



## Newsletter-Summer 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Stokeinteignhead School**

Following the consultation I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Stokeinteignhead School will be joining the Federation from September.

### **National Assessment Tests**

Well done to all the children who all worked so hard in the tests they took in May. In all of the USF schools, the percentage of children in Year 6 achieving the required standard (Age Related Expectations) was above the national average.

### **New Curriculum**

We have been using the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) for a number of years as a way to teach the foundation subjects. This summer we have successfully trialled a new curriculum called the Learning Challenge Curriculum.

*'The Learning Challenge concept is built around the principle of greater learner involvement in their work. It requires deep thinking and encourages learners to work using a question as the starting point.'*

The new curriculum will start being used by teachers and children in September and will be developed and reviewed over the course of the next academic year. Teachers will tell you more about this in September.

### **Mental Wellbeing**

[www.Eh4mh.co.uk](http://www.Eh4mh.co.uk)

We are looking to continue to develop the way we help support children's mental health in our school. Ipplepen School have been developing a number of Mental Health Strategies which, next term, we plan to share across the Federation. We have placed a bid for additional funding to help support this and if successful it will also provide training for pupils, staff and parents.

### **Counselling**

We provide counselling services, which we are keen to continue whilst we can afford to do this, but as budgets become more restrictive this is becoming more difficult. From September we will prioritise counselling for children in most need. Other children will still be able to access counselling but may need to join a waiting list. The counsellors have agreed to provide private counselling sessions as a cost of £20. If parents wish to take advantage of these private sessions they will need to be booked through the school office a week in advance. Leaflets will be available shortly in each school with more details about this.

### **Unicef Rights Respecting Award**

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-rrsa/about-the-rrsa/>

Unicef works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

Currently all of the USF schools are in the process of completing the Bronze Rights Respecting Award and in September will start on the next level which will focus on developing practice within school.

The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

### **Term Dates**

Thank you to all those people who responded to the consultation about term dates. We have now published the term dates for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. We will publish the term dates for 2020/2021 as soon as these are available. The term dates can be found on the school websites.

### **Leavers**

We have 136 children leaving Year Six this summer moving on to their new secondary schools. We would like to wish them and our other leavers every happiness and success in their new schools and future lives.

On behalf of the Federation, please can I thank you for your ongoing support and wish you an enjoyable summer holiday.

**The schools will reopen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. (Final day for summer term next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019).**

Kind regards

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