



Ide Primary School

Newsletter



24th May 2019

What a busy half term! Two residential trips to Escot and Cardiff enjoyed by all- see photos below. Year 2 and 6 completed their SATS and showed the very best possible attitudes throughout. Very well done to all of them for their preparation and focus. Surprisingly, there were a few sad faces at the end and questions such as, 'Can we do SATS again next week?' which must mean that we are doing something right (probably the breakfast!). We have continued to introduce new sporting activities for the children, which this half term have included golf and cricket. You may have noticed diggers and piles of turf and stones around school over the last week; we have had a brand new 'Golden Mile' track, made from recycled tyres, installed on the field. This track will allow our very popular 'Golden Mile' club to run all year round, whilst still retaining the majority of our lovely green field.



**Y6 Celebrate
completing
SATS!**

Golden Mile Track



Goodbye From Mrs Walters

Mrs Walters has been working in Chestnut Class over this year and will be missed. Luckily she might be popping back into school after half term to work occasional days. Mrs Walters says that she has really enjoyed working with all the children and staff at Ide.



Key Dates

June

Monday 3rd **Non Pupil Day**
 Tuesday 4th **First Day Back for pupils**
 Thursday 6th **Oak class- Plymouth Aquarium**
Fire safety workshops in Willow and Chestnut
 Friday 7th **Year 3/4 swimming starts**
 Wednesday 12th **New parents' coffee morning**
West Exe in playground at 3.30 to meet Y6 parents for transition
 Saturday 8th **Ide Village Fete**
 Thursday 13th **Mental Health Workshops for parents 9.15am and 6pm**
 Tuesday 18th **Year 6 at Life Skills- Matford Centre**
Water Safety Workshops in School
 Thursday 20th **Willow class- Quikes Farm Trip**
Green Team trip to Recycling Centre
 Friday 21st **Green team Waste Audit in school**
 Week starting Monday 24th **Sports Week**
 Thursday 27th **Sports Day for parents**

July

Thursday 4th **New Oak class children taster session**
 Friday 5th **RNLI workshop- Chestnut**
 Monday 8th **Last week of clubs**
 Tuesday 9th **New Oak class children taster session**
 Wednesday 10th **Donkey Sanctuary in school**
New Parents' Cheese and Wine
 Friday 12th **School Fete**
 Tuesday 16th **Chestnut Production (6pm)**
 Monday 22nd **Leavers Assembly (details to follow)**
 Tuesday 23rd **Last day of term**

Willow's Trip to St Ida's church



Year 6s took part in Bikeability this week, cycling around the village and learning to turn from minor roads onto major and vice versa. We also learnt about priorities for all road vehicles.

John



Allotment Thanks

We would like to say a huge thank you to Dan at the Grocery on the Green for donating plants for the allotment and Paul at Brook's Basics for donating tools for us to use. All are being put to good use already. Thanks also to our parent helpers who are supporting the development of the allotment on an ongoing basis.



Residential Trips

The best part of the Cardiff trip was the Principality Stadium. We saw the T shirts of lots of famous players and sat in the seat where the Queen has sat. From the top, we could see people working on the grass and lots and lots of seats!
Lily C-H Year 5

On the 7th of May we went to Escot on residential. We stayed in yurts which look a bit like tents but have a wooden frame. There were four smaller yurt connecting to a bigger one. On the first day we had a play in the garden area and then off to the maze. It was so tricky because we kept going back on ourselves. After the maze we went to bushcraft. The next day we went around Escot Park and saw all the animals including; wolves, wildcats, lynx, Wild Boar and otters. We went on the drop slide and played games. Everyone had a great time and it was lots of fun!

Charlotte Year 4

New Classes

As we near the second half of the Summer term, staff are beginning discussions about organisation of classes for next year. We will inform parents as soon as decisions are made. A transition afternoon will be held to make sure that all children have a chance to get to know their class and adults they will be working with.



I am addressing you to request that you remove your plastic from your famous Happy Meals.

These meals are called 'Happy Meals' because the intention is to make children 'happy'. However, I - a child - am not happy when I see a plastic toy wrapped in plastic packaging.

You have stated that when children having fun with the toy, they can recycle them, however you must be aware that the children receiving these toys are the ones who will be most affected in the future. I respect your decision of removing plastic, however I think that to help further, you could



Ide Plastic Campaign letters

Ide pupils across the school have been writing letters to companies asking them to reduce plastic packaging. The letters are extremely persuasive and surely must be listened to!

Maple Outdoor Learning

Maple class have been making the most of the nice weather to take their learning outside. Having received an important letter from the fairies, we made fairy homes out of clay! We have also been learning about mapping and looked at a map of Ide, spotting all the different places we knew. We then went for a walk around Ide using our maps. Having learnt about the artist Andy Goldsworthy we used the outside area to recreate our own art in a similar way.

