

**Lining up at 9am without our parents!**

As a result of your support each morning, I hope that you will agree that the transition between the playground and the classroom is far safer than before, a calm start to our school day.

**Parent Consultations**

Please contact the office or sign up outside your child's classroom to meet with our teachers on Wednesday 21st and 28th November, 3.30pm—6pm.

**2018**

- 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
- Spring term 2nd 26th Feb-5th April
- Easter Break 6th April –22nd April
- Summer term 1st 23rd April-24th May
- Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
- Summer half term 25th –2nd June
- Summer term 2nd 3rd June– 24th July
- Summer break 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**

The dentist visited Little Skippers and met with all the children. She talked about keeping teeth and gums in healthy condition.

Year 2 and year 6 children have walked down to the library to change their library books.

Barnstaple Museum shared artefacts supporting Year 2 children's knowledge about the Victorian era.

**The Cabin Team**

Our Cabin team will be led by Mrs Emma Williams on a daily basis from September. Please speak to Mrs Williams if you have any problems or concerns. 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 head@etwschool.com.

Contact ; cabin@etwschool.com

If you have any concerns please contact us in any of the following ways;

Via the school office, by email, speaking directly to Mrs Higley or Mr Buckeridge any morning in the playground or speaking to your class teacher at the end of any school day.

**School contact information;**

Headteacher: head@etwschool.com

School Office: admin@etwschool.org 01237 475178

Face Book: East-the-Water Primary School

Website: www.east-the-water.devon.sch.uk

**Whisper**

The Whisper link is confidential, instant and secure.

This link can be found on the school website.



**Educational visits and visitors**

**Year 6 trip to London. Please look out for letters regarding details of this trip and payment options.**

We will continue to plan and update you about trips and visitors during this coming year. Please note that trips will be cancelled if insufficient money is not collected to cover the cost of a trip. Staff will no longer be instructed to chase up individual parents by letter or by phone. We realise that parents simply forget information due to busy family life and work. Unfortunately staff do not have the time to chase people up. Hopefully *Parent Mail* will make this easier.

**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 see parent letter sent home with full instructions about activating your login. Paper newsletters will still continue to be sent home. 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.

**East-the-Water Primary's 50th celebrations**

**Celebration Time—Come On!**

Our school has enjoyed celebrating our 50th Anniversary by holding a party in each classroom on Friday 2nd November. Thank you for sending your child to school in fancy dress and providing a kind contribution towards the party food.

**School Fayre**

**Saturday 3rd November**

**11-2pm**

Please come and join in with the fun. We will be selling homemade cakes and gifts as well as other exciting activities for you to take part in!

Enormous thanks to our new PTA members for organising this event. PTA meet for tea and cakes every Friday morning at 9.15am in the Cabin.