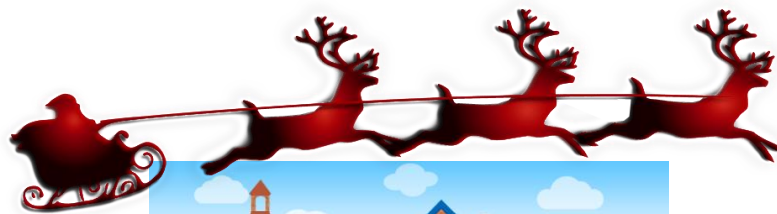


Newsletter



18th December 2020

Message from Headteacher

All of us at Ide would like to wish you a happy and restful break. We know that lots of you will be meeting up with relatives that you haven't seen for some time and we hope that these are really special times for you all, whatever your plans are.

Thank you once again for all you do to support the school. We couldn't have kept the current additional health and safety measures working as effectively as we have done this term without your understanding around what has needed to be put in place.

Your children are simply amazing. Despite the changes to routine, we have had a brilliant term of learning and engagement from the children. The end of term enquiry outcomes across the classes have been exceptional. Each and every child is showing interest in their learning and caring about what they do, which is amazing and inspiring to see. Again, parents must take a large share of the credit in enabling this- thank you for all your support with learning at home.

We are looking forward to seeing children again on Tuesday 5th January. Best wishes for a lovely Christmas,

Alice Purcell

Christmas Songs and Stories

The children from Maple-Chestnut have recorded a selection of Christmas songs from around the world- which have been shared with parents through Seesaw. Experts in Spanish, German and French in Willow, Elm and Chestnut classes helped to develop accurate pronunciation!

These children have also recorded an audiobook of a story from around the world; these have been shared via Seesaw and are also available to listen to on the school website.



Christmas Dinner

The children enjoyed eating their dinner in Christmas jumpers, complete with festive music, dancing and a disco ball!



Christmas Holiday Contact Arrangements

If you or a member of your household develop Covid 19 symptoms over the holidays, you will need to follow the guidance here <https://www.nhs.uk/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do>

If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of their last time in school; or your child has a positive test result up to and including Thursday 24th December, please inform the school as soon as possible by emailing admin@ide.devon.sch.uk This email will be checked twice daily.

If your child has any symptoms of Covid 19 prior to the 5th January, please do not bring them to school, but contact the school office on the 5th to update us.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or young person during the holidays, please contact the multi agency safeguarding hub (MASH) on 0345 155 1071.



Friends of Ide School (FIS)

We have had a huge amount of support from FIS this term and have been able to buy lots of quality resources for the school including history and geography resources, resources for reception class, new furniture in Elm class and our home learning platform, Seesaw. We have also received individual parent contributions for items including books, dictionaries and thesauruses and colouring pencils. Thank you so much for helping us to provide the best resources to support the children's learning.

FIS also brought a sprinkle of Christmas magic to classrooms this week. The children watched a video of Santa explaining that he couldn't come into Ide school this year but that he had dropped some presents off to school for the teachers to give out. The children loved seeing Santa and receiving the presents.



Oak Class Nativity



Apple Class have been enjoying some Christmas crafts, wearing festive jumpers and playing in their 'Santa's grotto'



St Ida's Christingle

St. Ida's church are organising a Nativity trail between 21st and 23rd December from the shop to the church. At the church, children can pick up a DIY Christingle pack which they can make and light during a short virtual Facebook service at 4pm on Christmas Eve.



Spring Term Dates

Tuesday 5th January- children back to school

Monday 15th-Friday 19th February- half term

Thursday 1st April- last day of term