

# Ipplepen Primary School

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**Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> December**

As we head into December the children are rightfully beginning to get excited about the festive season ahead. As outlined in my letter last week we are putting as much in place as we can so that we can enjoy the festive season as a school community but also ensuring that we do everything we can to keep everyone safe as we head towards the end of term and the holidays ahead of us.

The children have done a lot this half term.

- We have had a visit from the Ipplepen History Society and the History work across the whole school was showcased and celebrated with the Arthur French Trophy being awarded to Tilly Fox.
- Y2 -6 have been on trips to local cinemas
- Y2 have had a Victorian School Day and a virtual workshop with a Nurse as part of their work on Florence Nightingale.
- We had fun and raised money for Children Need
- Our school football team represented themselves at a football tournament superbly.
- Y4 & 5 have had a PE day lead by a teacher from Combeshead College.

As always within all of this the children have been amazing in terms of their efforts and attitudes to all their work and behaviour.

Here is to a fun packed, enjoyable and safe last couple of weeks of the term.

Kind regards

Marcus West  
Head of School

## Upcoming School Events

### December

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Football match vs. Kingsteignton
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 trip to Buckfast Abbey Reception class outside performance Y1, 2, 3 Outside performnace
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, 5, 6 Carols on the playground
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term

### January 2022

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Spring term starts
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## **Football**

Our school football team attended a tournament run by the Devon FA on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. The tournament was designed simply for schools to enjoy playing football matches again. I was so impressed with how well all involved represented themselves and the school. We had two teams playing in separate mini leagues. With one team winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 1 and the other winning all 4 of their games. The most important thing was the sportsmanship, teamwork and general positive behaviour throughout from all the children involved. A huge well done.

## **Uniform and coats**

The children all look incredibly smart in their uniforms again, thank you for all your work on this. Please could all children bring coats to school daily. The weather is very changeable and we would like the children to be able to be outside at break and lunchtimes as much as we possibly can.

## **Attendance**

School attendance is very important, and we really appreciate your support in making sure that your child has good levels of attendance. Since the start of the school year, we have a 96% attendance rate which is very good.

We know that there are times when a child is too unwell to be in school and we also appreciate everyone's vigilance with taking LFT tests to check and monitor any illness during the current global pandemic. This helps to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep any illness in school to a minimum. Thank you too for letting us know when your child has not been in school. Please phone and leave a message on the school answerphone before 8.30am if you know your child is unwell and unable to come to school.

## **Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day was well observed by everyone in school as it always is. It is such an important day for the children to learn about and for them to take part in. Thank you for all your contributions to our poppy collection for the Royal British Legion.

A number of our children were actively involved in the village Remembrance Day proceedings and a couple helped lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you to the children, parents, and staff members for representing the school so well at this important and poignant community event.

## **Christmas**

As outlined in a letter last week we have had to change our original plans slightly, however, we are working hard to ensure that the weeks leading to the end of term do provide the children with a positive and enjoyable festive season. Key dates are included in this letter and more details of each event will be sent out in due course.

I would like to invite all children to wear Christmas Jumpers on Christmas Dinner day (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec) and also throughout the last week of term (Week Beg 13<sup>th</sup> Dec).

<b>Christmas Arrangements (so far!) Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner in school Children may wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their school jumpers.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Children will be visiting Buckfast Abbey and taking part in activities during the day. 2.30 Reception Class will be performing a short Christmas Tableau and songs on the playground for their parents and families to share. 6pm Year 1, 2 & 3 will be performing songs from their Christmas performance on the playground for their parents and families to share.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Children and families from Y4, 5 & 6 are invited to come and join us on the school playground for a socially distanced 'Carols in the Playground' event.

Further details of all these events will follow in the coming days.

**Don't forget that we will be producing an online Christmas performance for Y1, 2 & 3 to share with you this year.**

### **Application for a primary school place**

For children due to start school in September 2022, please remember that applications need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. You need to apply on line at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) to have the best opportunity of gaining your child's chosen place.