

Newsletter



13th November 2020

Message from Headteacher

I hope that all of our families are keeping well during the current lockdown. Fortunately we have not been directly impacted by Covid 19 at the school as yet. All the care that parents are taking when dropping off and picking up children is appreciated. This, alongside all of the measures in place during the day, is helping to reduce the risk for our school.

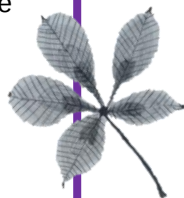
I hope too that our families are not too negatively impacted financially in terms of the current situation. The link below will provide details of how you can seek support if you are experiencing financial hardship as a result of Covid 19.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families/>

The children have had a great two weeks since half term and have enjoyed starting their new enquiries.

Best wishes,

Alice Purcell



Message from Friends of Ide School

Thank you to all that took part in our bat trail! We raised over £210.

We are part of the 'Big Christmas Raffle'. 50% of ticket sales come back to us. You can buy tickets here: <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/ide-primary-school-ex2>

PreLoved uniform is available to order through our website, all washed, ironed & missing buttons replaced, BIG thank you to parents for getting this sorted. Check what we have in stock here: [PreLoved uniform](#)



Key Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 16th Odd Socks Day

Friday 20th Be Bright, Be Seen

December

Wednesday 16th School Christmas dinner

Friday 18th December Last day of term



Next week, we will be celebrating 'Anti-Bullying Week' and on Monday children are invited to wear odd socks, as colourful as they would like! This is to celebrate the fact that we are all different and deserve respect.

Next week is also 'Road Safety Week'. On Friday we are having a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day. Miss Downing has sent a separate letter home giving details.



PE Kit

Please could the children wear the following PE kit on PE days:

- Black or navy shorts
- Black or navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms for colder days
- Trainers or plimsolls

Willow Class have been enjoying their new enquiry, 'Where does the darkness come from?' They have enjoyed being scientists and investigating how light travels. In their athlete lessons, they have had lots of fun playing different target games.



Wildlife Award



During the last lockdown, we won an award from the Devon Wildlife Trust for our wildlife garden. Our plaque has now at last arrived. Thanks to Jemma Webb and all the gardening helpers!

Apple Class have been doing lots of number activities this week and the children have been practising identifying numbers under 5. We have enjoyed singing songs about aliens and learning about life in space!"



Dr Bike

Sustrans, who are partnered with us to work on active travel, came in to do a 'Dr Bike' session, where the children could have their bikes checked for safety. Lots of children came in with their bikes to be checked.



Pupils in **Chestnut Class** completed 6 tasks in order to achieve their astronaut training: agility, space-food tasting, mathematician skills, space research, Mars rover design and planet research. The freeze-dried ice cream was a highlight!



Oak Class having been having a 'Squirrel Adventure' as part of their PE lessons. They had to collect the 'acorns' and get them through the tunnel for Winter! The children have also enjoyed the book 'Foggy, Foggy Forest'. They have been making shadows of what might be in the Forest.



Maple Class have been actors this week as part of their author work. They have been acting out scenes from the book 'Could a Penguin Ride a Bike' to help them learn and remember the story. The children have also been geographers and have been out and about in Ide, using a map and key to find landmarks.



Break Time Snacks

Children in KS1 have a fruit snack provided at break time. If parents would like children to bring their own snack, we are happy with this but the snack should be a fruit or vegetable snack only.

The children in **Elm Class** have been learning about the Earth and the Solar System. They researched the different planets and wrote interesting facts. The children also learned about continuous data and plotted a line graph showing the temperature on Mercury during a day on Earth.

