



SEPTEMBER - AUTUMN TERM (1) 2023

Ipplepen



Primary

# NEWSLETTER

Thinking - Caring - Learning - Sharing

## Welcome to a new school year!

We hope that you have had a fantastic summer holiday.

We are extremely excited to begin a new academic year here at Ipplepen and WOW is all we can say so far!! The children have come back to school incredibly well and we are extremely proud of them. They have been eager to learn, have shown exemplary behaviour and there have been smiling faces all round! We are in for a fantastic year!

We would like to welcome our new Reception children who we are very pleased to have join us this week. There are also a number of new children who have joined us in other year groups across the school - we are delighted to have you here with us at Ipplepen and we hope that you enjoy your new school! As you are aware, we also welcome Mrs Pook (Reception Teacher) and Mrs Brassington (Year 3 Teacher, Monday - Wednesday). We hope that all of our new children and staff feel very welcome.

Here's to another exciting, enjoyable and successful academic year!

With best wishes,

*Mrs Wiseman & Mrs Webb*  
Heads of School

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES



This half term we will be focusing on the value:  
**Caring**



ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education



# We're in for a great year...!

Last year, we had some professional photos taken of the children, We thought that you may like to take a look at a snapshot of them! Here's to another very exciting year of fun and learning!



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# KEY INFORMATION

## Permissions/Information

At the beginning of every school year, we ask parents to update us on key information, including children's medical information, contact details and photo permissions. This is important information which we require in order to update our records, so we appreciate your support with this.

For any children who have medication which is administered in school e.g Inhalers, we ask that parents collect a medical form from the office to fill in, Thank you.

## Changes to collection

If there are ever any changes to the adult who is collecting your child at the end of the school day or After School Club, please inform the school office, who will pass a message onto your child's class teacher.

## Breaktime Snacks

Daily healthy snacks are provided for children in Reception and Key Stage One. However, for children in Key Stage Two, and those who wish to bring their own snacks, we would like to remind parents and children that these should be fruit and/or vegetables only. We would also like to remind you that children should only bring water into school and not squash. Thank you.

## Nut-Free School

We will be sending out a reminder letter about being a nut-free school. However, in the meantime, we would like to remind parents that we have a number of children with nut allergies and therefore it is vital that no food containing nuts is brought into school. Thank you.

## Mental Health

As we begin a new school year, this can bring a range of emotions for our children and for us too, as parents. A new year group, classroom and new routines can be really exciting but also daunting and can cause feelings of anxiety and overwhelm for some children.

When this happens, our children need to stop and regroup – grounding techniques can be very useful for this. Please follow the link below to find 15 great ideas for grounding your child in moments of difficulty.

<https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/grounding-exercises-for-kids/>



## Autumn Term Clubs

For children in Years 1 - 6, clubs are now available for you to sign up to. Please see the Parent Pay email which you will have received yesterday (Thursday). The deadline for signing up is **Monday, 11th September at 9.00am!!**



## Scooters and Bikes

As always, it is great to see children riding bikes and scooters to school. Please remember that all children should be wearing helmets and bikes and scooters must be walked in and around the school site. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our children safe.



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





# Summer Reading Challenges!

This summer, we set some exciting reading challenges for those who wished to take part over the holidays.

For those children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, please bring in the reading challenge records to share with Mrs Wiseman, to receive your house points!

For any children who took part in the Extreme Reading Challenge, please send all pictures to [admin@ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk) by Monday, 11th September. We look forward to seeing your entries. They will be judged next week!



**Ipplepen Primary School**  
presents...

*Summer*

**Extreme Reading  
COMPETITION**

Let reading take you to extreme places this summer! Take a photo of yourself reading a book in an extreme or unusual place. Send your photo to [admin@ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ipplepen-primary.devon.sch.uk) by the end of the school holiday.

The extreme reading photos will be displayed in our school libraries.

All photos will be judged when we return in September and there will be one winner per year group.

**EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE A BOOK VOUCHER!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer**  
READING CHALLENGE!





Complete as many boxes as possible over the summer. Write the date that you read or the title of the book/text that you read in the boxes. Then, bring this with you when we return to school in September - we can't wait to see your summer reading journey!

Read a poem	Read a short story	Read a funny book	Read outdoors	Read a fairy tale
Make a poster of your favorite character in a story	Read a book by a new-to-you author	Read a book with a title that starts with s	Read a book released in 2023	Write a new ending for a story you've just read
Read a book with magic in it	Read a book your friend loves	YOUR OWN CHOICE	Read a book with a blue cover	Read a book in one day
Read a non-fiction book	Design a new cover for a book	Read a book about an animal	Read a book you own	Listen to an audio book
Research an author you admire	Read about a historical event	Read your favorite book	Borrow a book from a library	Read a book to a younger child

**HAVE FUN!**



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# Dates for the year

Please see below a list of dates for your diaries for this academic year.  
As always, more information about events will be sent out via Parent Pay nearer the time.  
As much as we do not anticipate changing any of the dates, if ever there are any changes, we will notify parents in advance.

## Autumn Term 1

- 05.09.23 - Autumn Term (1) begins
- 07.09.23 - Reception Stay and Play (1)
- 08.09.23 - Reception Stay and Play (2)
- 08.09.23 - Deadline for Extreme Reading Competition Photos
- 11.09.23 - Year 6 Swimming begins (5 week block)
- 15.09.23 - Mental Health Champions Training session (Whole USF)
- 18.09.23 - Teacher-led clubs begin
- 20.09.23 - Parent Drop In to see new class teacher (3.20 - 4.20pm)
- 25.09.23 - PTA AGM in school hall, 6.00pm
- WB 2nd and 9th October - Bike Ability (Upper Key Stage 2)
- 02.10.23 - Year 5 Trip to Escot
- 03.10.23 - Year 6 Zoo Trip
- 04.10.23 - Whole School: Parent Workshops: Reading (3.20pm)
- 06.10.23 - Year 6 'Time in a Bottle' Workshop
- 10.10.23 - 'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day
- 12.10.23 - TO BE CONFIRMED - Possible PTA Halloween Discos
- 13.10.23 - TO BE CONFIRMED - Harvest Festival
  - Final Day of Autumn Term (1)

## Autumn Term 2

- 30.10.23 - Autumn Term (2) begins
  - Year 5 Swimming begins (5 week block)
- 31.10.23 - Year 6 Viking Day at Ipplepen
- 08.11.23 - Individual and Family Photos
- 09.11.23 - Open Day for Prospective Reception Parents
- WB 13.11.23 - Anti-Bullying Week
- 17.11.23 - Children in Need
- 28.11.23 - Voluntary Flu Immunisations
- 29.11.23 - Maths workshops for all parents
- WB 04.12.23 - Parents Evening Week
- 05.12.23 - Y1/2/3 Production; Dress Rehearsal for grandparents/ whole school 1.45pm
- 05.12.23 - Y1/2/3 Production Evening Performance 6pm
- 06.12.23 - Y1/2/3 Production Performance 1.45pm
- 12.12.23 - Reception & Y4,5,6 - Christmas Service 2pm
- 13.12.23 - Christmas Jumper & Lunch day
- 15.12.23 - Final Day of Autumn Term (2)

## Spring Term 1

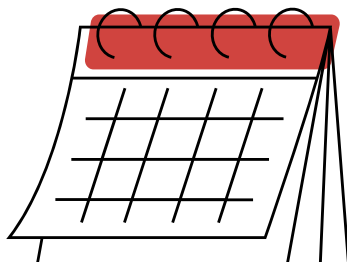
- 02.01.24 - Spring Term (1) begins
- 08.01.24 - Year 4 Swimming begins (5 week block)
- WB 05.02.24 - Children's Mental Health Week
- 07.02.24 - Internet Safety Day
- 09.02.24 - Final Day of Spring Term (1)

## Spring Term 2

- 19.02.24 - Spring Term (2) begins
  - Year 3 Swimming begins (5 week block)
- 07.03.24 - World Book Day
- 11.03.24 - British Science Week
- WB 25.03.24 - Parents Evening Week
- 28.03.24 - Final Day of Spring Term (2)

## Summer Term 1

- 15.04.24 - Summer Term (1) begins
  - Year 2 Swimming begins (5 week block)
- 06.05.24 - BANK HOLIDAY
- 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATs Week
- 24.05.24 - Final Day of Summer Term (1)



## Summer Term 2

- 03.06.24 - Non-Pupil Day
- 04.06.24 - Summer Term (2) begins
- WB 03.06.24 - Year 4 MULTIPLICATION Check Week
- 10.06.24 - Year 1 Swimming begins (5 week block)
  - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
- 13.06.24 - Saplings and Reception Sports Day
- 20.06.24 - Sports Day
- 27.06.24 - Saplings and Reception Reserve Sports Day
- 28.06.24 - Year 2 Camp
- 04.07.24 - Reserve Sports Day
- 17.07.24 - End of Year Celebration of Learning (3.20 - 4.20)
- 22/23/24.07.24 - Year 6 Skern Lodge Residential
- 26.07.24 - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (9.30am)
  - Final Day of Academic Year.



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# A message from...

## Ipplepen Primary School PTA

The Ipplepen PTA plays an important role in fundraising for our school, with events organised across the academic year. This half term there will be a PTA AGM. The PTA are looking for new parents to join, so please come along! The meeting will be in the school hall on Monday, 25th September at 6.00pm. We would love to see you there!

A taster of some of the fundraising events to come are listed below...

- Halloween Discos
- Christmas sweetie jars
- Christmas Production Refreshments/Raffle
- Bag to School
- Daffodil sale
- Freeze Pop Fridays
- Sports Day Refreshments
- Summer Production Refreshments/Raffle



**This year, the PTA will be primarily fundraising for...**

-A Mindfulness Hut

-New reading for pleasure books for Book Clubs and this year's Author Island Adventure

...and much more!

TEAM  
PTA



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