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**Newsletter - June 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have continued with another busy month where the children have really been excited about their learning and thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

**In June**

- Year 6 have been swimming at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre swimming pool.
- Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed cooking with the kitchen manager - Mrs Ellard
- Year 3, 4 and 5 worked with the archaeological society at the Ipplepen dig site
- Year 4 have been on their residential to Escot
- Year 5 have been on their residential to Dewerstone Cottage
- Year 4 attended the Olympic day at Newton Abbot College
- Year Foundation, Chestnut class went to Goodrington
- Year 5 attended the Sporting Spectacular at Coombeshead
- The whole school participated in sports day
- Representatives of the Engineering club took part in a 'Go kart' day
- Year 3 and 4 walked on the moors at Bellever
- Reverend Peter Ashman took an assembly for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- Key Stage 1 children had a multi skills festival at Brixton St Marys
- Foundation, Chestnut Class visited Plymouth Aquarium

### **Sport**

What a fantastic month of sport we have had. Congratulations to Buttercup house on winning the Sports Cup on sports day. It was the most beautiful June day and this was reflected in a fantastic day of activities enjoyed by all, a super team spirit and great team work. Well done to everyone for such a great day.

Year 4 have had the opportunity to participate in the 'Olympic day' at Newton Abbot College, every one 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. Special mention to Edward who won first place for his fantastic throw.

We have plans to develop the swimming pool area into a sports hall which will be a real asset to the school and be available for the community to use in the evenings. This project is in its infancy and I will keep you informed as it develops.

### **Music Evening**

Here at Ipplepen 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 Combeshead 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 many 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 Thursday 20th 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.

### **Healthy Eating**

Having spoken to the children and listened to their wishes we will increase the availability of water and have decided to start selling toast for 10p a slice and milk in a cup for 10p during morning break time. Further details will be sent out in the next newsletter.

### **Sainsbury Vouchers**

A huge thank you for everyone who has donated Sainsbury's vouchers, we collected more than 13,000 and have been able to purchase a wide variety of sports, play and gardening equipment. This will be delivered in the early part of next term.

Tonight the children will be coming home with a handful of lego cards which have been donated by the local Sainsbury store.

### **Community support**

As a school we very much want to continue to work with the local community supporting events and providing help. This month representatives of the Year 6 visited the Memory Cafe where the children played, read and talked to the audience.

We have also been asked to help serve lunch at the Community lunch at the church hall. As this is the last one this school year the choir are also going to attend to perform to them. This will be something which the Year 6 will be supporting every month.

### **Sals Shoes**

Some parents have approached me and as a Federation, we are going to support SALS shoes. This is the information from the letter

*In a few weeks, the school will close and children will cheer to mark the end of this academic year. Before the children run for the doors to enjoy their long summer holidays, we want them to change another child's life on the way out...*

*We ask that at the end of the term, they take their shoes off and place them on the table. The shoes will then be collected and donated to a child in Africa. There is no obligation to take part but we would like to support this charity. The shoes left do not have to be school shoes just a pair that they have outgrown.*

### **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 to ensure that they remain well hydrated during the day.

### **School Security**

Having reviewed school security, we intend to make some improvements. The school is planning to install CCTV, this will be on the school site only. We always take security very seriously and want to maintain a very secure and safe environment for the children.

### **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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Also on this evening the governors will be present for informal chats.

### **Governor "Drop in"**

Paul Sampson, Natasha Johns and Pauline Morley, representatives of the USF Governing body, will be having a "drop-in" from 4.00- 5.00pm in the school hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. They look forward to meeting you and talking to you about the school.

### **Staff**

As we approach the end of term we will be saying good bye to some of our staff. Mrs Liz Hancox and Mrs Ami Tovagliari will be starting maternity leave and we wish them well and look forward to seeing the new member of the family. Miss Lauren Murray will also be leaving to teach in a school nearer to her home. We will be very sorry to see her leave and wish her every success as her career develops.

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)	
<b>July</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	New Foundation Transition Kwick Cricket Tournament		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 - Swimming @ Newton Abbot Year 4 and 5 to Coombeshead for production of High School Musical		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Premier Sport "pop-up" sports activity Coombeshead / Newton Abbot College Induction Day Year 3 Grandparents lunch		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Coombeshead / Newton Abbot College Induction Day		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Camp	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Rowan Class
8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fair		
10 <sup>th</sup>	New Foundation Transition Engineering club evening		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 - Swimming @ Newton Abbot - cancelled 10.00am Dress Rehearsal to school and Saplings Year 5 to Newton Abbot College to watch "Footloose"		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 - Residential Year 6 First Aid training Day 6.00 pm Year 4, 5 and 6 Production		
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Year 4, 5 and 6 Production		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 - Residential	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Willow Class
17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA bags to school		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 - Swimming @ Newton Abbot		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Cultural Champion visiting Host Country Day Parents Evening Governor drop in		
20 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm Music concert to the school 6.00pm Music Concert to parents		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Summer Term	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Sycamore Class Leavers 9.15 @ Ipplepen Primary School