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Newsletter - September 2017 [1]

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to first welcome all our new children to our school, both in Foundation and across the school. This new school year has started very well. Having received a very positive OFSTED report this has been a great way to start the new term. We have many exciting events, activities and opportunities planned for this year.

Uniform

All the children are looking very smart in their school uniform. Children need to wear black sensible school shoes for school. **Trainers or canvas shoes (including VANS) are not part of our school uniform**, however, pupils may change into them for playtime and lunchtime, changing back into school shoes for class time.

Application for a Secondary school place

For children in Year 6, please remember that applications for a place at secondary school need to be submitted by **31st October**. You need to apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.

Please can I remind the parents of children in Year 6 that your children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the **14th May**. Please could we ask that, during this week, you try to make appointments either for the afternoon or for after school, and that you do not take any holiday.

Illness and Medication

If your child is ill, please phone the school office by 9.30pm. If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last bout. Thank you.

May I remind you that we are only allowed to administer prescribed medication in school? Please do not send your child in with throat or cough sweets, as we are not allowed to give them to the children. We will ensure that they are able to drink regularly to relieve any tickly coughs.

School meals

School dinners for KS2 are £2.10 this term.

Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to have a free school meal, so they do not need to purchase a ticket. They just need to know what they would like for their lunch each day.

On **Thursday, 5th October**, we are having a 'Fantastic food day'. Schools receive government funding based on the number of children who are eating a school dinner on that day and we hope you will encourage your child to have a school meal on Thursday 5th October. The ParentPay system accepts single payments of £2.10 if your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to give School Dinners a try. The children will have the chance to win a prize - one from each class. Thank you.

ParentPay

Thank you to all of you who have now signed up to ParentPay. It is a great help to both the Primary School and Saplings to have all payments handled electronically. We have also started using it for communications, so if you need any help signing up or if it helps for two parents to receive messages on different emails, please contact the School Office.

In the event of emergencies or school closures (bad weather, etc.), we will use ParentPay as our main method of contacting you - so we are really keen to sign everyone up as soon as possible!

School Term Dates

As you are aware Ipplepen Primary is part of the United Schools Federation which comprises of 4 other schools. At present these schools have a different academic year term dates as us. Next year as a USF we would like to ensure all 5 school dates are the same. As yet the Governors have not decided these but if you have any questions or comments about this please do not hesitate to come in and speak to me.

Clubs

The clubs list will be coming out soon for the children to sign up to. We have again tried to ensure we have a wide selection of clubs for both key stage 1 and key stage 2. Having reviewed our collection arrangements we would like parents to wait in the school by the office and the adult running the club will bring the children around to ensure all children are collected safely.

Dear Mrs. Lacey

I am very sorry to have to inform you that 'Totnes school of Dance' will be unable to provide a ballet club this term and probably beyond. I'm sorry if it's rather short notice to let you know, however, the regular teacher is unable to continue and I thought I had another teacher who could do it, but she is now unable to.

Many Apologies about this.

Also, if you don't manage to find anyone to continue the club you may like to let the students know that they are welcome to come to the dance school based at Kevicc. I can continue to offer them the reduced price of £30 for 10 weeks. I have attached a timetable in case anyone asks you about lessons.

Many Thanks

Louise Knapman (Principal, Totnes School of Dance)

Good news

We are delighted to announce that both Mrs Hancox and Mrs T have both had their babies. Both of these ladies have had beautiful girls. Mrs Hancox has called her daughter Ellen and Mrs T, Isla

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Amanda Lacey
Head of School

Dates for the term

Dates for the term		Class Assemblies (Usually Fridays but subject to change)	
September			
12 th	Fizz Pop Science Assembly		
14 th - 15 th	Year 3 Residential to Okehampton Adventure Youth Hostel		
19 th	British Values afternoon		
21 st	Theatre Alibi Apple John		
22 nd	Field trip for the Eco Councillors		
25-29 th	Bikeability for year 5 and 6		
26 th	Exeter University - Chris Smart - Archaeological dig and plant trees in the school ground.		
27 th	Multi Skills for Year 1 Welcome Parents Evening		
October			
2 nd	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's church - 9.30am start		
4 th	Year 6 to serve at Community lunch	6 th	Acacia Class Year 5
		13 th	Sycamore Class - Year 6
16 th -21 st	Local studies week		
18 th	Year 6 Grandparents lunch		
21 st	School closes at 3.20pm	21 st	Oak Class - Year 1
30 th	School opens at 8:45am		
November			
1 st	Year 6 to serve at Community lunch Work showing 3:30 - 4:30pm	3 rd	Rowan Class - Year 2
6 th	Individual School Portrait Photographs	10 th	Cherry Class -Year 3
12 th	Eco Councillors to attend Remembrance Service in St Andrew's Church at 10.15am		

14 th	British Values afternoon		
17 th	Children in Need	17 th	Chestnut Class - Year F
25 th	Lantern Procession early evening	24 th	Willow Class - Year 4
27 th	Parents Evening - 3.30- 6.30pm		
29 th	Parents Evening - 3.30- 6.30pm		
December			
5 th	School Christmas Carol concert led by Year 6 and Foundation @ St Andrew's church at 10.00am		
11 th	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance at 6.00 pm		
12 th	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance at 2.00pm		
13 th	Children's Christmas lunch		
14 th	Christmas party		
15 th	School finishes for Christmas holiday at 3:20pm		
January			
3 rd	School opens at 8:45am		