

Happy New Year!

to all our families from all our staff

Thank you for supporting our many events and assemblies, we are very grateful to all our parents and extended families. We would like to wish you a healthy and peaceful 2019.

School contact information;

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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.



The Cabin Team Our Cabin team is led by Mrs Emma Williams. If you require provision please complete a form and you will be put on the waiting list. If you have any queries about invoicing, please contact me directly using cabin@etwschool.com or 

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor working daily between 11.45am and 1pm, supporting children with their play in the playground and helping them with eating in the hall. Please contact the school office for an application form or for more details. Applicants must have a cleared DBS and two references.

Parent Mail– SIMS APP

This app will enable you to access communications between school and home electronically and provide updates about your child's attendance. You can download this app from Google Play or Apple APP store by searching for SIMS Parent. Please ask at the school office for full instructions about activating your login. Paper newsletters will still continue to be sent home for the present time. Parent mails will be used to prompt you about deadlines regarding events, trips or payments. Please ensure that the school office has your most up to date email and mobile contact.

Christmas events for parents

We have made a note of the comments some of you made regarding inconsistencies between year groups and how accessible events were made between parent groups. We will definitely consider all your ideas and comments when planning next year, improving those areas we did less well. Often a positive change accidentally has an impact on something else!

Taster Day– 17th January

On this day we will be taking the opportunity to encourage all children to taste the food we provide as part of our school dinner service. Children who are entitled to have a free school dinner but normally have a packed lunch, can try a cooked meal on Thursday 16th January by ordering at register time. We have linked the menu to our pantomime Robin Hood. Every child will be encouraged to have a Pantomime cookie.

Parent Time

All teachers are available to support you and your child at the end of each day. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about a concern of supporting homework, please do so once all the children have gone and the teacher is free to chat. If you are working and not able to meet after school, the class teacher is happy to chat to you on the telephone. If you or your child are struggling with homework, please speak to your child's teacher who will discuss strategies with you or in some cases adapt the learning to meet your child's needs.

Devon Parent Partnership Service

Devon Parent Partnership Service is an organisation that provides information, support and training for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. They offer a confidential, free and impartial service. Amongst other things, they can:

- Listen to what you have to say and talk through your options and decisions
- Describe what support the school can offer
- Explain the meaning of documents, reports and letters

Support the development of good communication between you, the school and other services

If you would like to find out more about the Service, either pick up a leaflet about them outside Mrs Smith's room in East-the-Water Primary, contact them directly on 01392 383080 or check out their website at www.parentpartnershipdevon.org.uk

2019



Spring term 1st 7th January—15th February

Yellow Room— Reception children will swim each Friday.

17th January; School dinner s' Taster Day

18th January; Robin Hood Pantomime. All children dress up as a fairy tale character and bring a food donation for the food bank.

18th January; PTA will meet 3.30pm in training room.

30th January; 9.15am Bigger School Walk. Please ensure your child is dressed suitable for the weather.

6th and 7th February; Viking Days in year 3 and 4 with a visitor on 6th.

11th February; Australia Day in KS1 with a visitor.

Half term break 16th February—24th

Blue Room— reception children will swim each Friday.

Spring term 2nd 26th Feb-5th April

Easter Break 6th April –22nd April

Summer term 1st 23rd April-24th May

Tempest Photographs will be taking class photos.

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Summer half term 25th –2nd June

Summer term 2nd 3rd June– 24th July

Leavers Assembly for year 6 pupils ; 2.30pm start. Please note that babies, school attending or young siblings should not attend.

Summer break—First day of holiday is 25th July

Please note that absences must be reported to the school office on first day of absence and accompanied by medical evidence after 3rd day of absence. Holidays must not be taken unless authorised by the Headteacher. Please remember to contact the school office first thing in the morning if your child is absent. If you fail to do this the school will presume that after the 3rd day you have taken days off for an unauthorised holiday. The school will report this absence to the Education Welfare Officer with putting you at risk of being given a penalty.

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

School events and visitors

Northam Burrows

The year 3 and 4 group who were rained off will have the date rescheduled to another drier day! Despite not getting to visit Northam Burrows, the children spent a term absorbing amazing facts which they all knew very well.

Plough

Thanks to a successful grant application of £900, all KS1 children were able to travel to Torrington by coach and attend a live performance of The Elves and the Shoe Maker in the Plough Theatre. The £900 grant enabled this event to take place.

Christingle Service

Thanks to St Mary's Open the Book team, we were able to quickly relocate the Christingle to our school hall due to the torrential rain. Thanks to parents for changing your plans at the last minute. We are sorry to say goodbye to Rev Leigh Winsbury who regularly visited our school as a governor and member of Open the Book team. We wish Leigh the best of luck with his new parish in Hatherleigh.

Recycling green milk tops

Thank you for continuing to do this. The money raised from recycling these tops is now donated to the Children's Hospice at Little Bridge House.

Children's Society

Your kind contributions at the Sing-a-Long events amounted to £150.

Food Bank at East-the-Water Primary

Thank you to Felicity, a parent and member of our PTA for bringing the local charity Food Bank to our attention. Felicity has set up a collection basket at the school's main office. Before the Christmas holiday began, she had emptied the basket on three occasions taking the contents to Bideford's Food Bank. All contributions were warmly welcomed by the Food Bank team.

On the Pantomime Day, Friday 17th January, we are asking that each child and member of staff who dress up also donate an item of food to the Food Bank. Packet, dry or tinned food is preferred. The food not only supports homeless people but also families who suddenly find themselves in a crisis, often with babies and toddlers. Sometimes this is out of the control of a family and is no fault of their own eg loss or employment, change of home situation. Your contributions could make a big difference until their situation changes.

Thanks for your fantastic support to date and well done to Felicity!

