



Ide Primary School

Newsletter



13th February 2019

Change to the Start of Day



After clear feedback from parents at the Autumn term 'Meet the Head' meetings and discussions with staff, we have decided to make a change to the arrangements for the start of the school day.

The primary reasons for this change are to facilitate greater independence amongst pupils and minimise late arrival- ensuring equality of educational provision for all. The single drop-off point will also make it easier for parents who have siblings in different classes.

Firstly, all children and parents can come into the main school playground from **8.40**. From this time, there will be one school adult in the playground to supervise the older children who may walk to school independently but we would ask that all other parents stay with their children in the playground until the bell.

At **8.50** all children are expected to be present and ready to line up in classes. The bell will go at this time to signal the start of the school day. Children from breakfast club will be brought into the playground at this time to line up too. The children are very familiar with where to line up as they do this at the end of break and lunchtime. We would encourage parents to say goodbye at this point to foster independence. The teachers will then take their classes in and give them time to put their own bags and coats away independently before registering them.

We recognise that it is very important for you to have a daily chance to catch up with teachers if you would like to. Teachers may be able to take a very quick message as the children are lining up, but we ask that- where possible- catch-ups take place at the end of the day. This is so that the teacher can support the children in preparing themselves for the day independently and make a positive, prompt start to learning. If you have a message that you would like to pass on to the teacher in the morning, you are very welcome to either pop into the office, phone 01392 259964 or email admin@ide.devon.sch.uk; we will make sure the message is passed on at a suitable time, once the children are settled with their morning learning.

Registers close at 9.00 and after this point attendance will be marked as late. If children arrive after 9.10, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

This arrangement will take effect from 25th February (the first day back after half term).

I hope that these changes will be viewed positively and thank you for your ongoing support,

Alice Purcell



Chill Out Lunchtime Club

Miss Purcell is kindly allowing me to start a lunchtime club in school. The club will be called – Chill out and it will be held in the library on Wednesday lunchtimes. It will be a chance for children to spend some time in a quieter environment doing a variety of activities, for example, art, music, stories, etc. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me – lucy@alphingtonstmichaels.org.

I am really looking forward to spending some more time with your children.

Lucy Williams – Children and Families Worker for Ide

Number Day NSPCC

We saw some very inventive and impressive number-themed attire for our 'Number day'. Well done to all, but especially Tilly (Sir-Cumference), Isla (Hypatia-Ancient Alexandria's prominent mathematician and astronomer), Eddie B-C (domino) Sophie L (number girl) and Leonie (tape measure) who won maths-themed prizes. We enjoyed a day of cross-curricular number themed learning and raised in excess of £100 for the NSPCC.



Off to the Sahara



One of our parents, Paul Phillips is undertaking an adventurous mission to trek 100 km across the Sahara! We are delighted and very grateful that Paul has decided to donate his sponsorship money to FIS. The staff and children will decide what to spend this money on that will be a lasting investment which all the children can benefit from. We would like to share the link to Paul's Just giving page with you and wish Paul all the best with his adventure:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-phillips-charity-trek>

Climate Change Strike on Friday 15th February

On Friday there is a climate change strike for young people outside of County Hall. We teach environmental responsibility as part of our curriculum and pupils have been taking part in plastic pollution and paper recycling workshops across the school with Demelza from Devon Waste Education over the past two weeks. We are keen to offer the children a chance to make their voice heard on Friday without missing time from school. On Friday morning, we will have a talk about climate change, including discussing Greta Thunberg, and will be having our own short "strike" outside of the front of the school with a banner showing our support for this vital issue. We will then photograph and share this on our facebook page and website, linking to Devon County Council to raise awareness.



Key Dates

Tuesday 26th February Fire safety visits- Willow and Chestnut
Thursday 28th February Whole school felting workshops
Thursday 7th March Whole school felting workshops
Friday 8th March World Book Day celebrations- tbc
Friday 15th March Red Nose Day- tbc
Thursday 21st March Willow and Maple trip to Exmouth
Thursday 4th April Saints Southwest in school for Taster day- all classes
Friday 5th April Last day of term
Tuesday 23rd April Non-pupil day
Wednesday 24th April Pupils back to school
23rd -26th April Y5/6 Residential
Wednesday 24th April Dog's Trust Workshops- Elm, Willow, Maple and Oak
Tuesday 7th/Wednesday 8th May Year 3 and 4 residential
Monday 13th May- Friday 17th May SATS Year 6

Notices

Do you have any spare PE kit?

If you have any PE kit which your child has grown out of and is still in good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate it to the school for spare PE kit. Please send any items to the school office. Thanks for your support.

We would like to remind parents/carers of our older pupils that if children bring mobile phones to school, they need to drop them at the office before school and collect them afterwards. This is for their own safeguarding and protection. Many thanks.

