

Walking Wednesdays– wet and cold weather

Presently the class with the most walkers is awarded with milkshakes on a Friday at the end of each week. We would like to try and get all classes to have their turn getting a milkshake award. We have now decided to track the number of children walking within each class over time.

If you have to drive to school, for work or distance from home is too far, please try and park a walking distance from the school gates, walking a small part of your journey. Not only is this healthier but it will help remove traffic from Mines Road and Alverdiscott Road.

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!

Further improving security of school grounds

Further work regarding our boundary fence will take place at the beginning of the Easter holiday ensuring that the fencing around the school site is fit for purpose. The final stage will involve clearing the overgrowth from behind the neighbours garages. If you live behind the boundary fence we will inform you of the day the work will commence avoiding any stress.

Residential during the Summer term for years 5 and 6

We are now collecting payments for our Croyde residential and London residential. We are very fortunate to be able to offer you these trips as a much reduced and subsidised price. Please do take advantage of paying for a residential in small payments over time. These trips are much later in the Summer but part payments do make life easier!

Little Skippers Parent Workshops /After School Clubs

Please find our new timetable of workshops and clubs on the reverse of this newsletter for next half term.

School Meals

Please note from April 16th the price of school meals will rise to £2.20 per meal. We have made a decision not to put meal prices in line with other schools keeping the price of a school meal at the lowest affordable price possible. **Please send school dinner money in a named envelope with your child's name and total amount sent– some days we have as many as 220 meals... Lots of change and lots of names!**

Devon Champion

Congratulations to Isobel Pink who has just become Devon Champion Level 5 Gymnast. What an achievement Isobel.

“Well done, well done we're very proud of you!”

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Whisper

The Whisper link is confidential, instant and secure.

This link can be found on the school website.



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–5th September

Autumn term 1st 5th September

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

Beauty and the Beast

What an amazing pantomime day we had! Thanks to all our parents for providing the children with terrific outfits. M&M Theatre always comment how amazing it is for them to perform in front of a whole school in fancy dress. We are apparently the only school in UK that they visit who do this. Well done everyone for taking part.

Fossil Hunting at Charmouth

Our first visit to the Jurassic Coast provided the children with pockets of fossils. We will definitely make this journey again enabling the children to experience fossil hunting first hand. Thank you to staff for organising this amazing trip.

Burton Art Gallery

We have been so lucky with the weather recently, including our first walk in the snow! Year 2 children have enjoyed this term finding out about Bideford and London bridges and walking down to the museum. The famous engineer Brunel even managed to visit us, providing us with some engineering tips when building our own bridge.

Eden Project

Sadly this trip was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Mrs Downing has kindly reorganised this trip and it is rescheduled for the last day of Spring term, Thursday 29th March.

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We have now provided you with school calendars for 2018-19 on our school website. Please find a printable calendar on our [parent zone](#) by clicking [dates and calendar](#) at the top of the page.

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 eg 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
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