

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you for all your continued support and understanding this week. Our Covid outbreak rumbles on, please continue to engage with regular lateral flow testing and remain vigilant.

This week we have waved Mrs Hartigan off as she sets off on a training camp to Flagstaff, we will look forward to seeing some amazing photos of her adventures! Opsrey Class will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Broughton every morning from Monday!

As you know, we successfully appointed two teachers to teach Osprey Class from January 2022, we are delighted that Mrs Andrews and Mrs Hodgson will be joining the Ibstone family. Mrs Andrews and Mrs Hodgson have worked as a job share together for several years in another local school and I know they are excited about getting to know Osprey Class in the new year.

## **Our School**

Our school has a rich history and since opening its doors in 1852, it has educated many young minds! We are fortunate enough to have the Log Books from 1914 to present day, it is always fascinating to look back at the history of the school.

This week in particular has been very special as Osprey Class have started learning about World War 2. They enjoyed their trip to Didcot Railway Centre and their evacuee experience which included a train ride! Take a look at the end of the newsletter and our Facebook page for more photos of our trip.  
Facebook: @ibstoneceschool



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This photo was taken in 1937 (before WW2 started), the log book states that the village received 45 evacuees from London in September 1939, 35 of these children were enrolled at the school. I have scanned the log book from the time. The children in school today will be using the log book in the next few weeks.



### Ibstone CE School Log Book 1939

Sept. 4. School did not re-open today for instructions. During the holidays a European crisis developed, which became so grave that it was decided to evacuate school children to "copy rooms". On Sept. 1. School was open for the reception of 45 of these children.

On Sunday Sept. 3. England & France, in defence of Poland, declared war on Germany.

Sept. 10. School re-opened today. Thirty-five children were admitted from evacuated areas. These with their teachers occupy the large classroom. I am taking my usual classes in the small room.

Miss Dwyer & the District Nurse visited the School.

28. As some of the evacuated children are not yet clear. The District Nurse is attending daily, & is using the lobby as a "cleaning station".

Oct. 16. Miss Betts L.C.E. Inspector called today & had a discussion with the evacuation teachers & me with regard to the future arrangement of the school. The matter was finally left in the hands of Miss Dwyer the L.C.E. Head Teacher & me.

17. The Rev. B. W. Mackie took the Scripture lesson. His morning he is taking the evacuation children plus the local children every Tuesday morning.

18. We have today re-organised the School and amalgamated, instead of keeping as separate units.

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The children's evacuee experience continued this morning and despite the very wet weather, the evacuees were met on the Common by Mrs Long the Billeting Officer, after a very wet walk through the village, all children were successfully placed with families in the village with Mrs Scott kindly taking on 6 of them!



A huge thank you to the villagers who took part!

### Word of the Week

## Palindrome

**Definition:** a word, phrase or sequence that reads the same backwards as forwards, e.g. madam (or today's date 12.11.21)

**Family Challenges:** How many palindomes can you think of?  
How many palindrome dates can you find in 2021?

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## In other news:

### Lunches

Thursday lunches will now be sausages, wedges and beans for all children unless you contact us directly to ask for a sandwich instead. Jacket potatoes will no longer be offered on Thursday.

### Mufti Day for Secrets Room

This will now take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, please send in any suitable gifts for our Christmas Secrets Room and in return, your child can wear their own clothes for the day! Gifts such as new/unused candles, toiletries (men and women's) etc.

### Children in Need

We will be having a mufti day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for Children in Need, there is no theme, children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation to this worthy cause.

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to Philip for leading our Remembrance Day worship live on Zoom!  
I hear he was a roving reporter for the morning!

Osprey Class and Zog observed the 2 minute silence together during their evacuee day.

There is a lay led service at St Nicholas' Church at 10.45am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to join us.



Finally, we have to say thank you and goodbye to Tracy. Tracy has made the difficult decision to leave us. She has been working in Kites Club for the past year and I know that she will be missed by the children and staff alike!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

#### 2021-2022 Dates

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>November 2021</b>		
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mufti Day in exchange for gifts for the Secrets Room</b>	<b>All children &amp; staff</b>
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mufti Day for Children in Need – please send in a donation</b>	<b>All children &amp; staff</b>
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrel Class Trip	Kestrel Class
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti Day in exchange for bottles for the Tombola	All children & staff
<b>December 2021</b>		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wreath Making – 7pm – more details to follow	Adults only
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Crafternoon & Café	Everyone
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Nativity – 2pm – School Decking	KS2 Families
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Nativity – 5pm – School Decking	KS2 Families
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 2pm - St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	EYFS & KS1 Families
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Norden Farm Trip	EYFS & KS1 Children
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Village Carols – 5pm – St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	Everyone

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January 2022		
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
February 2022		
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night – 7pm	Adults only
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Children start back– 8.40am	Everyone
March 2022		
April 2022		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	All children
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle – 5k/10k & Children's Run in Colour	Everyone
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Children start back– 8.40am	Everyone
May 2022		
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Adventure Week	Year 5
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS Week	Year 6
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2022		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Adventure Week	Year 6
July 2022		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Morning – 9am	KS2 Families
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning – 9am	EYFS & KS1 Families
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Trip	All children
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest Celebration – 2pm	All parents/families
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Service – 9.30am – St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Year Celebration - 12.30pm	All parents/families
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone



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