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Newsletter - February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great half term and have come back to school refreshed and ready. This half term appears to be very busy and it no doubt be Easter before we know it.

In February

- * Every Friday the children continue to be challenged to run a mile - during break or lunchtime
- * Year 6 Grandparents came into school to share a school lunch.
- * Year 5 finished and Year 3 have begun their swimming at Totnes swimming pool.
- * Year 3 have been cooking at school with the school kitchen staff.
- * Premier Sports took an assembly about "Healthy Me".
- * We held a successful Reading Workshop.
- * Reverend Peter Ashman held an assembly about Lent for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.
- * The a group of Year 5 children took part in Sign2Sing a national event held at Coombeshead Academy.
- * Gifted and talented writers from Years 3, 5 and 6 went to a workshop at Marldon Primary.
- * Mathematicians from Year 5 took part in a maths challenge morning at Coombeshead.
- * All the children enjoyed the pantomime "Cinderella" performed by M and M productions.
- * Year 5 and 6 girls went to a girls only rugby event at Teignmouth.
- * The football team played matches against Canada Hill and Decoy Primary.
- * We held a work showing.
- * Year 1 had a trip to Quince Honey Farm.
- * Parents were invited to an internet safety talk at Marldon Primary.
- * Year 4 have started their cricket and maths project "Bowled Over By Numbers".

Website

I hope you all have seen the new website and had a look at class blogs.

Premier Sport

We have been lucky to have another external agency supporting and working with our Year 1 children to deliver a Healthy Living Project for the next 4 weeks. I am sure that the children are really going to enjoy this experience and will learn a lot about staying healthy.

Reading

It was really lovely to see so many people at the Reading workshop. We hope it gave the opportunity to see the resources we have in school to support reading.

On Thursday, it is World Book Day and we will all be involved in many different reading activities. Additional information has already been sent out.

Reading is very important and as part of this we would like to invite parents or grandparents to come in to school and share their favourite story or book. This is not just for World book day but to foster a love of reading. If any parent or grandparent could spare an hour or two each week we would really appreciate this to hear individual children read.

We have representatives of the local library coming in to talk about the importance of reading, to foster a love a books and to give information about Book Track.

PTA

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for their contributions; towards school trips, the additional books to supplement our reading books and the very enjoyable pantomime Cinderella.

After school clubs

Unfortunately Fizz Pop Science is going to be postponed until next term as they did not have availability on the evening we needed. Frazzoo the new animal club has just begun and all children who attended really enjoyed this new club.

Staffing

It is very exciting here at Ipplepen as 2 teachers Mrs Ami Tovagliari and Mrs Liz Hancox are both going to be having a baby, they will be teaching until the end of the summer term. We send very best wishes to them both and their families.

It is also with sadness that I write to tell you that Mrs Maria Dryland who is the LSA in Year 2 and is also an MTA will be leaving at Easter.

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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| March | | | |
| 1 st | Year 3 and 4 Futsal Competition | | |
| 2 nd | World Book Day | | |
| 3 rd | Year 3 swimming at Totnes Year 4 cooking | 3 rd | Year 3 Cherry Class |
| 8 th | Year 3 and 4 going to St Michael's for the Explorer Dome | | |
| 9 th | Year 2 Trip to Quince Honey Farm Year 6 Easter experience at the church | | |
| 10 th | Year 3 swimming at Totnes Year 4 cooking | 10 th | Year 2 Rowan Class |
| 17 th | Year 3 swimming at Totnes Year 5 cooking | 17 th | Year 4 Willow Class |
| 20 th | Parents Evening Foundation trip to Stover | | |
| 21 st | Premier Sport assembly | | |
| 22 nd | Alcohol workshop for Year 6 Parents Evening | | |
| 23 rd | Year 1 Ugly Bug Ball | | |
| 24 th | Enterprise Day - Red Nose Day Year 3 swimming at Totnes Year 5 cooking | 24 th | Year 5 Acacia Class |
| 27 th | Easter Service at the church -9.30 start Year 2 Ugly Bug Ball @ St Micheals | | |
| 28 th | PTA fashion Show - | | |
| 29 th | Football festival @ St Marys Brixham Year 5 Grandparents lunch | | |
| 31 st | Year 3 swimming at Totnes Easter Bonnet Parade Easter Egg Hunt End of Term | | |