

Newsletter



1st April 2021

Message from Headteacher

I would like to celebrate just how brilliant your children have been in settling back into school. This term has been one with many changes and has had its challenges for children, families and staff. However, we are all very pleased that everyone has been able to return for the final 4 weeks of term and have a sense of normality. Thank you for your ongoing support and it will be great to see the children back for lots of exciting learning in the summer term. The children return to school on Monday 19th April with the same arrangements for drop off and pick up times as we currently have in place. I hope you all manage to have a relaxing break.

Best wishes,
Alice Purcell

Contact tracing over the Easter break:

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, we need to be available to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities for the first 6 days of the Easter break. This means that as we finish face-to-face education on Thursday 1 April, we remain available for contact tracing purposes up to and including Wednesday 7 April. The school admin account will be checked every morning for this purpose only: admin@ide.devon.sch.uk

Please inform us of a positive COVID19 case if either symptoms or a positive test occur within 2 days of your child being at school. Where this is the case, we will be assisting in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where symptoms or a positive test occur more than 2 days since your child was last at school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. We would be grateful if you could also email the school if any positive cases occur in your household over the holidays. Please remember that if a child or other household member is displaying any Covid 19 symptoms at the end of the holidays, they should not return to school until a PCR test has been taken by the person/people displaying symptoms and the school has been informed.

Dates for Diaries

19th April Start of Summer term- class clubs start

The Big Pedal- 2 weeks starting from 19th April

3rd May- May Day bank holiday

31st May- 4th June- Half Term

Non- pupil day- 7th June

Term ends- 22nd July



Exeter City FC Project

Some of our staff volunteered at the weekend with a project organised by Exeter City to provide food packages for eligible families across the city. Here are some of our school councillors helping to unload deliveries at Ide, with Julian Tagg, Chairman of Exeter City FC.



Mrs Groves

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Groves last week and wish her the very best for the future. Mrs Groves has been very busy in the office over the last year and has been a much valued member of the staff team.



FIS Easter Fun

This Easter, we are organising virtual Easter Pick and Mix activities for children and families to take part in, and raise some funds for Ide Primary school. Choose to do one or both of the activities for £1 per activity.



Follow the link to find out more....

[Friends of Ide School \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

Stamp Competition

The Royal Mail are inviting children to take part in a competition to design a commemorative stamp to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. You can visit the website <https://www.stampactive.co.uk/design-a-stamp> after March the 31st for an entry form. Please add the school's address to the back of the form.

Strange goes on at Ide Primary

Rustlings at night heard by Pete the caretaker? Footprints to a nest containing a golden egg? It could only be the start to Ide's whole school writing project week for children from nursery to year 6.

"It's a fire dragon. It's orange and when it eats some grass it turns green. There's lots of them. They dig up some eggs that aren't theirs and take them away to bug land!" *Bea, pre-school*



Chestnut Class

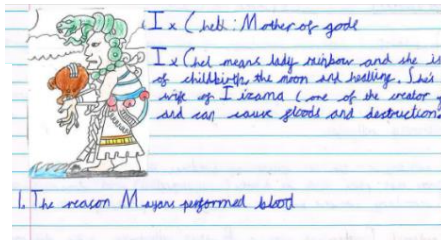
Chestnut Class have been artists by creating Ancient Mayan tiles using clay. They designed their tiles using Mayan symbols and merged these symbols to create a tile that tells a story. They used their knowledge of Mayan culture and what was important to them to decide on the story they wanted to tell.



Elm Class

Elm Class are being historians. They have been learning about sources of evidence and how we know all about the past. They looked at an artist called Frederick Catherwood who created detailed drawings of the artefacts he found in the Maya ruins.

The children have also been learning about the Maya belief system and the different Mayan Gods.



Willow Class

What is the difference between surviving and being healthy?

Willow Class have had lots of fun being scientists and engineers this term!

"In our enquiry we have been learning about the functions of the skeleton and muscles. My favourite fact was that there are 650 muscles in the human body!" Martin

"I enjoyed tasting different fruits. I tried apricots and pomegranate seeds for the first time." Eliza



Maple Class

In Maple we have had a great start to our new enquiry: What am I? So far we have been scientists and learnt about the different animal groups (reptiles, mammals etc.) and animal diets. We have learnt that most of Maple Class are omnivores but we have a couple of herbivores in our midst. Shortly we will begin being artists and making animal sculptures.



Oak Class

We had so much fun worm whispering! It took a lot of persevering to entice the worms to come up but we did manage to 'whisper' to 3 lucky worms! We took them back to the classroom and observed them closely and then some children chose to do an observational drawing of the worms using just black pen. They all did such a wonderful job and their drawings and writing are on display in the classroom!



Apple Class

In Apple class we have been enjoying the sun and exploring different insects in their natural habitats and enjoyed finding them around the school grounds. We even made our own tally charts to record the amount which we found.

We also held a mad hatters tea party in aid of brain tumour awareness month, and the children enjoyed dressing up in various funny hats and outfits. One child said their favourite part was the indoor picnic- "because we made popcorn!"

