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Friday 5th March

Thank you for all your hard work and support during this lock down period. We know how hard everyone has worked to make remote learning as successful as possible for all our children and we really do appreciate your efforts. You have done a superb job, thank you.

We are very much looking forward to having all the children back in school on Monday. Staff have been working very hard to make sure all is place for a safe and positive return to school for all the children.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of just a few things. Please ensure that you arrive at the right time to drop off and collect your children (please see previous letter for timings). The staggered starts and end of the day are in place to help keep every one safe and support social distancing. We appreciate your support with this.

As mentioned in my previous letter systems in school will be very similar to how they have been for the rest of the school year. One change will be that some classes will be returning to having dinners in the hall from Monday. This will be managed safely and in line with guidance, classes will still remain their class groups, (bubbles) and social distancing will be followed to protect these bubbles during lunchtimes.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

All my best

Marcus West

(Head of School)

Upcoming School Events

March:

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| Mon 8th | All children return to school |
| Mon 8th-
Fri 12th: | National Science Week |
| Monday
15th | 'Anything Goes' belated world book day celebrations |
| Tues 16th &
Wed 17th | 'West End in School' virtual workshops |
| Fri 19th | Red nose day |
| Week Beg
Mon 22nd : | Online Parent evenings. |
| April: | |
| Thur 1st: | Last day of Term |
| Fri 2nd –
Fri 16th:
(inclusive) | Easter Holidays |
| Mon 19th: | First day of summer term |

Just a few reminders

Meal Time Assistants Vacancies - We have 2 positions available for MTA's, if you are interested please click on the link, which will take you to the Devon County Council jobs page, alternatively please contact the school office for an application form.

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/education-support-school-posts-mealtime-assistants-2-posts-ipplepen-primary-school/72054.job>

Rights Respecting Article - Each half term we will consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our daily classroom practice. This month, we are focusing on Article 26 of the UNCRC, which says that children and young people should get financial support from the government when their parents or guardians are unable to provide them with a good enough standard of living by themselves.

Pick up and drop off - As outlined in my previous letter we will continue to operate the one way system for drop off and pick up times. Please come in through the front gate and exit the school site via the bottom gate.

We would also ask that children in Key Stage 1 and Reception are collected in the playground by an adult please rather than older siblings. Please could we also remind you that if someone is collecting who doesn't normally collect your child, please let the office know, thank you.

Cycling and scootering - It is great to see children cycling and scootering to school. Can I again just remind everyone that children must wear a helmet if they are cycling or scootering to school. Can I also ask that you remind children they must push their bike / scooter whilst on school site. I will be reminding them all on Monday as well.

Some news

Sad goodbye - I am sorry to say that Mrs. Walker has left the school. Eline has been superb in her role with Ipplepen Primary School and has done so much for so many children and families across the school in her time here. She has the opportunity for a new challenge, and we are very supportive of this and know she will be fantastic in her new role. I am sure you will all join me in saying how grateful we are for all she has done here and wishing her all the very best in her new role.

With one sad goodbye comes another warm welcome and I am very pleased to say that Mrs. Meaden, who has been working as a mealtime assistant at school, will be working with Miss Coughlin and our Reception Class.

Parent Consultations - This term we are holding Parent Consultations on the week beginning Monday 22nd March. This year, due to the restrictions we have in place for visitors to the building, we are unable to welcome you into the school for face to face consultations. All parent consultations will take place online via our new parents evening system. An email will follow with more details, including how to book on to the system.

And finally - We currently have some building work on site. The work is to provide play equipment on the school field and in the reception class outside area. We are also having new seating and workstations being put into our outdoor nature area. The work will not interfere with the running of the school day or the return to school on Monday and should be completed by the end of next week.