

Newsletter



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Message from Headteacher

It has been wonderful to see the children back at school for the new term. They are clearly enjoying being able to spend so much time together again. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our many new families and staff. I hope that you will enjoy being part of the school community.

I would like to remind everyone at the start of the year that the teachers and I are always happy to discuss any aspect of school life or the children's learning with you, so please talk to us in the playground or contact the school office if needed.

On behalf of all the staff, we are looking forward to spending the year with your children and working together with you to encourage and support them to achieve their best.

Alice Purcell

Having the children together for assemblies has been a joy. Here are some of the children in our celebration assembly last Friday.



MUGA

Thank you for the many generous donations on our crowd funding page. The MUGA was resurfaced over the summer and this has helped us to get back to using the full range of space we have available at Ide to deliver the curriculum.



Key Dates

Monday 27th September
Sustrans bike to school week starts

Monday 18th October **Parent consultations week**

Tuesday 19th October **Oak trip to West Town Farm**

Friday 8th October **Book fair for parents and children**

Friday 22nd October **Last day of half term**

Monday 1st November **Back to school**

Advance notice: there will be an additional non-pupil day on Monday 6th June 2022 following the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Early Reading

This term we have started a new programme for the teaching of reading, which starts in pre-school and continues until children have become fluent readers. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised is a DfE approved programme, which will help us to further ensure that every child has a strong start to reading. Mrs Williams, our reading leader, and the class teachers will be writing to you to give you more information about the programme and how you can support at home.



Online Safety

The COVID-19 pandemic saw the NSPCC helpline receive a 60% increase in contacts from people worried about children experiencing online abuse.

We teach the children to be safe online through our computing curriculum, through assemblies and at incidental points throughout the school day when we are using the internet.

This link will provide you with more information about how you can support your children to understand the risks and stay safe whilst enjoying their time online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Potential Inspection Visit

Ofsted have resumed their inspection schedule this term and are prioritising schools who have not been visited for a significant time. As Ide's last inspection was in 2011, we are expecting a visit this year.

There is much about our school which we are very proud of, not least our wonderful children and families, and we will be sharing the many strengths of the school with the inspection team. There have been significant changes to the framework and the way in which schools are graded since 2011; against the current framework, our current self evaluation of the school is in line with the grade descriptors for a 'good' school.

FIS news

FIS will be holding their first AGM of the year in October in the school hall: date to follow soon. This will be a chance for all parents and carers to meet and plan fundraising opportunities, talk to other families and enjoy the refreshments on offer!

Drop Box

We have a drop box situated in the foyer for parents and carers to post any forms/letters for the school. This is checked daily and is the best way of delivering paperwork back to us.

Attendance

Setting positive routines is really helpful for children and they will learn and achieve more at school if their attendance is high and they are on time to school each day.

If your child is not well enough to attend school please contact the school office before the start of school either by phone 01392 259964 or email admin@ide.devon.sch.uk on every day of absence.

If your child needs to be away from school for any other reason, including open days for secondary school or medical appointments, please complete an absence request form in advance of the absence and return this via the dropbox. Please note that term time holidays cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to all of our Y5 and Y6 children who are now student leaders. Each child in these year groups takes on a responsibility within the school over the year.

The children have also voted for the class school council representatives in classes from Maple- Chestnut.



Homework Survey

We are very grateful for all your responses to the questionnaire sent out at the start of the term about homework. As you might expect, views on homework do vary hugely from family to family and there were a wide range of different viewpoints expressed. We will be discussing the results as a staff and with the governing body to identify common themes which we can use to plan our approach moving forwards.

In the meantime, the teachers will be putting guidelines for practising spellings, reading and maths at home on the class Seesaw pages.

If you have any trouble accessing your child's class Seesaw page, please make contact with the class teacher.

Apple Class

Apple class have got off to a flying start this year and are making the most of all areas of the indoor and outdoor provision. Here are two very creative young artists at work:



Kit out the Nation!

We have planned for our school to work with Exeter City to support the BBC's Kit Out the Nation initiative. As part of recycling week, we would like to collect any unwanted sports kit suitable for children and teenagers so that they can get an extended life and help young people get active. If you would like to support us with this, we will be collecting any donations each morning this week. Please place any sports kits in the box on the driveway at the beginning of the school day.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

