

Ipplepen Primary School

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Upcoming School Events next month

Monday 3rd February

Parent Workshop – making beeswax material wraps

3rd - 7th February

Children's Mental Health Week .

13th February

PTA School Disco

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Half term

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February

World Book Day entry point by West End Theatre

Tuesday 25th February

8.45 – 9.30am Parent drop in

Saturday 28th February

Music Outreach event at Exeter Cathedral

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring Term we have already been very busy learning across many curricular areas.

I hope you like our new look newsletter, if you have any comments or suggestions about it please let me know.

Everyone in the Ipplepen community should be very proud of their efforts because our Australia day raised over £800 which will be used to buy more than 100 eucalyptus trees. Well done, this was a fantastic day.

Our school has been selected to work with Exeter Cathedral outreach music programme. During the next month, Year 3 and some members of the school choir will be working on learning some song which will then be performed in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 28th February 2020.

In the Community

South Devon Branch of Devon Birds is pleased to invite you to attend a talk by Nick Baker

Nick Baker, President of Devon Birds, local naturalist and TV presenter, (including BBC Autumn & Spring Watch Unsprung), entitled Confessions and Obsessions of an Ouzeller. This will take place on Monday February 17th at 7.30pm in Ipplepen Primary School hall. Nick Baker is a renowned speaker and his talks are always well attended due to his popularity. The illustrated talk will focus on his lifetime interest in our Devon rarity, the Ring Ouzel, a bird of the high moorland. Nick will also talk about many other aspects of natural history. All parents/guardians, members and non-members of Devon Birds are welcome to attend what promises to be a very enjoyable evening's entertainment. There will be a small charge of £3 per person to defray costs, to include a cup of coffee/tea in the interval.

Rights Respecting Article

Each month we consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our classroom practice. This month during an afternoon, each classroom focused on 8 important articles and decided which one was the most important, each class decided on a different article to be the most important. Please see the blog for further information Article 24 the right to have a safe and happy environment.

Speaking to staff

We have been reviewing our procedures and we would like to remind parents and carers that if you have a question or a concern that you speak to the class teacher in the first instance. If you are not satisfied then you could talk to the middle leaders in school either Mrs. L Hancox or Mrs N Clarke.

Uniform

All the children have come back looking super smart, however, can I please remind you our school uniform is: -

- School sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt or short sleeved shirt.
- Grey/black shorts/trousers/skirts/pinafore dress.
- Children can wear gingham dresses in the summer (school colour blue).
- School shoes must be worn to school. These can be black/brown sensible shoes, not trainers.

But at break and lunchtimes children can change into trainers for running around if they wish.

Authorised Absence

Please can I reiterate to you that any request for absence can only be authorised if there are very clear exceptional circumstances. This is the law and ignoring it may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

Please check the calendar on our website to ensure you book holidays during the school holiday period. If you are booking further in advance, please don't hesitate to contact the office to check if we can confirm dates.

Can I also remind the parents of children in Year 6 that your children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the 11th May 2020. Please could we ask that you do not make appointments and that you do not take any holiday.

Health and Safety -Cycling/Scootering

It is great to see so many children and their families cycling and scootering to school, but please can I ask that, when on the school playground, bikes and scooters are pushed

When cycling or scootering it is very important that a helmet is worn.

Extra Curricular Activities

IMS Music are pleased to be able to offer guitar and ukulele tuition in school each week with our visiting tutor, Ben Bennett.

Lessons can be taken either in a group of 2, or on a 1:1 basis.

Please contact them for more information and to sign your child up for a free 10-minute taster this term. tel: 07876 456752, email: john.ims@talktalk.net , website: www.imsmusic.co.uk

Mental Health and Well-Being

The week beginning 3rd - 7th February is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme of this year is Find your Brave.

Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices. Staff and Children will be exploring what it means to be brave and how this can help us in our daily lives.



UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY

**YEAR 2 CAKE SALE.
AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PLAYGROUND**

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

PTA DISCO.
3.15 - 4.00PM SAPLINGS AND YF
4.30 - 5.30PM YEARS 1, 2, 3
5.40 - 6.40PM YEARS 4, 5, 6

MONDAY 2ND MARCH

**FILM NIGHT 3.20 - 5.00PM
CLUBS ORGANISED BY OUTSIDE
PROVIDERS WILL STILL RUN**



Upcoming Class Events next month

Chestnut

Friday 7th February – 2-3.00pm Stay and play

Monday 10th February –2-3.00pm Stay and play

Tuesday 11th February PE with Coombeshead

Tuesday 11th February – Spanish at The Grange

Tuesday 25th February – Spanish at The Grange

Oak

14th February – Tiger tea party

Rowan

Friday 7th February – 9.15am Class Assembly

Cherry

Monday 3rd February – Chorister Outreach Programme

Friday 14th February – 9.15 Class Assembly

Monday 24th February – Chorister Outreach Programme

Willow

Friday 7th February PE with Coombeshead

Acacia

Monday 3rd February – CSI day

Monday 10th February – cookery

Sycamore

Wednesday 5th February – serving at the community lunch

Thursday 27th February – visit to the Grange Residential Home