

Ipplepen Primary School

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Upcoming School Events

Monday 4th January

First day of the Spring term

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe the time has come to say goodbye. Thank you to everyone for their best wishes and kind words. I have loved being Head of School here at Ipplepen and I am extremely proud of the school. It has been a pleasure to come to work every day, the children are a real credit to you, the community has a real community feel and finally you as parents, have been very supportive.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mr West a very warm welcome in January.

Thank you.

Application for a Primary Place 2021 - Please remember that applications for primary places are open and need to be submitted by 15th January 2021. You need to apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.

Lantern Procession - Light up Ipplepen which was held over 3 days, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th was extremely successful. The children really enjoyed making their own individual lanterns and as a school, I am pleased to announce that we won the Jackie Edwards and John Hart Creativity Cup. Well done to everyone.

Fund Raising - Although we are in very different times, we have been busy fundraising over this term. We have supported the Poppy Appeal, and raised £217.35

Dragons Den Competition - Year 5 took part in a Dragons Den Competition and Jennie Moss the Director of Learning at Trinity School said 'Thank you so much for all the hard work you and your pupils have done over the last few months. They are lucky to have such an inspiring teacher who supports them in everything they do.

All your teams should feel very proud of themselves, they all came across very confident and well planned with their presentations. All of the dragons were amazed at what they had presented and how well they presented themselves.'

A real credit to the school! Well done Year 5.

Christmas Card Competition - Every year the local member of Parliament, Anne Marie Morris, runs a Christmas card competition for children from local schools in Year's 5 and 6. The theme of the cards was 'recycling around the world'.

We are pleased to announce that out of all the schools that entered, we had the overall Year 5 and overall Year 6 winners. Well done to Jace in Year 5 and Austin in Year 6.

Christmas production - If you haven't already watched the school production online, please remember to have a look soon as we will be taking the link down after Christmas. To watch the production, please click or copy and paste the following link.

<https://youtu.be/5gp25JQ1l2c>

Donation of books for reading scheme - Clare Welsh has donated many new books for the school reading scheme. We very much appreciate her kind contribution.

PTA - As the current climate will be continuing next term we are challenging each class to raise £100. The different year groups will be in contact with you to let you know what exciting events, ideas or activities they have planned.

We are delighted to have been chosen by Ipplepen Co-op to receive funds from the Local Community Fund. This 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>

Eco Council - Next term the eco-council will be working with the Hub as part of the Ipplepen community hub recycling and we will be collecting crisp packets and writing instruments. We will have a collection point in school for these waste materials and every month members of the eco - council will take these down to the Hub collection point.

GDPR - May we please remind you that you can review your consent for your child's GDPR or revoke it at any time.

Just a few reminders

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.

Safety when leaving the school - When leaving the school, please remember to stay on the path. Nobody should be on the field as it is extremely muddy.

Start and finish times - Please remember to arrive at the time that your child is due to start school. The gates will be opened at this time to allow you to enter and will then be closed until it is time for the next group of children to come in. Can I also reinforce how important it is that you follow social distancing guidelines when walking to and from school. With this in mind we are asking that only one adult accompanies your child to school and that pavements around school are kept clear at all times.

As a reminder, the start and finish times are below:

Year	Start time	Finish time	Break time	Lunchtime
F	8.30	2.50		12.00 - 1.00
1	8.40	3.00	10.30 - 10.45	12.00 -1.00
2	8.50	3.10		
3	8.45	3.05	11.00 - 11.15	12.30 -1.30
4	8.50	3.10		
5	8.30	2.50	10.45 -11.00	12.00 -1.00
6	8.40	3.00		

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

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 4th January 2021.

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

Finally, from everyone here at school, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

Amanda Lacey - Head of School