

Ipplepen Primary School

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Spring Term is now fully up and running and the weather is doing it's best to be warm and dry which is lovely. The children are settled and enjoying their learning this term.

We have managed to start swimming lessons for Key Stage 2 classes this term, which is great. Although the systems are slightly adjusted, the three classes that went last week had a good time and did well. I was particularly pleased with the incredibly positive feedback we received from the pool staff about the behaviour, manners and attitude of all the children.

The children have been enjoying using the new play equipment at lunchtimes and break times and I have enjoyed seeing them so happy in school.

As we move through the summer term we will try to get as much of the normal summer events in place as we can. With restrictions as they are and with changes expected, these events may look slightly different to how they have happened in the past and we appreciate your patience and support as we endeavour to provide all the children here with as broad a range of experiences and learning as we can.

Please continue to support us with social distancing and following the COVID guidance as we head through this term.

Many thanks

Marcus West

Upcoming School Events

May:

3rd Bank Holiday
24th all week –
Sports Day
(further details to
follow)
31st Half term

June:

8th Y5 Swimming
starts
7th First day back

July:

2nd Year 2 Camp
21st July Year 6
Skern Lodge
27th Last day of
term

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 12 of the **UNCRC**. **Article 12 says children have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to be heard and taken seriously.**

Mental Health

We take mental wellbeing seriously here at Ipplepen Primary School and as part of supporting children with developing positive mental wellbeing, we will be beginning a program of lessons through the MindUp program, which are designed to teach children about their brains and how to regulate their emotions. Staff have received training on the program and these lessons will start over the coming weeks.

Sun Safe

Hopefully, some of the lovely sunshine we have been experiencing recently is here to stay.

We would like to remind everyone about the importance of sun safety, with the following tips:

- Water bottles: please make sure that your child has a water bottle every day. These need to be refreshed daily.
- Hats: we would like to see the children with hats to wear in hot weather. Please make sure that hats are named before they come into school.
- Sun protection: once-a-day sun lotions are ideal for school use. These can be applied at home before school and they avoid the need to add more sun lotion during the school day.

If your child does bring sun lotion into school, they need to be able to apply it themselves. It should also be in a container labelled with their name. Although we love the fact that we have generous children who would happily share their sun lotion, we do need to be careful with sharing as some children may have sensitive skin or allergies to certain creams. Your support with helping your child to stay sun safe is much appreciated.

Attendance

The current attendance rate for our whole school is 97.7%. Thank you for helping us keep our attendance rate above the 96.01% threshold set by the local authority.

Please be reminded that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time and have a legal obligation to report unauthorised absences which reach the 10 session (5 day) threshold. The local authority then decide whether further action will be taken, which in the first instance may result in parents incurring a £60 fine per parent and per child. Your help and support with this is much appreciated. Please remember to notify the school for each day of absence so that we can record these accurately.

Dates:

We have planned dates for events that usually happen within the Summer Term with the hope that we will be able to hold them. Please be mindful that **we may have to change or cancel events** if restrictions/guidance do not change. Please keep an eye out for further information about each event as the date approaches.

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/>
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