

2018

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 July-5th September
Autumn term 1st 5th September 17th October
Half term break 18th October -28th October
Autumn term 2nd 29th October- 19th December
Christmas Break 20th December-6th January 2019

2019

Spring term 1st 7th January-15th February
Half term break 16th February-24th February

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.

Educational visits and visitors

Spring additions

Little Skippers have been watching our duck and chicken eggs hatch in our incubators. Thank you to Emma Kinnear for letting us spend a morning with her own three little pigs. What adorable baby piglets they were too - The children were so excited!

Library

Each class continues to visit the library. We are eager to support a love of books. Please do remember that joining the library is free for adults as well as children and is such a great resource to have on our door step. Make the most of our local library while we have one!

Burton Art

Year 2 had a lovely time at the Burton Art Gallery. Year 1 and Year 2 are planning to walk down to St Mary's Church to make Easter Gardens as part of the Christian celebration of Lent.

Exmoor Zoo

Year 1 have invited Exmoor Zoo to come to East-the-Water Primary. We have asked them to bring some nocturnal animals but they may bring some surprises too!

Eden Project

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting the Eden Project at last. This has been rearranged for 29th March.

Choir

Our lovely choir have a number of workshops coming up soon at Woolsery and Bideford College, giving them the opportunity to work with local musicians and other schools.

Czech Quartet

Bideford Music Society have kindly arranged for four professional musicians to perform to us. These musicians are visiting Britain from the Czech Republic.

School closure 1st and 2nd March

Thank you parents for supporting our decision to close for two days. This decision was not taken lightly and was based on our inability to supervise pupils safely as there was a risk that the majority of staff would not reach Bideford using any mode of transport. Apologies to all parents who had to make alternative arrangements at the last minute. Most of our pupils had never seen snow until last week so I hope fun was had by all. Despite the inconvenience, it was exciting for our children to experience snow at last!

Walking Wednesdays

Despite the cold weather, Wednesday 28th February was the first time every single class in the school had increased their number of children walking to school- fantastic, well done! Some children have identified that we could further improve some aspects of our Walking Wednesday scheme. This is useful information. Therefore we intend to look further at things we are already doing with our school council members. Please ask for details about our Bigger School Walk taking place at the end of March.

We are still waiting on a response from Highways and local council regarding ways to improve safety on the Alverdiscott Road and we will update you of any information.

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

Please remember that school dinners will cost £2.20 after the Easter holiday!

New building for Cabin

Our new space is nearly ready. This space will be used for Cabin staff to deliver both after school and breakfast clubs. We hope it will improve collecting and dropping off much easier and safer. We hope the building will be in use by the end of March but will keep you up to date.



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.

School Uniform

Please can you let us have any out grown uniform, socks, underwear, swim wear or PE kit. We are in desperate need of all sizes ranging between age 2-11 years. Please note that children not supporting our school uniform and black shoe guidance will be asked to change into spare uniform and plimsolls during the school day.

Please discourage your children from wearing jewellery at school. It is distressing when children lose valuable or treasured items. Children are allowed to wear stud earrings and a watch. Rings, bangles and chains are not allowed.

School contact information;

School Office: admin@etwschool.com 01237 475178

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Whisper

The Whisper link is confidential, instant and secure.

This link can be found on the school website.

