



Ipplepen



Primary



NEWSLETTER

Thinking - Caring - Learning - Sharing

Merry Christmas!

What a fantastic term we have had here at Ipplepen! As always, the children have continued to make us incredibly proud, showing such incredible attitudes to their learning.

It has been wonderful to welcome you all to the festive events that we have held over the last few weeks and the children have also enjoyed opportunities to get out in our wider community too.

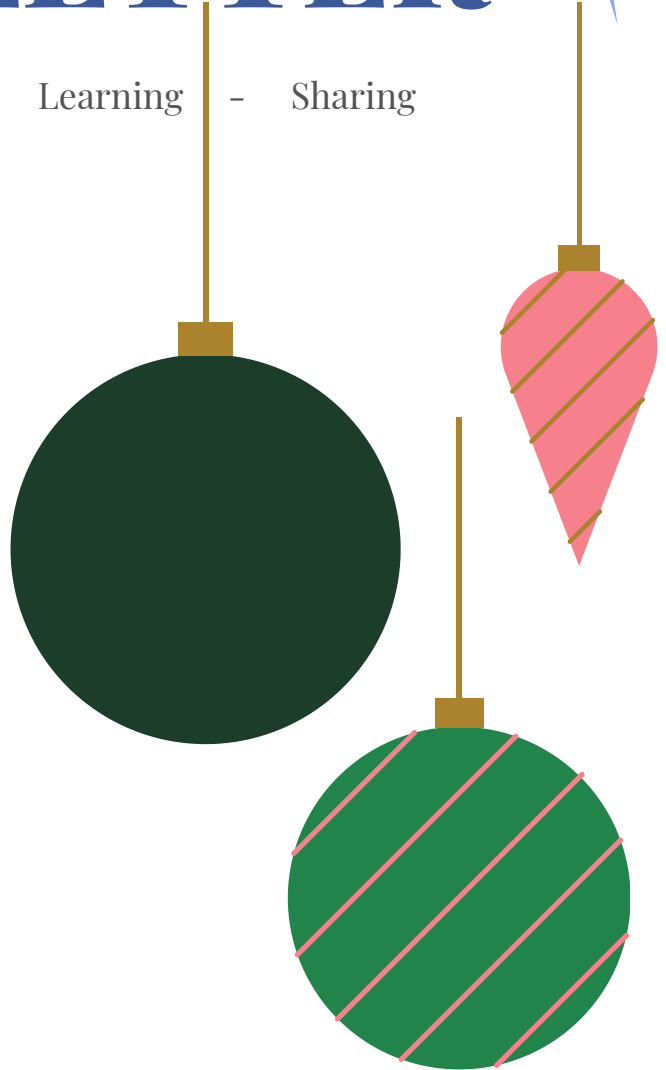
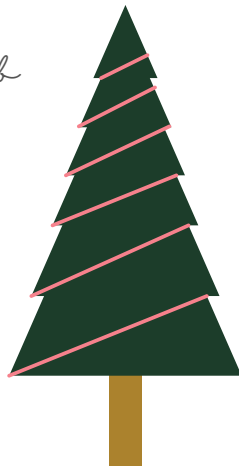
We would like to thank our staff team here at Ipplepen for all of their hard work and we wish them a very relaxing break!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support, which we thoroughly appreciate.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 2nd January 2024.

With best wishes,

Mrs Wiseman & Mrs Webb
Heads of School



OUR SCHOOL
VALUES

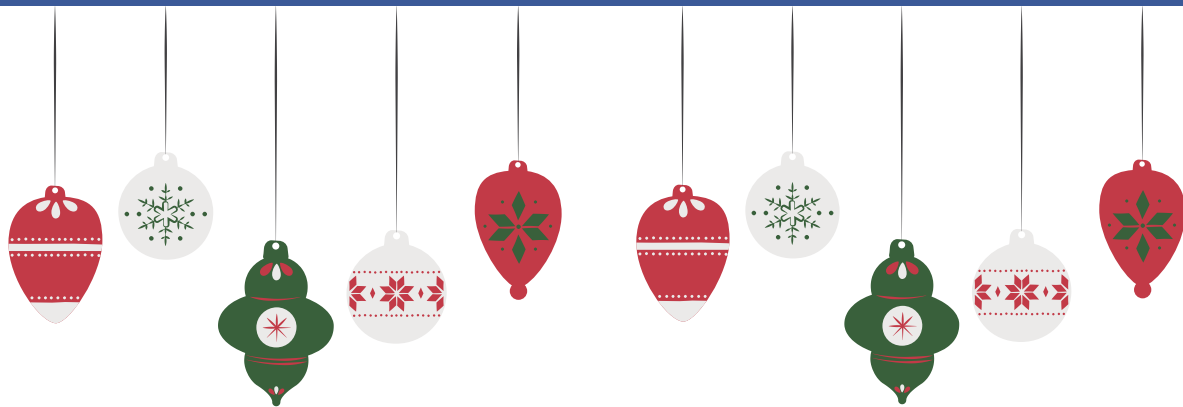


This half term we have been focusing on the value:
Thinking



ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education

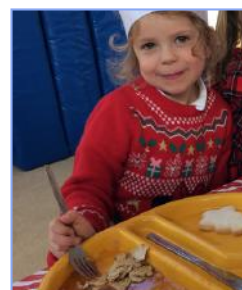




Christmas at Ipplepen...

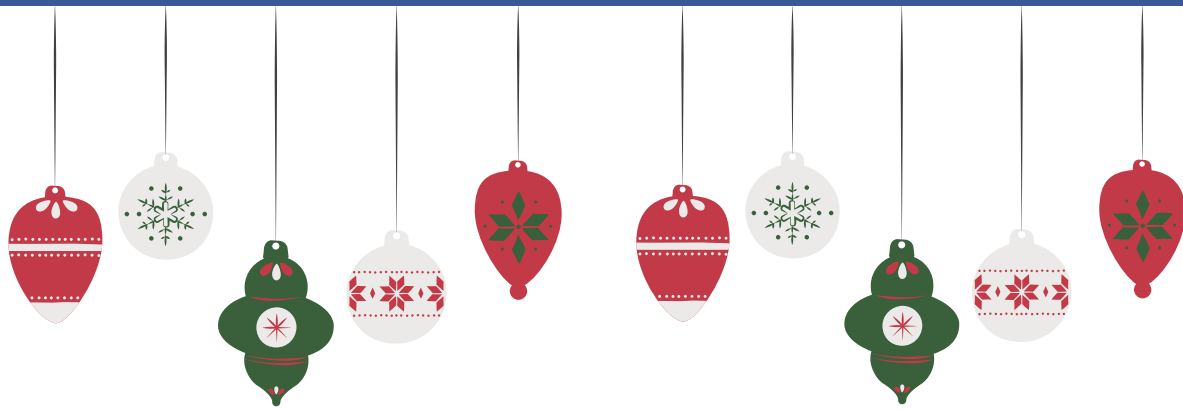
We have loved seeing everyone at Ipplepen get into the festive spirit over the past few weeks. 'Lights, Camel, Action' performed by children in years 1, 2 and 3 was a huge success and the Christmas Service led by Reception, years 4, 5 and 6 was also fantastic. Well done to all involved!

We would also like to say a massive thank you to our PTA, who put on an amazing Christmas Fayre and raised an incredible **£1500!!** We are very grateful to all of those who worked very hard to organise it, to those who kindly donated raffle prizes and to those who came to support!



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





Singing in the Community

Children from across the school have enjoyed getting out into our community to spread the festive cheer! Our school choir visited Fermoy's Garden Centre and Tesco recently and raised £76.40 at these two events. Our Rights Respecting School Council met and voted to donate the money to 'Mind' charity. Children from Reception, Years 4, 5 and 6 also sang at the Community Hub monthly lunch in the village, as well as the Grange residential home. They sang beautifully and we were very proud of them for bringing lots of joy to those in our community.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Fermoy's Garden Centre and Mole Valley Farmers, who very kindly donated some wonderful Christmas trees to our school this year. THANK YOU!



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A Message from Mrs Holden

Dear All,

I would like to take a moment to thank Ipplepen School families past and present for all their kindness and support, not only during this very challenging year of illness and treatment but throughout my time with you. Thirty years ago I had just been appointed as Reception teacher and Key Stage one leader at Ipplepen Primary School and today I have just enjoyed the most wonderful farewell 'send off' from your fabulous children and my lovely colleagues. There were songs, kind words, messages, flowers and gifts and all the genuine warmth that I have come to associate with Ipplepen School.

The time has flown and over the years it has been an absolute delight and privilege to be part of the Ipplepen School community.

I have loved every moment of getting to know so many children and families. I have worked with the most dedicated, skilled and positive staff teams a teacher could wish to encounter. I am grateful to them all for being such brilliant colleagues.

I have had the pleasure of seeing children learn, grow and go on to bring their own families to our school. I even had the opportunity to share the primary school years with my own children both as parent and teacher which was very special and something I will always be grateful for.

I have seen past pupils embark on every career you can imagine and have even had the opportunity to work along side some as valued colleagues!

Every day has been an opportunity to learn, embrace challenge and change and make the most of working at a very special school indeed.

As a new chapter begins for me I look forward to watching Ipplepen School continue to flourish and remain at the heart of our village. I shall always be proud to have been part of it. Thank you for all the adventures and wonderful memories!

My very best wishes to you all.

Kate Holden



IPPLEPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

2023 - 2024*



*More information about events will be communicated via Parent Pay closer to the time.

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.



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

