16th April–25th May  
Bank Holiday 7th May  
Half term break 25th May–3rd June  
Summer term 2nd 4th June–25th July  
Summer break begins 26th August 2018

Please note that absences must be reported to the school office on first day of absence and accompanied by evidence after 3rd day. Holidays must not be taken unless authorised by Headteacher.

Parents and Carers are responsible for the care of their children in the playground before 9am and at the end of each school day.

### Parliament week is 13th -17th November

Well done to Ms Truran and members of our School Council for organising Parliament week and teaching us so much more information about the running of our country, explaining why and how decisions are made in Parliament. Both children and adults dressed up giving an amazing and imaginative range of British icons on the Friday. The dressing up event raised £230. This money will be donated to the charity Helping Heroes. Thank you to those of you who supported this event.



### December events for your diary

Please see attached information with dates for your diary. We are having a Winter Fayre on 6th December. It will take place in the hall starting at 3.15pm. Please watch out for details about parent workshops. We are looking for groups of adults who would like to make crafts to sell at the Fayre as part of a workshop. All money raised at the Fayre will support school projects.

### School contact information;

School Office: [admin@etwschool.com](mailto:admin@etwschool.com) 01237 475178

Face Book: [East-the-Water Primary School](#)

### Whisper

The Whisper link is confidential, instant and secure.

This link can be found on the school website.

### Walking Wednesdays

Here are different distances measured from the Alverdiscott Road school gate;  
**Churchill Road 750m 1215 steps**  
**Barton Tors 250m 405 steps**  
**Clifton Street 350m 567 steps**  
**If you park in TESCOs car park and walk to school 750m 1215 steps**

Healthy Hawks have been looking at Walking Wednesday data collected each Wednesday since September. Although Year 2 to Year 6 children show improvement in each class there are much less children walking in year 1 and early years classes. The School Council and Healthy Hawks are considering ways to support these classes to try and increase walkers and reduce number of children arriving in cars.

### Breakfast and After School Care

Please direct enquires regarding the Cabin's after and before school provision via the school office or by email. Our Cabin Administrator, Nancy, works each Thursday in school. If you need to inform the Cabin urgently that your child is not attending or someone different is collecting; please telephone the school office who will ensure that the information is handed onto staff that day.  
Contact ; [cabin@etwschool.com](mailto:cabin@etwschool.com)

