



Ide Primary School

Newsletter



1st September 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Dear families,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Summer holidays so far and have been able to have some lovely times together as a family.

It is very exciting for us to be looking ahead to Monday the 7th, when all children will be starting back at school. Plans are in place to ensure a happy and safe start back to school and we are sure the children will very much enjoy seeing their friends and the staff once again. I have included on this newsletter a few reminders of how things will operate this term from the last newsletter, together with a checklist of things to have got ready for the first week back and details of a task we hope children can complete before next Monday.

If you have any questions at all about school starting again, we will pick up emails from the admin account and will answer your queries as quickly as possible. All of the staff would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the school over the past months. It will be lovely to see you all again very soon.

Miss Purcell



Back to School Project

We will have a two week whole school project, re-establishing a close feeling of community using the text **Here we Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth, Oliver Jeffers**



Here is a link to a video of Oliver Jeffers introducing the two week project
<https://www.youtube.com/watch/Here we Are Project>

And here is a version of the story being read aloud. It is American but shows the illustrations well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/Here we Are Story>

This will today be put on Seesaw accounts and a final week of the holidays challenge will be set. We are asking children to look at the central illustration with the words:

'People come in many shapes, sizes and colours. We may all look different, act different and sound different... but don't be fooled, we are all people.'



We would like children to upload a photo of themselves to Seesaw before they come back to school, that shows something about their individual character. They could be taking part in an interest, wearing a costume or favourite outfit. The more imaginative and interesting the photo the better. These will be printed and placed together on the display board on the foyer- even if we can't all be in a room together at the moment, it will be a sign of our togetherness as a school, which all of the children will have a chance to see. If any children would rather not have a photo of themselves on display, they can draw a picture of themselves and upload this instead. We would like all children including Apple class to take part. Apple class, please send your photos by email to admin@ide.devon.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing what the children come up with!

Back to School Checklist

Have you got your school uniform ready, including PE Kit, which will be worn for the full day that your child has PE? (teachers will let you know which day this is)

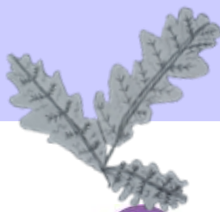
Has your child got a pencil case that is wipeable and preferably clear? (Maple class upwards)

Do you know the start and end times for your child's school day? (see details on page 3 and check the arrangements for siblings. Please be prompt and leave immediately after dropping children off.)

Have you read through the 'class code' with your children, so that they are clear about what is expected when they return to school?

Have you planned how children will carry the required items in the most efficient way? (preferably without a large rucksack- most belongings will be kept at desks and smaller bags will be much easier to accommodate)

Have you gathered together any school reading books ready to return on the first day? (these can then be quarantined for 72 hours and then used again within school, boxes will be provided on entry)



Ide Class Code

1. I will not touch other children and adults, wherever possible
2. I will regularly wash my hands for at least 20 seconds
3. I will tell an adult if I feel unwell
4. I will only use my own equipment, e.g. pencil case, books and water bottle, unless an adult tells me otherwise
5. I will not mix with children from another class in school
6. I will tell an adult when I need to use the toilet, so that they can help to keep me safe
6. I will use the catch it, bin it, kill it rules, coughing or sneezing either into a tissue or my elbow
7. I will be respectful and considerate- I will not cough or spit in the direction of another person

I will follow these rules at all times to keep everyone safe.



Farewell for now!

Lynne Penberthy has been appointed to a role at another school from September and will not be returning to Ide for the new school term. We wish her all the best and thank her for her work in Apple class.

We will continue to run the nursery provision as planned and there will be lots of familiar faces working with the children in Apple class in September. There will also be some changes to staff in Apple class, and further details will follow shortly.

All Apple class parents will be contacted individually before the start of term to confirm hours and arrangements for a happy return to school.



Arriving and Departing

In order to avoid large groups of children or parents, we will need to use different entrances and exits and stagger some of the timings of the day.

Year Group	Entrance	Exit	Drop off time	Collection time
Apple (Nursery)	Field gate (with 1 adult)	Foyer	9.15	3.15/3.45/4.15
Oak	Field gate (with 1 adult)		8.50	3.20
Maple	Front of building- by maple door (with 1 adult)		8.50	3.20
Willow	Foyer		8.50	3.20
Elm	Foyer		9.00	3.30
Chestnut	Field gate		9.00	3.30

There will be signs in place to remind each class where to go.

Siblings

Siblings are asked to arrive together at the time that the first sibling is due to start. At the end of the day, all siblings will leave at the time that the first sibling is due to leave. This arrangement does not include Apple (pre-school) children.

For example, if you have one child in Chestnut class and one child in Willow class, they would both arrive at 8.50 and leave at 3.20.

To make sure that the children do not miss out on new learning, a short period of the start and end of day will focus on independent tasks, such as reading or spelling practice.



Uniform and Equipment

All children will need to wear school uniform.

Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on days when PE is being taught- we will share these days with you in September.

Children should bring a coat on days when it might be cold, as we will be spending more time outside than usual.

All children will need to come to school with:

- A wipeable pencil case (clear if possible). We will provide the equipment.
- Book bag
- Lunch box (if your child is not having school dinners)
- Water bottle
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Large rucksacks will be difficult to accommodate in school as most classes will be keeping all possessions at their tables rather than using pegs or lockers.

Soft toys or other personal items will need to be kept at home.

Mobile phones are discouraged. If your child is year 6 and you feel that they need a mobile phone for safety purposes when walking to and from school, please speak to the headteacher.

Breakfast club/ After School Club

Breakfast club and after school club will be available in the hall, as there will be no sports clubs before half term. However, the hall will be partitioned and children will remain with their class groups.

Places will need to be booked through the school gateway with at least 48 hours notice and cannot be a 'drop in' service. We are currently going through a set up process to allow for pre-booking by voucher as well as pre-payment. In the meantime, please book sessions through the school office if you are using vouchers. For breakfast club, please follow the following additional guidelines:

- All children to arrive by 8.15 am
- We are not able to invite two year olds until further notice
- Children in Chestnut and Elm class will need to bring a reading book

Balls Farm Road Update

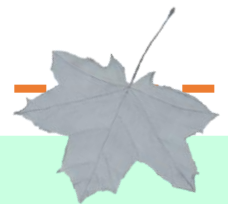
After years of campaigning by locals, Ide Parish Council, West Exe School, County Councillor Alan Connett and District Councillor Andy Swain, there is good news. Devon Highways have agreed to a trial closure to protect Balls Farm Road making it once again an ideal walking and cycling route between Ide and Exeter.

The closure will be on Doctors Walk, rather than Balls Farm Road as previously suggested by highways. This will give less protection to Balls Farm Road than closure at the twisted oak tree, but has the advantage it will stop the separate problem of fast traffic up Little John's Cross Hill, and also I hope, will be less disruption to the residents who will still be able to use Doctors Walk or Balls Farm Road. It could halve the traffic on Balls Farm Road which will be a huge improvement. We will do surveys to establish if it does.

It will still be illegal to shortcut down Little John's Cross Hill and up Balls Farm Road, as it always has been. Devon County Council will be monitoring the closure, and I hope residents of the roads as well as those in Ide and wanting to visit it, will enjoy the benefit of finally stopping the rat running traffic and having a safe protecting walking and cycling route between Exeter and Ide.

Thank you again to all who came on the community walks, did surveys in the rain and otherwise supported this process.

Andy Swain
Ide Parish Councillor



Information Regarding Covid 19

Our current risk assessment and operational plan will be on the school website by the end of this week. If you have any worries or questions about any aspect of how school will run in September, please get in touch.

The DFE have also released information for parents which may be useful for your reference: You can visit [gov.uk/information for parents](https://www.gov.uk/information-for-parents) to find information and practical guidance.