



October 2017

2017

Half term break 18th –29th Oct
Autumn term 2nd 30th Oct –15th Dec
Christmas Break 16th Dec–2nd Jan 2018

2018

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 August 2018

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.

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

Little Skippers

If your nursery child is going into reception September 2018, please remember that you must apply for a school place during next half term. This year we were oversubscribed– so don't forget! If you are not sure about this process contact Mrs Mitchell via the school office who will explain it to you.

Skippers is going electronic!

Your child's progress and Learning Journey will now be collated electronically using a program called Tapestry. Staff will still update you about your child's progress and a paper version can be produced at any time. This will replace the previously updated Learning Journey book. This program enables staff to quickly capture and record your children's learning over time.

Walking Wednesdays

We continue to lead our successful walking Wednesday Scheme. Thank you to all parents who have enabled us to make this project successful. Congratulations to so many children who walked every Wednesday last year, brilliant! If you are a new family you will need to speak to your class teacher regarding our award scheme and how to gain your first Lucky Laces Award. Please remember that TESCOs have given permission for you to park at the beginning and end of the school day; it takes 10 minutes to walk with a very young child from TESCOs to our school or 6 minutes to achieve 1215 quick steps.

[Here are different distances measured from the 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

After school and lunchtime clubs

Please watch out for this term's list of clubs. Hopefully there is a choice of times and clubs for your child to attend. Healthy Hawks and School Council members would like to support children who are unable to walk the whole journey to school due to living too far away or parents have to get to work after dropping children off at school. If you would like to join this group and get a walking award, please contact a member of our school council.

KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Avoid parking on Mines Road and Alverdiscott Road

Please drive carefully and avoid mounting the pavement at all times. It is advisable to park further away from the Alverdiscott Road and Mines Road entrances and instead walk the short distance to school at the beginning and end of each day.

We need your help with our Walking Wednesday Project.

If children are to be safe, we need to walk!

Does your child have a Special Educational Need or Disability?

If so, please read our Special Educational Needs School Information Report on our school website. You can find it under the Parent Zone at SEN. This report is updated annually with staff and parents having an input into it. It tells you all about the Special Educational Needs and Disability support at our school.

Any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Smith our Special Needs Coordinator.

School contact information;

School Office: admin@etwschool.com 01237 475178

Face Book: [East-the-Water Primary School](#)

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

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 22nd and 29th November, 3.30pm– 6pm.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs May and the arrival of her baby girl Edith. Congratulations also to Mrs Jackson and the arrival of her baby girl Sienna! Both Mums and babies are very well.

School Uniform

How smart the children were on their return to school, looking as if they were ready to represent our school at any moment in or out of the school grounds! We apologise for not having book bags at the beginning of term, not anticipating such a demand. These are now in stock. Please can we further confirm that girls can wear plain red cardigans with uniforms and that no child can bring a rucksack to school. We appreciate the concerns but simply do not have enough peg space in our ever growing school.

Ancient Greek Story Teller

Year 5 and 6 spent the day exploring ancient Greek stories, costume and ways of life with the help of story teller Steve Manning. What an exciting day.



Breakfast and After School Care

Please direct enquires regarding the Cabin's after and before school provision to Miss Place via the school office or by email. Miss Place is your point of contact as Play Leader.

Contact Miss Kelly Place
cabin@etwschool.com
School office 01237 475178

Whisper

The Whisper link is confidential, instant and secure. This link can be found on the school website.

