



JANUARY - SPRING TERM (1) 2023

Ipplepen



Primary

NEWSLETTER

Thinking - Caring - Learning - Sharing

OUR SCHOOL
VALUES



This half term we will be
focusing on the value:
Learning

A positive start to the year!

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We wanted to share some exciting updates from Ipplepen Primary School. We have had a great start to the new term and we have been very impressed with the children's eager attitudes to their learning.

As we approach half-term, please take a moment to look through the newsletter to find out about some of the things we have been getting up to in school, as well as some important information and upcoming events. More information about individual events will be sent shortly.

With best wishes

Mrs Wiseman & Mr West
Heads of School

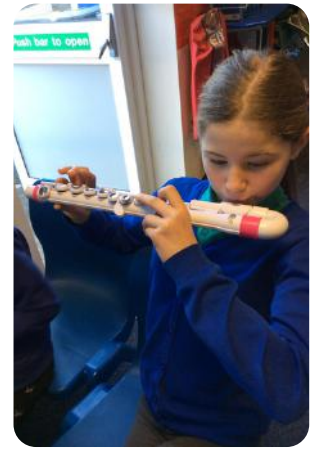


ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education



Our half term in pictures

Our half term has been a fantastic one so far! Here is a glimpse of all of the exciting learning opportunities that the children have had so far this term. Don't forget to check our class blogs on the school website and social media pages to see regular updates from our school.



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



NEWS & UPDATES

Children's Mental Health Week

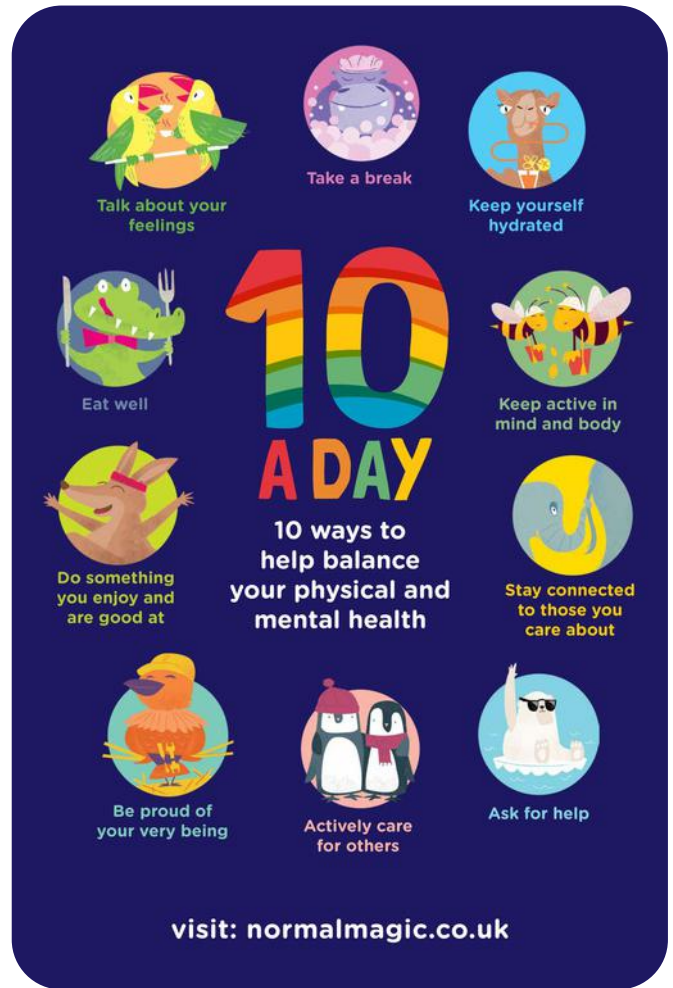
This week is Children's Mental Health Week, and we will be focusing throughout the week on the importance of mental health and wellbeing for our children. Our School Mental Health Champions have met together and planned different activities that the children will be taking part in throughout the week, as well as an assembly which they will deliver to the school. Children across the school will learn about the importance of connecting to others through warm, positive and healthy relationships, as a key way of supporting their mental health.

Attached to the newsletter this week is some useful information for parents and carers about MindUp and different ways that you can support your child's mental health. Please remember that there is also a wide range of information, resources and activities available under the 'Emotional Health' tab in the 'Parents' section of our school website.

As a Federation, we recognise the importance of our school community's emotional health. To find out what we offer as a school in order to support this, please go to www.ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk. Use the drop down menu to select Emotional health.

You will find our school's named people to contact, should you have any concerns over your child's emotional wellbeing. You will also find a tiered explanation of support that we offer and signposting to useful websites for mental health for all the family.

On our website, you will also find information about our MindUp and Jigsaw curriculums, which work together to help children manage those big and difficult feelings that we can all experience. We teach children to help manage their emotions through mindfulness, developing emotional literacy and understanding how our brains can affect our thoughts, feelings and behaviour.



Friday, 10th February Dress to Express Day!



A message from our Mental Health Champions

On Friday, we would like to invite everyone to 'Dress to Express'. Everyone can come to school wearing clothes that make them feel happy.

*Thank you,
The Ipplepen Mental Health Champions*

ARTICLE 24 – Every child has the right to the best possible health



Reading Updates at Ipplepen

This half term, all parents should have received information about the launch of two new reading for pleasure initiatives. Please refer to this letter for more information. Below are the book club books for this term, as well as a reminder about the Author Island Adventure challenge which is also running throughout the year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher. We hope that your children enjoy reading the new and exciting texts!

Spring Term Book Club

Book Clubs will take place Week Beginning 13/03/23. Book reviews are due in by Friday, 10th March. We look forward to reading these to hear what the children think about this term's books!



Author Island Adventure!

All children have the Author Island record sheets in their reading diaries. We have all of these books available in school for children to borrow, so children can sign these books out to borrow at their leisure throughout the year.



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REMINDERS



Parent Pay

We would like to remind parents to keep their Parent Pay accounts in credit. Thank you.

Online Safety

This week children will take part in online safety activities as part of Safer Internet Day 2023.

Please read the attached information guide for parents and carers about how to keep your children safe online. We also have links to informative websites on our school website > Parents > Online Safety

We will also be adding a range of online safety posters like this... to our school website over the week, so please take a look at these to ensure that you have the latest information about how to keep your child/ren safe online.



Safeguarding

As part of our wider safeguarding culture at Ipplepen, we undertake half termly fire and 'ready for anything' drills. These drills are carried out to ensure that children and staff know how to act in the event of an emergency. We would like to assure all parents that these drills are done in a very child-appropriate way.

Smart Watches



We would like to remind all parents and carers that children are not to wear smart watches to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

On days that your child has PE, we would like to remind parents and carers about the PE kit that children should be wearing.

- Ipplepen t-Shirt in team colour
- Ipplepen school jumper
- **Plain black** shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers (younger children need to have Velcro fasteners).
- A tracksuit should be worn in cold weather- these should be **plain in black**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

If your child is unwell and not attending school, please make sure that you contact the school office by 9:30am to report the reason for their absence. In line with our safeguarding policies and protocols, if we have not heard from a parent by 9:30am, we will contact you to check the reason for your child's absence. Every family will have recently received information about your child's current attendance rate for your information. Where the school may have concerns over your child's attendance, we will contact you separately to see if there is anything that we can do to support you and your child to improve their attendance. A reminder that, in line with local authority policy, we are unable to authorise absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

- 08.02.23 - Maths Parent Workshops (09.02 for Y3)
- 10.02.23 - Final day of Spring Term (1)
- HALF TERM**
- 20.02.23 - First day of Spring Term (2)
- Every Monday - Year 3 Swimming (from 27.02.23)/
- 02.03.23 - World Book Day
- W/B 13.03.23 - British Science week
- 17.03.23 - Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
- W/B 27/03.23 - Online Parent Consultations (TBC)
- 31.03.23 - Last Day of Spring Term
- 17.04.23 = First Day of the Summer Term

More information about events above will be sent out separately via Parent Pay.

ARTICLE 24 - Every child has the right to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that they can stay healthy.







Maths Parent Workshops

As many of you will remember, we sent out a survey to all parents, to find out when and if parents would be interested in Maths Parent workshops. Wednesday afternoons after school were the most popular time, so this Wednesday, 8th February, we will be holding our workshops across the school for parents and carers. (Year 3 session on Thursday, 9th Feb)

Our staff team have been incredibly busy planning and preparing a fun and informative workshop for each individual year group, to help you understand how we teach Maths at Ipplepen, and how you can support your child at home with their learning.

If you are interested in coming along, it's not too late to sign up! Please contact the school office if you are interested. If you are unable to join, please do not worry - we will be putting together interactive resources linked to the sessions for those who cannot attend and these will be sent out after half term.

Parent MATHS WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
3.30 - 4.15PM

- Come and join us for practical Maths workshops in every class from Reception to Year 6 to find out how your child is taught Maths and how you can support them at home.
- Handouts will be shared with all parents from each session after the workshops, if you are unable to attend or have siblings in different classes
- All school-aged children will be able to watch a film in the school hall whilst the workshops are taking place.

We look forward to seeing you

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