

FEBRUARY - SPRING TERM (2) 2023

Ipplepen



Primary

NEWSLETTER

Thinking - Caring - Learning - Sharing

A busy half-term ahead!

We hope that you all had a lovely half term.

This half term promises to be another busy and exciting one. It has been fantastic to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm following half term.

For updates on events, don't forget to look at the class blogs on the school website and also look out for our posts on the school Facebook page.

With best wishes,

Mrs Wiseman & Mr West
Heads of School

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



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



ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education



NEWS & UPDATES

Curriculum Information

Information regarding your child's learning this half term has been sent out via Parent Pay and can also be found on the school website. Please take time to read through this information to give you an idea about what your child/ren will be taught this half term.

Achievements

Out of school achievements...

Don't forget that we would love to see what your children are achieving out of school. Are they a member of a team? Do they take part in a local group? Are they having music lessons? What are they doing that we might not know about? Whatever they are achieving, we'd love to share their success with the rest of the school. A photo of them taking part in their activity or holding a trophy /certificate along with a brief description of what they have achieved, would be a great thing to add to a display and also share in Celebration Assembly on a Friday.



Mental Health Update

A message from Mrs Harding, our Federation Mental Health Lead:

Just before half term, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme of Let's Connect.

Years and years ago, we sat, as families and communities around the blazing orange camp fire each night telling stories, jokes, sharing ideas and going over each day.

We felt connected.

But our modern day campfire has turned into a blue light. Each night we sit around our digital camp fires (some separate, some together) and watch stories and laugh and are entertained, but despite connection to the whole world, we don't always experience that feeling of deep connection to others. Added to this disconnect, we know, the blue light at night can have a damaging effect on our sleep and health, so exacerbating the problem. And now, we all feel rather zoomed and videoed out! There are 3 things we can do to help get ourselves and our families back to feeling calm and connected again: Nature, Nurture and Nourishment

- **Nature** helps us feel more connected. Walking, scavenger hunts, breathing in fresh air, blowing on dandelions, getting exercise outside, sun rays and looking at greens and blues is all so, so good for your child's brain. This doesn't have to be big expensive days out - just a little more time in garden, your local park or town walks appreciating the nature peeking through pavements. Spend as much time outside with shoes off and feel the grass or earth between your toes!
- **Nurture** - giving your child attention, affection and lots of affirmation can literally help grow their brain and help empower them, building resilience.
- **Nourishment** - through sleep, good food, receiving love and giving love to others. Our relationships are so important for good mental health.

Find out more about how to help your child connect with their world and practise relaxation at www.relaxkids.com



Spring Term Book Club

It is fantastic to hear about how many children across the school have enjoyed reading the book club titles this term. A reminder that 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!

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held online during the week of 27th March. Parents will be able to sign up for slots over the next few weeks. More information will be sent to parents via Parent Pay. Please keep an eye out for this information.



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



NEWS & UPDATES



Congratulations!

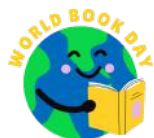
We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Sophie Little and her husband are expecting their first child in August. I know you will join me in wishing them congratulations on their exciting news. Mrs Little will be with us for the rest of the academic year.

Class Photos

Tuesday, 7th March is class photos day! Please ensure that your child is wearing their school uniform on this day, despite having PE. They do not need to bring in their PE kit, just trainers for this day. Please ensure that they wear their school shoes to school as these can be seen in the photos.

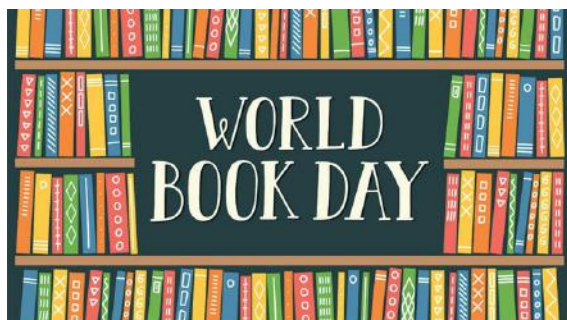
Scooters and Bikes

We would like to remind those who scooter and ride bikes to school to remember to wear helmets and to walk their bikes and scooters around the school site. They must not be ridden. Thank you.



World Book Day

Just a reminder that this **Thursday (2nd March)** is World Book Day. Through the day the children will be taking part in a range of activities which we will share with you after the event. To help celebrate this (as previously shared) we would love the children to come to school in a costume from their favourite book and bring in their favourite book to read throughout the day, too.



Comic Relief '23

To support Comic Relief this year, we would like to invite children to come dressed 'red to toe' on **Friday 17th March**. It maybe they choose to wear all red clothing, wear red face paint or just include a bit of red in their outfit that day. We will be sharing an online link closer to the event on which you will be able to make a suggested £1 donation which will go straight to Comic Relief to help support the important work they do.

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OLIO connects neighbours with each other and with local businesses so surplus food can be shared, not thrown away. This could be food nearing its sell-by date in local stores, spare home-grown vegetables, bread from your baker, or the groceries in your fridge when you go away.

OLIO is super easy!

To make an item available, simply open the app, add a photo, description, and when and where the item is available for pick-up. To access items, simply browse the listings available near you, request whatever takes your fancy and arrange a pick-up via private messaging. Visit: www.olioex.com to read more.

A reminder & request

Toys

We would like to remind parents and children that cuddly toys and items from home are not to be brought into school unless it has been agreed by the class teacher. We appreciate your support and co-operation. If you would like to clarify anything, please see your child's teacher.

Spare clothing

From time to time, children need to borrow spare clothing to change into. If you child has borrowed an item of clothing, please remember to wash it and return to us. We are running low on spares (uniform & PE kit), so if you have any items at home that your children no longer need/have grown out of, we would very much appreciate these. Thank you.

Outdoor Learning Clothing

A reminder that children should always wear clothing that covers their arms and legs for Outdoor Learning, even in the summer. Thank you.



ARTICLE 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.



Important Dates and Events

Please see below dates for events that we have coming up this half term.

Every Monday - Year 3 Swimming (from 27.02.23)

02.03.23 - World Book Day

07.03.23 - Tempest Whole Class Photos

10.03.23 - Book Club Book Review Deadline

W/B 13.03.23 - Book Clubs

W/B 13.03.23 - British Science week

17.03.23 - Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

23.03.23 - Whole School Online Kindness Workshop

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

Keep up to date on the latest things that we get up to at Ipplepen by reading our school and class blogs on our website and social media pages.



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

