

Ipplepen Primary School

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The new school year is well and truly up and running and the children have settled back into school life superbly.

The new school year has provided a new 'normal' and the children have coped very well with the new systems which are now in place. The first few weeks have been very busy for all, as new systems settle in and I have been incredibly proud of the patience and openness of everyone in the school community in helping to ensure things are running as well as they can be.

As we move forward, many of the things we have missed over the past 12 to 18 months will be making a welcome return, as staff plan trips and visits and after school clubs restart. Things will still need to be planned in a slightly different way and rather than a return to how things were before COVID, we are looking at things as a fresh start and planning to ensure that we keep things COVID secure within current guidance and advice. We appreciate your patience and understanding with this.

I have included a few reminders below about uniform and also about safety at drop off and pick up times, as well as brief information about a few things to look out for over the coming weeks.

Here is to a great year in which all within our school community thrive.

Kind regards

Marcus West
(Head of School)

Upcoming School Events

September

27th Sept - Year 6 Swimming

October

4th October – Year 6 Swimming

**Week commencing 4th October
– Parent Contact Meetings**

11th October – Year 6 Swimming

**14th October – Virtual Harvest
Festival**

**Half Term – Monday 18th
October – Friday 30th October.**

**Monday 1st November – first day
back after half term**

Uniform

Below is a reminder of the school's uniform policy. Again, we really do appreciate how smart the children look and how much pride they take in their appearance in and around school.

Our school uniform is:-

- School sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt or short sleeved shirt
- Grey/black shorts/trousers/skirts/pinafore dress
- Children can wear gingham dresses in the summer (school colour)
- School shoes must be worn to school. These can be black/brown sensible shoes, not trainers. But at break and lunchtimes children can wear trainers for running around
- In the summer children can wear sturdy sandals which support their feet and have a back on them. Not flip flops

NOTES

- Children are not to wear nail varnish or make up to school.
- Children with long hair need to have their hair tied back during the school day for health and safety reasons.
- All children need to have sensible haircuts. Children's hair must not be dyed. • Children can wear watches.
- For Health and Safety reasons, the only jewellery that will be permitted in school is stud Earrings for pierced ears. These are to be restricted to one stud per ear and must either be removed or taped for PE and Games.

After School Clubs

After school and lunchtime clubs will be starting up before half term. A list of clubs available will be sent out next week, with details of how to arrange a place for your child at each of the clubs.

Parent Contact Meetings

During the week beginning October 4th, teachers will be available to informally discuss the start of the new school year and how your child / children are settling in. This is not parents evening but an opportunity for parents who wish to discuss the start of the new school year and how their child is settling in to do so.

We will send information out early next week about when teachers will be available and how to arrange either a phone call or an online meeting.

Class Blogs

Class blogs are up and running and we would invite you to keep an eye on your child's class blog, to see some of the exciting things they are doing in school.

We have a full list of permissions you have provided for us with regards sharing your child's photos and information on different formats. If you wish to review or change these permissions at any point, please contact the school office who will help with this.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on the 14th October in school. I know in the past parents have been invited to come and share the service with us, this year we won't be inviting parents in to share the service with us as we simply don't have the room to do this and ensure adequate distancing indoors, but each class will share the service through their class blogs. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Attendance

Our attendance levels are high at the moment which is great and we very much appreciate your efforts with this. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please can you contact the school office first thing to let us know, many thanks.

Dropping Off and Picking Up

Firstly, thank you for your help in making the start and end of the day work so well for all our children. I am aware that there is now much more traffic around the school at pick up and drop off times and ask that everyone is **extra careful** and aware of pedestrians and other road users, if driving to drop off or pick up. Where possible we encourage you to walk to school or avoid driving as much as is possible.

Meal Time Assistant

We currently have an opening for a Meal Time Assistant to join our team here at the school. If you are interested or know of anyone who would be suitable and interested, please do contact the school office who will provide details and an application form.