

*Wishing you a very peaceful 2018!
Happy New Year
from all our governors, staff and pupils!*

Walking Wednesdays– wet and cold weather

Walking with children in cold or wet weather is challenging. When we have a combination of increased cars and bad weather the challenge becomes other drivers, not moaning children. Increased cars and careless parking definitely makes the pavement on Alverdiscott Road more dangerous for walkers. Imagine how safe it would be for children if more parents walked their family to school. Need a new year resolution?

Why not walk to schooleven in wet weather!

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

New Baby

Congratulations to Ms Roberts with the arrival of her baby girl Eliza. Eliza is very well and arrived in time to enjoy her very first Christmas.

Further improving security of school grounds

We have at last removed the trees and built a new secure wooden fence along our field boundary. We have also built a fence between the forest and playground ensuring pupils remain in the playground during non staff supervised times eg start/ end of school day. It is important children remain in the playground, playing safely and in sight of parents and carers at the beginning and end of the school day.

OFSTED inspection December 2018

In the middle of Christmas celebrations we had an OFSTED inspection. The inspectors were absolutely delighted with our children, staff and school celebrating the uniqueness and inclusion we offer. The report itself celebrates the hard work staff do and the constant care they provide for all our children. The inspectors were delighted with the children's responses about school, how much they enjoyed school and how confidently they were able to share this. During the inspection day the children were astoundingly well behaved, well mannered and hard working—they were truly at their best and we were all very proud. We hope that you will take time to find and read our latest report. In the next few weeks this will be published on our website as well as the government one. You will also receive a paper copy via parent mail. Please search for **East-the-Water Primary Ofsted report Dec 17**.

Quality Mark Award

During the same week we were visited by Quality Mark Review team. As a result of the one day visit, excellent practice was celebrated by the team and our Quality Mark Award remains in place.

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Whisper

The Whisper link is confidential, instant and secure.

This link can be found on the school website.



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 July—5th September

Autumn term 1st 5th September

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.

Beauty and the Beast

Once again it is time for our annual pantomime. This year our pantomime is Beauty and the Beast. M and M theatre group are returning to us on the morning of 19th January. It is traditional for all our children and staff to dress up as a fairy tale or nursery rhyme character during that day (Little Skippers, KS1 and KS2). Please send your child to school dressed up on 19th.

Each child is expected to contribute £1 to dress up or £2 for each family. All monies raised will be used to develop our school garden. Please note any child who decides not to dressing up should attend school in their school uniform as usual.

Christmas sing-a-longs and parties

Thank you for all you contributions supporting these events, both by attending, providing outfits and food. The children certainly had a lot of fun during the weeks of December. The retiring collection at the end of each sing-a-long raised £85 for our local charity Harbour.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who found time to attend parents evening. If for some reason you were unable to do so, please contact your class teacher who will be more than happy to meet and discuss your child's next steps with you.

School Uniform

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.

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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