

Ipplepen Primary School

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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.

Tempest Photography

Tempest will be in school on 11th November to take individual photographs. Further information regarding this will be sent after half term.

Application for a secondary place

For children in Year 6, please remember that applications for a secondary school need to be submitted by 31st October. You need to apply on line at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.

Application for a Primary Place 2021

Admissions for a primary place open on 15th November. Information about virtual tours will be available after half term.

Lantern Procession

The lantern procession - this year is the theme is LIGHT UP IPPLEPEN -The objective is to illuminate your house and make your garden sparkle. Lighting up time is from 5 - 7.30pm, so wander around the village with your own hand-held lantern (socially distanced, please) and enjoy the lights. Little packs will be available with everything you need to make a basic lantern, the sort we make at the Hub sessions. They will have paper, willow, glue and



Upcoming School Events

Friday 16th October

History Society celebration assembly

Half term - Monday 19th

October - Friday 30th October

Monday 2nd November

First day back after half term

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th November

Demelza - Reduce Recycle team litter picking for all children

Wednesday 11th November

Individual School Photos

Saturday 28th November

Light Up Ipplepen

instructions and they will be able to get them by phoning me (Judy on 812958) or emailing judy.dewhirst@btinternet.com. Please see the attached poster and entry form for more details.

As a school the children are going to make individual lanterns and we are going to decorate the front of the school.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The week has been very successful and the children have taken part in lots of learning activities. As a school we have been learning about the different parts of the brain and what happens in these areas. Please ask your children about the amygdala, prefrontal cortex and the hippocampus.

Three Peaks Challenge

Unfortunately due to the current situation this event has been postponed. A letter has already been sent about this. We will continue to raise money as this is our focused charity for this year.

A just giving page has been set and donations can be made using the following link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/usfthreepeaks

Achieve4All.

Information about holiday club and the after school club has already been distributed. After School Club is on Tuesdays, it will be football for years 5 and 6. Further information is available at achieve4all.co.uk

On line Learning

During these difficult times we aware that children may be absent from school due to COVID 19 and related illness/symptoms. However, we understand that many of our absent pupils will not be poorly but will be self-isolating. The Government has asked us to ensure that remote learning is in place. A letter regarding this has already been sent.

Poppies for Remembrance Day

After the half term, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion between Monday 2nd and Wednesday 11th November. Poppies and poppy merchandise will be on sale in school. Each class will have their own box to purchase items from and each item will be priced at 50 pence.

History Society

As in previous years we have had a focused week on History. This year we have been looking at the school as in February it will be 50 years old. Each class has been busy learning about similarities and differences in school life 50 years ago and school life today.

On Friday 16th October we were joined in a virtual assembly by members of the History Society, the children were able to talk about their learning and share work which has been completed. Each class had the difficult decision of choosing a class winner, a very difficult choice because everyone had worked so hard. From these class winners an overall winner was presented with the Arthur French History Cup. This year the cup was presented to the group made up of Amos, Freddie and Oliver.

Electronic Permission Booklets

Thank you to those of you that have completed the electronic permission booklet. 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 first week back at school to ensure your child is able to participate in activities we have planned for that week.

Staff Car Park and parking

Please can I ask everyone to be very careful at the front and back of the school, especially in and around the staff car park? Please ensure that pathways and pavements are used and that you also take extra care when crossing the road at the entrance to the car park.

Additionally, please be considerate of our neighbours when parking your vehicles at either entrance to the school. Parking too close to, or opposite their driveways can block them in.

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

Snacks

For children in Years F, 1 and 2 they will be able to have a piece of fruit supplied by the fruit scheme, therefore, after half term children in these year groups do not need to bring a playtime snack into school.

For children in Key Stage 2 - Years 3 - 6, can we please remind you that only healthy snacks eg. piece of fruit or vegetable should be eaten at playtime.

A big reminder to all children that **ONLY water** should be in their own water bottles which they are bringing to school.

Rights Respecting Article

Each month we consider a different article, this month we are focusing on Article 28 respect for the views of the child. Regularly, within each class, children always have an opportunity to express their own views and opinions.

Half term holiday

Please note that school closes on Friday 16th October and we will see you again when the gates open on Monday, 2nd November. This is a 2 week half term. Although I am aware of challenges and cancellations to plans; try and have a lovely half term enjoying the outdoors as much as possible.

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

Kind Regards

Amanda Lacey - Head of School