

Ide Primary School

Newsletter



17th September 2019

Welcome back to school and here are some of the exciting changes we have seen over the Summer holidays....



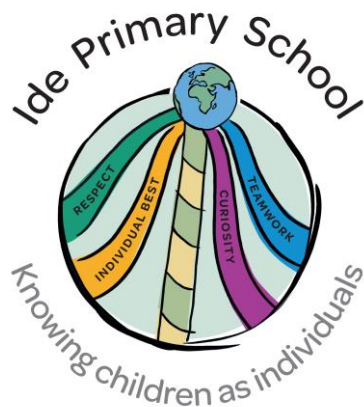
Shiny, rejuvenated entrance sign- thank you Emma Bolt



The best library in Exeter, or perhaps the world...?
Thank you Sally and Ryan Williams



Re-plastering and painting work in the old building= fresh, clear spaces for the children to learn in and enjoy



New school logo and values, designed with the children. We have kept the maypole as a continuation of the long tradition in the village and teamwork. The globe represents care for the environment and our place in the local and global community. The ribbons feature our school values. There is no change to uniform.



We care about teamwork



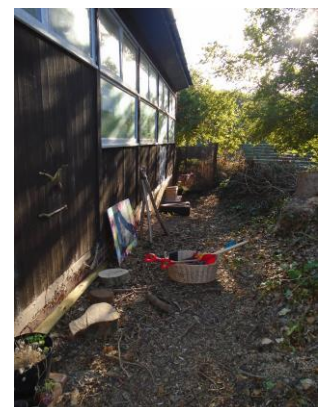
We reach our individual best



We are kind and respectful



We are curious about our world



Amazing outdoor wildlife garden and extended learning spaces. Thank you Jemma Webb, Neil 'Grampie' Webb, all the other super gardeners who have helped and apple class team!



Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday October 7th and Wednesday October 16th. Sign-up sheets will be made available shortly. There will be a chance to see children's learning and talk with the teacher.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children wearing their smart uniforms at the start of the year! A copy of our uniform guide has been sent out with this newsletter as a reminder for all.

Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobile phones into school unless they are intended for the journey to/from school. If phones are brought in, they should be turned off and handed in to the school office before the start of the day. If it is found that any child has kept their phone in their bag or coat, we will take the phone to the office and phone the parent to ask them to collect it. This is in line with local safeguarding advice.

Birthday Parties

We aim to create an inclusive environment where every child feels valued. In a small school especially, it can be undermining to children's confidence if they are the only one or two in their class or year group who are not invited to a birthday party. We ask parents to bear this in mind when planning parties.

Communication

The first point of contact for day-to-day discussion about learning or wellbeing is your child's class teacher. If possible we ask that this is at the end of the day, when there is more time. Messages can be passed to the class teacher in the morning if you email or leave a phone message via the school office. Mrs Browning and Mrs Macnamara are happy to help with any day to day or general information queries. You are always welcome to make an appointment to speak to Miss Purcell via the school office too.

Music Lessons

There are a few spaces for guitar lessons with Mr Webster on Monday mornings. Please let the office know admin@ide.devon.sch.uk if you are interested. We also have spaces for woodwind, please contact our new teacher Laura Cook directly Lauracook73@outlook.com

Key Dates

September

Friday 20th Sugar Smart workshop for parents 9am (Hall)

Monday 23rd Bike to school week (all week)

Wednesday 25th Oak Class phonics workshop 6pm

Friday 27th Bikers' Breakfast

October

Tuesday 1st Parents Curriculum workshop in hall 6pm (all parents)

Friday 4th Book Fair in hall 9-10.30 am and 3-4.30 pm (hall)

Monday 7th Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15th Chestnut at Farmwise (Westpoint)

Wednesday 16th Parents' Evening

Friday 18th School Photos (individual and family groups)
Break up for half term



Changing Faces!

At the end of last term, Lorna Hood, who has been Business Manager/Senior Administrator for 20 years at the school said farewell. She has seen many changes in the school through this time and contributed hugely to the school's development. Mrs Hood will be hugely missed but we are glad that she will be continuing to work at Alphington school so we will still see her. We are delighted to welcome Carly Macnamara as Senior Administrator. Mrs Macnamara will be working in the office with Mrs Browning on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Dulgheru who will be working as a student teacher in Willow class this year.



Mrs Macnamara



Mrs Dulgheru

