

# Ipplepen Primary School

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

It is the end of the Spring Term already and I can hardly believe that we will soon be into the Summer Term.

Since the return to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>, I can only praise everyone for their approach and attitude after what has been a very difficult time for many. The school has the 'buzz' again after a few quieter weeks and it feels more like the school should feel.

We have enjoyed watching the children get back together in their bubbles and while we appreciate the fact that there are some that have found the transition more difficult, we know that with time and the continued support of everyone in the school community, the children have settled positively in to returning to a more normal daily routine.

Thank you for all your continued support. It really does mean a lot to us. As always, a huge thank you to the staff for their incredible effort and hard work since the lockdown started back in early January. I really appreciate all of them for the commitment, positivity and support they have provided throughout this term.

We are all looking forward to the Summer Term. Here is hoping we get some sunshine to make it even better!

Thank you for all your support throughout this term. I have very much enjoyed being a part of Ipplepen Primary School this term. I wish you all a safe and restful Easter Break.

All my best

Marcus West  
(Head of School)

## Upcoming School Events

### April:

19<sup>th</sup> Summer term starts  
22<sup>nd</sup> Tempest Photos  
26<sup>th</sup> Y6 swimming starts  
27<sup>th</sup> Y4 swimming starts  
28<sup>th</sup> Y3 Swimming starts

### May:

3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday  
31<sup>st</sup> Half term

### June:

8<sup>th</sup> Y5 Swimming starts  
7<sup>th</sup> First day back

### July:

27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

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### Swimming

We are very pleased to be able to start Key Stage 2 swimming as part of the national curriculum after Easter. We will be taking each key stage 2 class to Newton Abbot Leisure Centre for 5 weeks of swimming sessions.

The pool is offering swimming to schools and all systems have been thoroughly risk assessed and meet the guidance currently in place. We will provide more details when we return from the Easter break. The planned dates for swimming for each class is below.

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May

### Music & Singing lessons

We are delighted to announce that music lessons will be resuming after Easter. Please contact the teacher on the number below for more details.

Piano & Violin - Tirke Linneman 07970 628426 tirke@hotmail.co.uk

Guitar & Ukelele - Ben Bennett IMS Music Tuition 07876 456752 www.imsmusic.co.uk

Drums - Simon Hodgkiss 07715 621852

Singing - Rose Kimberley 07921 637068 www.rosekimberley.com

### Cricket club

Achieve4All after school clubs for Summer Term (1st Half) are live on the booking system and ready for booking. Please note clubs will align to the bubbles that are in place during the school day, the details are as follows:

Cricket Club - Year 6 - starts Tuesday 20th April - 6 sessions - £19.50

Cricket Club - Year 5 - starts Tuesday 20th April - 6 sessions - £19.50

You can book these sessions by going to [www.achieve4all.co.uk](http://www.achieve4all.co.uk), scrolling down and click on BOOK NOW and then you can sign in or, if new, register.

### Spanish Club

Patty is still running her fantastic Year 3 and Year 5 online Spanish Club via zoom. To make enquiries, please contact Patty Rojas on 07813 272979 <https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/>  
patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk

### New play equipment

I am very pleased to say that the new play equipment has now been completed and signed off by health and safety.

The children are really excited by it and will all have had an opportunity to explore it before the end of this term. We will be drawing up a rota for the summer term to ensure all children get fair opportunity to enjoy it.

### **Tempest Photographs**

Tempest Photography will be visiting us for individual photos on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. They will then take class photos in the afternoon.

### **Rights Respecting Article**

Each month we consider a different article, this month we are focusing on Article 31. Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

### **Important Covid 19 Information during the Easter Holidays:**

Where a pupil tests positive for Covid 19, having developed symptoms more than 6 days since being in school, you should not contact the school. You should follow contact tracing instruction provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first six days of the holiday, if a pupil tests positive for Covid 19, please contact us using the number/email address below, as they may have been infectious whilst at school. We will then work with Public Health England to help contact parents of the children who may have been in contact at school.

**Holiday contact: e-mail: [help@stmichaels.education](mailto:help@stmichaels.education) Tel: 01626 241168**

The normal school phone numbers and e-mail addresses will not be monitored during the holiday and so please use the contact details above. One of our leadership team will be in contact with you to get more details. They will then work with Public Health England to make contact with those families that need to be contacted. Please do not contact parents yourself.

### **PTA Easter treat**

A huge thank you to the PTA for purchasing an Easter Egg for every child to take home with them today. It was a great way for them to end the term!

### **Start of summer term**

We return for the summer term on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> April. We look forward to seeing everyone well rested and ready for a positive summer term then.