

Ipplepen Primary School

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As we head into the final days of the Summer Term I would like to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone at the school and involved with the school. As a school community we have so far found a positive way through what has been a very difficult year for everyone. The togetherness and openness that everyone has shown for the benefit of all the children has been fantastic throughout.

We still have a few days to get through and I am sure that there will be challenges during this time, but I do appreciate everyone's understanding, efforts and patience throughout all of this, thank you.

I am very happy to say that I will be staying on as Head of School here at Ipplepen. I am really enjoying my time here and am very pleased to be able to continue to lead the school and provide stability moving forward.

We will be sending another newsletter out before the end of term and also information about how school will look in September, as we adapt to new guidance and look to move away from the current bubble system.

Until then please keep supporting us by following all the guidance and systems we have in place.

Many thanks

Marcus West
(Head of School)

Upcoming School Events

July:

21st – 23rd July Year 6 Skern Lodge

27th Last day of term

July'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 24 Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

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.

Payments

Just a gentle reminder as we are approaching the end of term, to check your parentpay account, to ensure that your child's school meal account is paid up to date and also to check that your fees for July for Breakfast & After School Club are paid. Any queries, please speak to the office.

Year 6 Leavers

The Year 6 team are looking forward to celebrating the Year 6's time at Ipplepen Primary School. Plans for an end of school celebration are being finalised and Mrs. Hancox will be sending information out to the Year 6 parents shortly.

The Year 6 Skern Lodge residential is on Wednesday 21st July for two nights. We hope the sunshine stays for them and they all have a great time.

Staffing

At the end of this term, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs. Brewer, who will be retiring. Mrs. Brewer has worked at Ipplepen Primary School since 1995 and has been an excellent member of staff throughout her 26 years. Her long standing service has been invaluable to the pupils of Ipplepen. She will be greatly missed and we are looking forward to her coming back to visit us in the future.

We also have Miss Foster and Mr Tolley leaving us at the end of term. Miss Foster is moving on to explore new and exciting projects and Mr Tolley is moving to one of our other schools within the federation. We would like to thank them both for their hard work and dedication whilst here at Ipplepen and wish them well, we will miss you.

We would like to welcome Mrs Hext back in September and introduce Miss Isabel Fraser who will be joining the team.

There will be a class swap morning one day next week.

The staffing structure for September 2021 will be as follows:

Year F	Miss Sophie Coughlin
Year 1	Mrs Kate Holden
Year 2	Miss Hannah West
Year 3	Miss Abbie Boyne (Monday and Tuesday)
Year 3	Mrs Amanda Clarke (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
Year 4	Mrs Lucy Harding
Year 5	Mrs Jackie Hext (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Year 5	Miss Isabel Fraser (Thursday and Friday)
Year 6	Mrs Liz Hancox (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Year 6	Miss Abigail Boyne (Thursday and Friday)

Drop off and Pick up:

Even though guidelines are changing, 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.

We will send more information out towards the end of term with guidance on our procedures for September.