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Friday 18th June

Summer term is now in full swing and the weather is incredibly warm and sunny which has given the school a very positive feel and is allowing the children to enjoy the school grounds as much as possible.

The summer term is always busy and there is plenty going on this term for all the children both within their class curriculum and also beyond. It has been great to take Key Stage 2 swimming this term and we are finalising plans for the Year 2 camp and also the Year 6 residential to Skern Lodge.

Sports day / week was fantastic and well done to all the children for taking part so enthusiastically.

I have very much appreciated all the positive comments of support and also donations for our 3 Peaks Challenge. It was an amazing couple of days and we have raised £6,300 for YoungMinds. Thank you.

We have tried to include as many key dates as possible with the newsletter but as we move forward things may change slightly and extra dates maybe added as staff work hard to provide the best experiences possible for all the children here at Ipplepen Primary School. Thank you for your continued support and positivity through these busy and different times.

Kind regards

Marcus West
(Head of School)

Upcoming School Events

June:

24th Virtual meeting for September parents

July:

2nd Year 2 Camp

5th Parent virtual drop in to discuss reports

14th Chance to shine cricket coach visit in school

21st – 23rd July Year 6 Skern Lodge

27th Last day of term

June's Right:

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 31 - the right to relax and play.

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.

Please ring or email via the school office.

Drop off and Pick up:

For the rest of the term, 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.

It is very important that your child arrives and is collected at the time allocated, please don't be early or late as this will ensure the gates are kept clear to make it easier for everyone to socially distance. When dropping and collecting, you will need to keep your children with you, follow the one-way system and remain 2 metres away from other families. If you have more than one child, siblings will continue to be allowed to start and finish school at the same time.

As a reminder, the times are:

Year	Start time	Finish time
F & 5	8.30	2.50
1 & 6	8.40	3.00
3	8.45	3.05
2 & 4	8.50	3.10

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.

Reports:

Reports will be sent out electronically on Friday 2nd July.

Parents evenings: Parents evening will be held during the Week of July 5th – this will be for those of you that wish to discuss any issues that you may have with your child's report.