

# UPDATE



Week Ending: 6th January 2017

Wishing you all a very happy new year and what a great start it has been. The children have returned to school excited, enthusiastic and ready to learn. This coming term promises to be an exciting one with our visiting Paralympic athlete event and numerous scientific themed days to name but a few.

### EXTERNAL PHONE LINE

As you are all aware we have had no external phone line into the school this week. After much investigation and several engineers the external fault has now been traced. BT are coming on Monday morning to finally fix the fault. If you need to contact the school before the line is fixed you are able to use our text service, email or call East Anstey School on 01398 341369 as they are able to pass on messages via our internal phone system. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused but this has resulted in a very quiet administration office in school during our first week back.

### ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017 - DEADLINE TO APPLY CLOSES SOON

Children born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013 are entitled to apply for a place at Primary School in 2017. **The application facility closes at midnight on 15th January 2017.** It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year; they must secure a place before that decision needs to be made. A step by step guide is now available for download from the School Admission webpages [www.devon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissions). Parents can apply online for a place at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). Parents should have received a letter from the Admissions Team, providing a Unique Identifying Number which will facilitate that application. Each year some parents are disappointed that places at local schools are not available because they did not apply in time. If you have any further questions please do contact the school office, see leaflets available in Preschool or contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019

### OUTDOOR LEARNING

Mr Scandrett will be continuing with Outdoor Learning next week on the following days;

**Class 3 - Monday afternoons**

**Class 2 - Tuesday afternoons**

**Class 1 - Thursday afternoons** (Please could parents continue to put Class 1 Outdoor Learning kit in the hall on Thursday mornings as this is working well in keeping the classroom cloakroom less cluttered.

Children that come into school on the bus will be helped to do this.)

### SWIMMING LESSONS

A letter has been sent home today regarding the swimming lessons along with a slip to let you know which swimming group your child will be in. The children will be split into two groups, with the first group starting on Wednesday 11th January and continuing each week until the half term break. After the half term break the second group will have their 5 lessons (excluding Wednesday 15th March, Heatree week). The lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons at South Molton Swimming Pool and the children will be transported to and from the pool by coach. As in previous years, the school will be paying for the swimming lessons and hire of the pool but we will be asking parents to make a contribution toward the travel cost. If you have any questions regarding the swimming lessons, please speak to your class teacher or the school office. Thank you.

### LABELS ON UNIFORM

As we start a new year could all parents please check their children's uniform to ensure that everything is clearly labelled. This is particularly important this term with swimming lessons each week, thank you.

### VOLUNTEER READERS

We are looking for volunteer readers to work with Class 2 children on a regular basis. If you are interested in helping with the children's 1:1 reading work please contact the school office or talk to Miss Whapham. All volunteer readers will have a DBS check completed to comply with the schools safeguarding policy.

### WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Miss Phillips, a student teacher from Exeter University, she will be in school for the rest of this term. Miss Phillips will also be running a languages lunch time club each week for Key Stage 2 children, the children that are interested in joining this club have been asked to talk to Miss Phillips directly.

### MUSIC LESSONS

Mrs Davies will be starting her music lessons in school next Friday. If your child does not already participate in the Piano or Violin lesson and you think they would be interested in starting please contact the school office for further details.

### BREAKFAST CHURCH

Bishops Nympton Parish Church are running Breakfast Church for families of all ages with coffee, croissants and more, served from 9.30am followed by a short lively time of worships with Bible stories, songs and activities. Starting this Sunday 8th January and then the 2nd Sunday of every month. For more details contact Alastair Forman on 01769 551784. All are welcome to join in this family event.

**Amethyst  
Achiever Awards**

*Class 1 achiever: Naomi C*

*Class 2 achiever: Gilbert B*

*Class 3 achiever: Shay H*

### **FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS**

Wednesday 4th January - Children return to school  
Group 1 Swimming Lessons Wed 11th Jan to Wed 8th Feb (inclusively)  
Group 2 Swimming Lessons Wed 22nd Feb to 29th March (not including 15th March, Heatree Trip Week)  
Monday 16th January - Height & weight check for Reception & Years 6 children  
Wednesday 25th January - Stargazing event at East Anstey school - more details to follow  
Mon 13th - Fri 17th February - Half term break.  
Wed 15th - Fri 17th March - Years 4 & 5 - Heatree Residential Trip  
Monday 20th March - School Open Afternoon  
Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd - Preschool Parent consultation days  
Thursday 23rd March - Parents Evening 1  
Thursday 30th March - Parents Evening 2  
Thursday 30th March - Preschool Open morning  
Friday 31st March - Last day of term & Easter celebration in parish church in afternoon