

Ipplepen Primary School

Biltor Road, Ipplepen, Devon TQ12 5QL

<https://ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk>

T: 01803 812226



Friday 28th January

We are only 3 weeks into the new term but already there has been so much going on in school.

As you will be aware, we do have a number of cases of COVID in school at the moment, this reflects the situation a large number of schools are currently facing. Please be assured that we are taking extra precautions and have put extra mitigations in place, to help prevent the spread within school. We are regularly communicating with Devon County Health and Safety team and the UK Health Protection Agency and following all advice. We are very appreciative of all that you are doing at home as well, in terms of testing and hygiene reminders. We send all our best wishes to those who have tested positive.

We all continue to work together to help ensure the very best for all the children here and as we head further into the spring term, I know there are more exciting opportunities on the horizon.

Thank you for all your support and here is to everyone staying safe and having an enjoyable and fruitful Spring Term.

Kind regards

Marcus West
Head of School

Upcoming School Events

January	
31 st Jan	Year 4 Swimming
31 st Jan	Years R, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 - Cricket
February 2022	
7 th Feb	Year 4 Swimming
7 th Feb	Years R, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 - Cricket
14 th Feb	Year 4 Swimming
14 th Feb	Years R, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 - Cricket
21 st -25 th Feb	Half Term
March 2022	
28 th Feb	Back to school
3 rd March	World Book Day (more info to follow)
8 th March	Tempest Class Photos (more info to follow)
w/c 14 th Feb	Parents Evening (more info to follow)

Uniform and coats

All the children look so smart in their school uniform, thank you for all the effort that you make to help ensure this high standard.

Just a gentle reminder to ensure all children are coming to school with appropriate clothing for the weather please. Jumpers and coats are a must during this term, with cold and wet days to be expected. Please also ensure that uniform and coats are clearly named, thank you.

Attendance

Thank you for all you are doing to help ensure children are attending school as regularly as they possibly can, we do appreciate how tricky this can be during the current climate. A reminder please, that if your child is not able to attend school please phone the office before 8.30 and leave a message on the answerphone please. The message line is now open earlier to enable you to leave a message before 8.30.

Road safety

Please could we ask that you remind children about the importance of road safety and awareness. We have reminded children of this in school. The roads outside of school do get busy in the mornings and at pick up times and it is important that the children ensure they are being sensible and keeping themselves safe, thank you.

To help with alleviating congestion on the pavement at the front of school, we have started to open the outside gates to the school early, so that people can wait on the school path, away from the road and help keep the pavement clearer.

Can I remind you about the need for safe parking outside the school. Whilst I appreciate that during the colder months more people drive to school, please be aware and thoughtful when parking near school, to help reduce the risk to pedestrians, especially those needing to cross the road. None of us would want to see an accident.

Can I also remind you that there should be no parking in the school car park which is for staff only.

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day is coming up again. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day and so we are keen to celebrate in the best way that we can. There will be plenty of activities on the day and we'd love to see your book related costumes as we always do. Further details will follow.

Out of School Achievements

We see children achieving so much in school every single day, but it is always lovely to hear about what they are achieving out of school too.

If your child is doing something special out of school and they want to share their success with everyone in school, please let us know. It could be a sporting achievement, a personal challenge that has been completed, a musical success, an award they have been given, etc...

What sometimes makes it even better, is to see a photograph too. I'd like to build up a display of these out of school achievements, so please can I ask for these to be sent into school. If you don't have any way of printing a photo, please email it into the school admin email with the subject 'FAO Mr. West'. Can you also include some basic information about what has been achieved, with anything sent in so that I can add the information to the display. The display will build up over the coming year. Thank you.