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Newsletter – June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We have continued with another busy month where the children have really been excited about their learning, much of which has been outside the classroom. They have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

In June

- Year 6 have been swimming at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre swimming pool.
- Year 6 and 5 have enjoyed cooking with the kitchen manager – Mrs Ellard
- Year 5 have been on their residential to Dewerstone Cottage
- Year 2 have been on their residential
- Year 4 attended the Olympic day at Newton Abbot College
- Year Foundation took part in a Rock Pool Safari at Goodrington
- Year 5 attended the Sporting Spectacular at Coombeshead
- Year 6 took part in 'Hit the Surf' at Teignmouth
- Leanne Rogers from Coombeshead Academy, continued to take her drama workshops with Year 4 and this resulted in a musical spectacular at Coombeshead
- Year 6 visited St Andrew's Church and participated in a "Friendship" church experience
- Children from Years 5 and 6 have been taking part in bikeability sessions
- Years 6, 5, 4 and 3 enjoyed a sporting activities day at Ipplepen Cricket Club
- Years 5 and 6 were involved with friendship activities delivered by ICE Torbay
- The girls football team participated in a football competition
- Year 5 children have been participating in different workshops at Coombeshead Academy.
- Coombeshead Theatre performed "Aesops Fables" to the whole school
- Some of the children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a USF swimming gala
- A number of children from Years 3 and 4 participated in an athletics festival at Brixton St Mary's
- Children from Foundation visited Plymouth Aquarium

Sport

What a fantastic month of sport we have been having. Following on from our fabulous Sports Day, Year 4 have had the opportunity to participate in the 'Olympic day' at Newton Abbot College, everyone really enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities such as street surfing, golf and tennis.

Year 5 represented Ipplepen Primary School at Coombeshead Academy and we are really pleased to announce that they won first place, beating 16 other local primary schools across a wide range of sporting activities. Well done to Acacia class who worked well as a team and supported one another.

Music Evening

Here at Ipplepen Primary School we have many talented children who play a wide range of instruments. I have been told that we have the highest number of children playing in the Coombeshead orchestra than any other primary school. What a fantastic way to represent the school! Thank you to everyone who plays in this orchestra.

We also have a number of peripatetic music teachers who teach many children to play a wide variety of musical instruments. Therefore, the teachers and I would like to hold a music event/evening here on Tuesday 3rd July. In the afternoon, those children who would like to participate will perform to the school and then in the evening there will be another performance for parents. Further information will follow shortly.

PTA

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the PTA who have worked really hard this year to raise a significant amount of funds for the school. A special thank you to Mrs April Meaden and Mrs Grace Kidd the chair and vice.

Community support

As a school we very much want to continue to work with the wider local community supporting events and providing help. This year representatives from Year 6 have attended the Community lunch at the church hall to serve lunch. The Eco Councillors have attended many formal functions to represent the school. We are also trying to plan other local events to support the community this term.

We have also been very busy supporting a number of charities. These are our contributions:

Send a cow - £93.37
World book day - £45.10
Poppy Appeal – £222.42
Operation Christmas Child We sent 32 Christmas boxes
Children in Need - £729.22
RSPCA - £46.00
SALS Shoes – our donation of shoes were delivered in Spring 18

Links with secondary schools

During the year we have been busy building links with a range of other schools, both primary and secondary. This term Years 4 and 5 have been to both Newton Abbot College and Coombeshead to participate in a wealth of activities.

Health and Safety

Dogs in School

Can I please remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the school premises?

Staff Car Park

Please can I ask everyone to be very careful at the front of the school, especially in and around the car park. No child should be in the car park as it is in constant use.

Safety

Just a reminder that parents and carers should say good bye to their children at the playground door. Adults should not be inside the school building, a member of staff will be at the door to greet the children. If you have to speak to the class teacher can we ask that you come to the office and either make an appointment or leave a message to be passed on.

Cycling and Scootering

It is great to see the children cycling, scootering and walking to school. If children wish to cycle, they will need to do so with an adult. If they are 10 years of age or over, have completed a Bikeability course and have written permission, they can cycle alone.

To help ensure children stay safe, all children who cycle or scooter need to wear a helmet. Please can we also remind you that they should not ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds.

Sun Safety

As we now move into the summer please can you ensure that the children have a sun hat and come to school wearing sun screen. However, as the weather is unpredictable can they also bring a coat.

Please can you ensure that the children have a bottle of water in school so they remain well hydrated during the day.

School Uniform

School uniform: As the end of term rapidly approaches, many of you will be thinking of getting uniform ready for the next year. For guidance on our uniform policy, please see the policies section on our website.

You are also able to purchase uniform online from www.schooltrends.co.uk or click the link via the school website.

When you are buying new school shoes, may I remind you that they need to be black, sensible school shoes. Trainers 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.

Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will take the form of an open evening on Wednesday 18th July. There will be displays of children's work, each child's individual books and the class teachers will also be available for you to talk with and discuss reports.

Reports

Reports will not be online, there has been a change of date and paper copies will be sent out on Friday 13th July. This is also the date that children will swap classes and meet their new teachers.

Hello and goodbye

At the end of term we will be saying farewell to Mr McAuley, who will be taking up a new teaching post abroad and Miss Cook, who is going travelling. We all wish them the best of luck with their new adventures.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Becky Mason and Mrs Jackie Hext, who will be joining our teaching team and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Hancox back after her maternity leave.

MTA vacancy

We have a vacancy for a meal time assistant at the school, if you would like more information or an application form, please contact the school office.

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 | | Class Assemblies (Usually Fridays but subject to change) | |
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| July | | | |
| 3rd | Year 6 swimming at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre Music concert for parents 6.30pm | | |
| 4th | Year 6 serving at the community lunch Coombeshead Induction Day 1 Newton Abbot College Induction Day 1 | | |
| 5th | Coombeshead Induction Day 2 Newton Abbot College Induction Day 2 Torquay Boys & Girls Grammar Induction Churston Induction Day Year 4 theatre workshop run by Coombeshead drama teacher | | |
| 6th | Year 3 – Storytelling Workshop @ Buckfast Abbey | 6th | Rowan Class – Yr2 |
| 10th | Year 6 swimming at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre Coombeshead open morning – Yr 4 & 5 Years 4 & 6 – Theatre production of 'Wiz' at Coombeshead Year 5 – Theatre production of School of Rock at Newton Abbot College | | |
| 12th | Premier Sport Pop up sports morning and assembly Year 4 Residential – Escot Go-Karting evening at St Catherines | | |
| 13th | Reports out to parents | 13th | Chestnut Class –Yr F |
| 17th | Year 6 swimming at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre 2pm Years 4, 5 and 6 dress rehearsal to the school | | |
| 18th | Work Showing Open Evening 6.00pm Years 4, 5 and 6 Production | | |
| 19th | 2.00pm Years 4, 5 and 6 Production 6.00pm Years 4, 5 and 6 Production | 20th | Cherry Class – Yr3 |
| 23rd | Year 6 Residential –Skern Lodge | | |
| 26th | Year 6 Leavers' Service | 26th | Sycamore Class – Yr 6 – Leavers' Service |