

# Ipplepen Primary School

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Upcoming School Events

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Light up Ipplepen

**Please see the attached  
December/Christmas dates and  
news**

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank everyone for their patience over this half term as we amend and adapt to the current ongoing situation, it has been really appreciated. The children in school have been a real credit to you and have embraced the new school routines very well.

## Application for a Primary Place 2021

Please remember that applications for primary places are open and need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. You need to apply on line at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.

## Lantern Procession

This year the theme is Light up Ipplepen which will be held over 3 days, Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> between 5.00pm and 8.00pm. Here at school the children have been busy making lanterns, so please come and see them lit up in the trees outside of the school.

## Fund Raising

Although we are in very different times, we have been busy fundraising over this term. We have supported the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and Young Minds. A very big thank you to everyone for the kind donations and support, a little from everyone working together creates a big impact so thank you.

We raised £523.01 For Children in Need, we have reached our target and beyond for Young Minds and we are awaiting a total from the poppy appeal.

## **PTA**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who are involved and have been involved and everyone who supports them. You have all worked tirelessly to raise monies to support the school and all the staff really appreciate this. Over the last few years your fundraising has made a significant difference to all of the children here at Ipplepen.

The PTA have very kindly ordered the school 15 chrome books and next term we will also have a charging trolley. Further information will follow.

Thank you to the PTA for organizing and paying for the Christmas Experience this year. I know the children are going to learn lots of new skills and knowledge, as well as really enjoying it.

We are delighted to have been chosen by Ipplepen Co-op to receive fund from the Local Community Fund. These funds will go towards improving our environmental area. Please click on the following link to ensure you support us.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/54835>

## **E- Safety**

On the NSPC website there is a section whereby you can talk to your child about keeping them safe online and the steps you can take to set up parental controls.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

## **Permission Letters**

Thank you to those of you that have completed the electronic permission letter. May I ask that if you have not yet completed yours, you do so as soon as possible please? We need all of these done by the beginning of next week in order to start filming our Christmas performance.

## **No Nuts school**

Please can I remind everyone that this is a no nuts school. This is for the safety of all our children and staff.

## **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 entering and leaving the school and on the school playground, bikes and scooters are pushed. When cycling or scootering it is very important that a helmet is worn.

## **Contacting the School Office**

As most of you are aware, myself and the office ladies (Caroline and Kate) are manning the gates in the mornings and afternoons, so if you need to speak to any of us at these times, please catch us on the gates. We are all usually back in our offices by 9am, if you need to call us, or alternatively email us at [admin@ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk)

If your child is absent, please can you call the school office and leave a message on the absence line before 9.30am.

## **Rights Respecting Article**

Each month we consider a different article, this month we are focusing on Article 29 developing every child's personality, talents and abilities, you will see evidence of this over the next few weeks.

### **End of term**

School closes on Friday 18th December and will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Amanda Lacey - Head of School