

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for your support, patience, kind words and generous gifts! It has certainly been a roller coaster of a half term but we have remained seated, held on tight and more importantly, have got to the end of it safely!

The last week has been as busy as ever with three KS2 Nativity performances (one in the dark), one party lunch, a visit to the theatre, a live stream pantomime, a special recording (which you can find on our YouTube Channel and Facebook Page), some Christmas crafts, a mass delivery of knitted snowmen AND a drop in from Father Christmas himself! Phew!



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Philippians 4:13*



A huge thank you to Elaine (Florence's Nanny) who has knitted and named a snowman for every child in school! I know that the children were so excited to receive such a special gift! Thank you!



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Looking back, we have achieved rather a lot this half term and despite the twists and turns and upside down bits, we have successfully taken Osprey Class to Didcot Railway for an evacuee day, Kestrel Class visited Bekonscot Model Village linked to their class reader *The Iron Man* and finally, Ladybirds and Woodland Class visited Norden Farm to see Kipper's Snowy Day!



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What we have been learning this half term:

Ladybirds have had a busy half term learning about Guy Fawkes, Autumn, Nursery Rhymes and the Christmas Story! In mathematics, they have been learning about 2D shapes, spatial awareness and composition of numbers. They enjoyed learning the songs for the Nativity (which they can't wait to perform in January).

Woodland Class have been using Alfie's Star as their Talk for Writing text, they have worked hard to write their own version of the story! In mathematics, they have been learning about shape and have been working with money! They have all enjoyed their Weather topic and produced some excellent weather presenter videos!

Kestrel Class have focused on their model text Adventure at Sandy Cove and wowed Miss Firth with their work during their period of remote learning. In mathematics, they have been developing their addition and subtraction skills and Year 4 have also been learning about length and perimeter. In science they have been learning about states of matter and can confidently talk about solids, liquids and gases (although don't ask them about the fizzy drink experiment!). They have worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, stage positions and songs for the KS2 Nativity.

Osprey Class have been using their model text The Tunnel to write their own stories about being a WW2 evacuee. They have been reading Goodnight Mister Tom and have taken the books home to finish the story over the holidays. In mathematics, they have been learning about fractions and have been adding, subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. They have also worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, stage positions and songs for the KS2 Nativity.

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News:

Thank you!

Thank you to Bex and the PTA for organising such a successful Hamper Raffle! Congratulations to everyone who won!

KS2 Forest School

After Christmas there will be changes to Forest School for KS2 children. A separate email will be sent out to all KS2 parents before the start of term with a new calendar.

Staffing

As you know, Mrs Hartigan has been away in Flagstaff training at altitude with her daughter, sadly due to the travel restrictions, Mrs Hartigan wasn't able to pop in before the end of term to see the children. I know that she will pop back in January to see us all.

Mrs Jeffries, one of our teaching assistants has also made the difficult decision to leave us, I would like to thank Mrs Jeffries for her hard work and dedication to the school over the last 18 months, we will miss you!

Mrs Bridgen will also be dropping some hours in January but will continue to run Forest School on a Monday and Tuesday.

Welcome to Mrs Andrews and Mrs Hodgson who will be joining us in January, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Ibstone family properly!

Village Carols

The Village Carols on Sunday 19th December at 5pm will now be held on the school decking. please do come and join us if you can. Adults must wear face masks.

Back to school

We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Wednesday 5th January (Breakfast Club & Kites Club will run as normal).



Finally, I hope you all have a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

2021-2022 Dates

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2021		
Sun 19th	Village Carols – 5pm – School Decking	Everyone
January 2022		
Tues 4 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Wed 5 th	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
February 2022		
Fri 11th	Quiz Night – 7pm	Adults only
Fri 18 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 28 th	Children start back– 8.40am	Everyone
March 2022		
April 2022		
Wed 6 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	All children
Thurs 7 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Fri 8 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Sun 24 th	Ibstone Circle – 5k/10k & Children’s Run in Colour	Everyone
Mon 25 th	Children start back– 8.40am	Everyone
May 2022		
Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 3 rd – Fri 6 th	Year 5 Adventure Week	Year 5
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	Year 6 SATS Week	Year 6
Fri 27 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2022		
Mon 6 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7 th	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Year 6
July 2022		
Tues 5 th	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 7 th	KS2 Sports Morning – 9am	KS2 Families
Fri 8 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning – 9am	EYFS & KS1 Families
Mon 11 th	Whole School Trip	All children
Fri 15 th	Ibifest Celebration – 2pm	All parents/families
Thurs 21 st	Year 6 Leavers’ Service – 9.30am – St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
Thurs 21 st	End of Year Celebration - 12.30pm	All parents/families
Thurs 21 st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

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