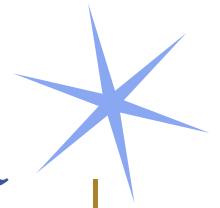




Ipplepen



Primary



NEWSLETTER

Thinking - Caring - Learning - Sharing

Merry Christmas!

And just like that, the first term of our new academic year comes to an end! As we approach the end of term, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

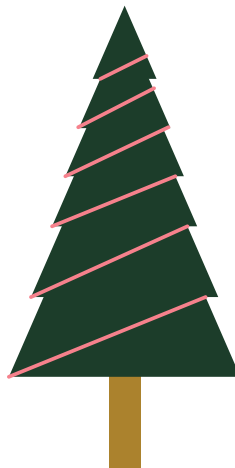
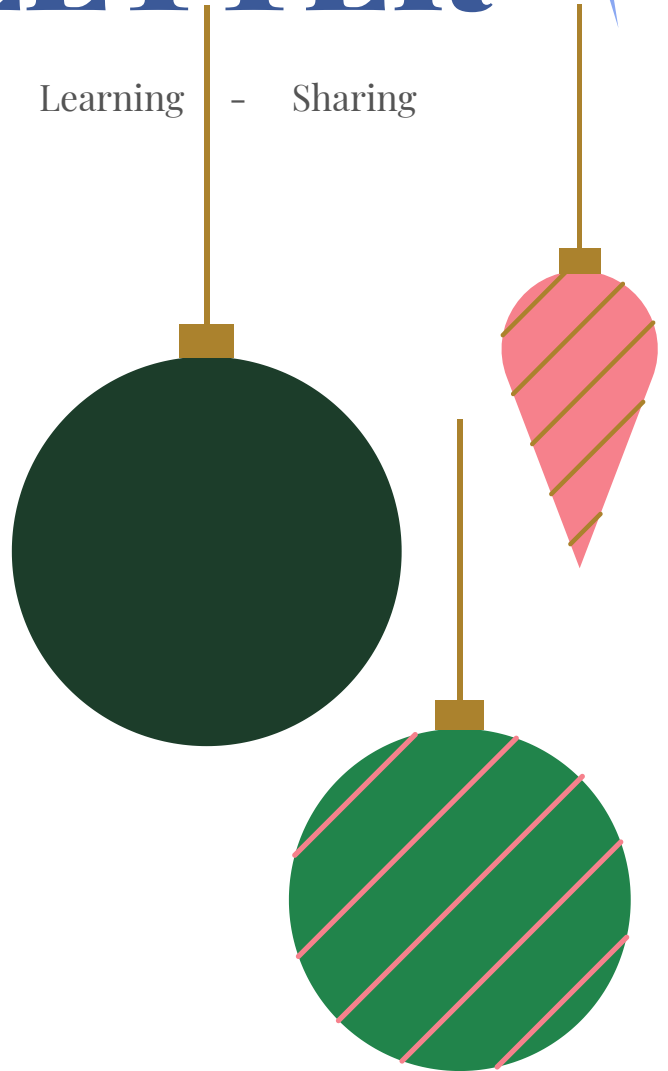
We've had a very busy first term and the children have all worked extremely hard. It has been wonderful to see just how well our new Reception children have settled into school - we are very proud of them.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 3rd January.

With best wishes,

Mrs Wiseman & Mr West

Heads of School



OUR SCHOOL
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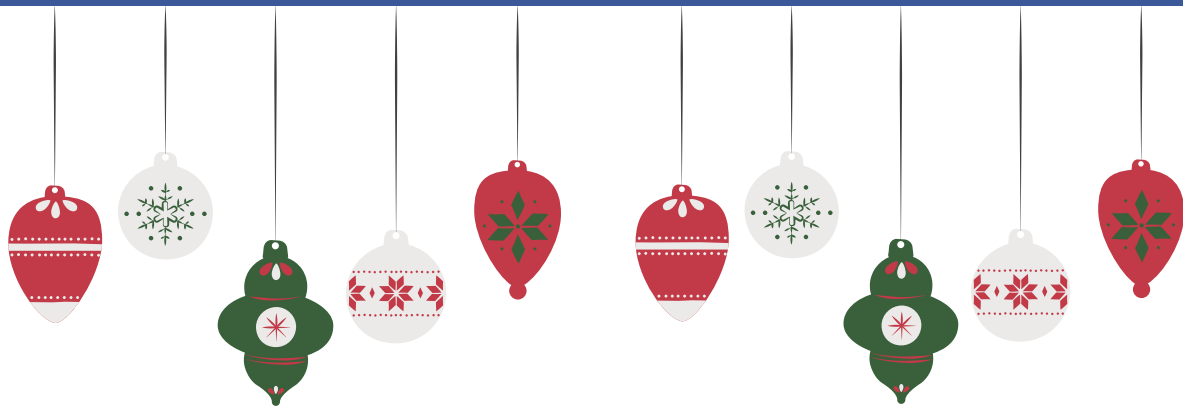


This half term we have been focusing on the value:
Sharing



ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education





Christmas at Ipplepen...

We have loved seeing everyone at Ipplepen get into the festive spirit over the past few weeks. Well done to all of the children who performed in our Christmas Nativities. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend and we hope that you all enjoyed watching the performances as much as the children enjoyed doing them!



ARTICLE 29 - Every child has the right to an education which develops their personality, talents and abilities to the full



Applications for a Primary School Place

Applications for places opened on 15th November, for admission into Primary School in September 2023 and you can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. You can apply for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. Applications must be in by 15th January 2023 or they will be considered as late and you may not get a place for your child in a school of your choice.

We are inviting parents to come along and find out more about our school. Feel free to come along to our 'Tea and Biscuits' evening on 4th January, or book a tour at a time that is convenient for you.



IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023?

We still have places available for September 2023. We would love to welcome you in for a school tour and answer any questions you may have.

Come along and get to know our Chestnut Class team, find out about our school and see some of the work our current Reception children are doing.

Contact the school office to book your personal tour of our school.

admin@ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk
01803 812226



Is your child starting school in September 2023?

Come along to our Tea and Biscuits Evening

Wednesday 4th January
5:30pm

Come and get to know our school and Reception Team, meet new parents and enjoy a cup of tea!

Contact the school office for more information.

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ARTICLE 31 – Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



Online Safety

We would like to remind all parents that we have helpful links to websites which can support you at home to ensure that your child is safe online. These websites can be found under 'Parents' > 'Online Safety' on our school website.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's users were a young demographic, with 40% of its users aged 12-17. In fact, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom to its players and their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio. Roblox Studio is a free-to-use platform which can then be shared with other Roblox users and Roblox developers, thinking and enjoying it about on the community of Roblox.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox is a platform of people to communicate all the time using a group chat feature. This could expose children to risks such as cyberbullying, inappropriate comments, or the possibility of unwanted, private messages. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect. Players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general threats – and a predator may reach out to a child directly.

ONLINE DATERS
There are a lot of online daters and one quite common in Roblox, an older or established user who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date or for a sexual encounter. These daters are often looking to exploit the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter them. Some players could be in game with these daters and be assigned with online dating requests in chat.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has public or VIP servers which allow people to play freely with their friends, but this could mean many Roblox players will be able to be public servers that anyone can join. Servers can have games which have an age limit of 13 years, but this is not always enforced. This could mean a child will be able to play with strangers, even if they are not a friend.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is available free to download and play, but there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy Roblox (the in-game currency) to spend on virtual items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained on the game's official website. It is essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that will allow you to customize the game's experience and filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
Roblox's private messaging feature allows the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, reality and more distress. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend in your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, joining a private or VIP server increases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be good friends – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it is important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING
If your child understands they're using real money, it's easy for children to be tempted by spending a little to improve in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Making sure you have the Roblox card details on your payment account also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. They should be able to block and report any users who are upsetting them or making uncomfortable requests. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert
Chris Gorman (aka @Gormon) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2005, specialising in video game news, reviews and gaming guides. He is also a member of the UK's Gaming Panel, a community working on various game-related issues including game development and online safety advice.

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NEWS & UPDATES

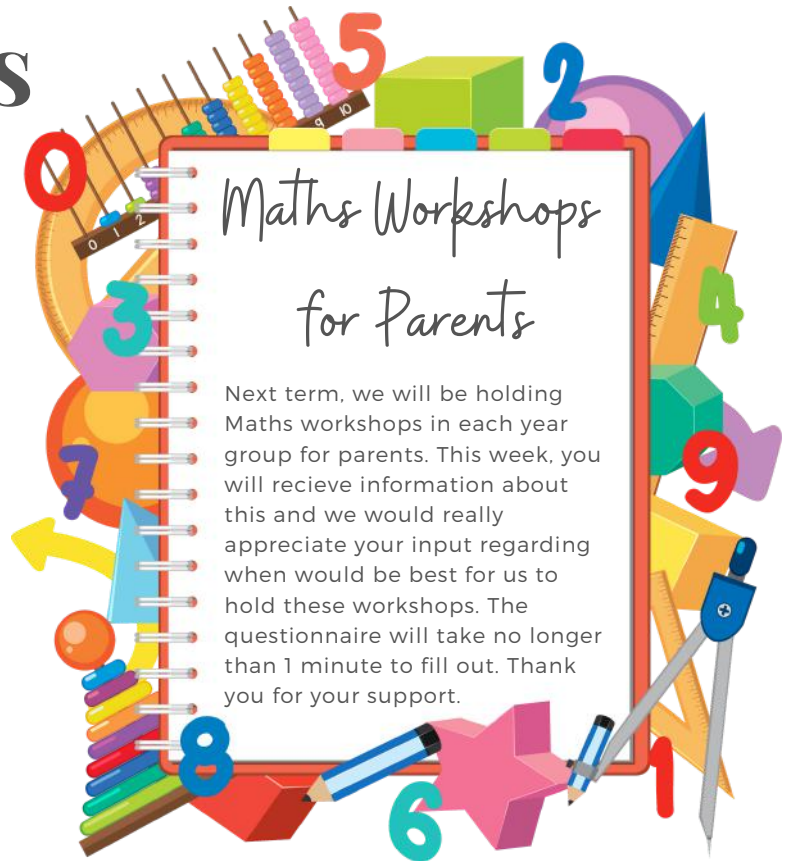
Mental Health

Anxiety is a normal emotion that all us humans can feel, at different times in our lives. Feeling anxious is a perfectly natural and common reaction to some situations. However, when anxiety begins to affect our lives and is a daily or constant feeling, this can be really upsetting and difficult.

The NHS's Every Mind Matters offers an email support programme which offers step by step help. If you are interested, you can sign up for this at <https://anxiety.ecrm-registration.nhs.uk/>

Since the pandemic, our children have also experienced anxiety at higher than usual levels.

Dr Lucy Russell from the organisation "They are the Future" talks about ways to calm your child when they are feeling anxious, angry or stressed. You can find some information about this at <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/calm-angry-panicky-child/>



Maths Workshops for Parents

Next term, we will be holding Maths workshops in each year group for parents. This week, you will receive information about this and we would really appreciate your input regarding when would be best for us to hold these workshops. The questionnaire will take no longer than 1 minute to fill out. Thank you for your support.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

In the Spring Term, we will be offering an exciting new variety of extra-curricular clubs to our children. As a Rights Respecting School, pupil voice is extremely important to us. Therefore, we asked all of the children to put forward their ideas of the clubs that they would like to see next term and they then voted for their favourites. We have collated all of the results and parents should receive a Google Form to fill out via Parent Pay before the end of term, to sign your children up. Information about space allocation and start dates will be communicated when we return in the new year.



Swimming

Children in Year 5 have enjoyed their swimming lessons this half term. Next half term, children in Year 4 will have swimming lessons every Monday at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre. Please refer to the letter that was sent out for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

- Every Monday - Year 4 Swimming
- 03.01.23 - Spring Term Begins
- 04.01.23 - New Reception Tea & Biscuits 5.30pm
- W/B 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week
- W/B 13.02.23 - February Half Term



ARTICLE 12 - Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them.

