

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! The children have come back to school happy and ready to learn! Mrs Hodgson has already settled in well and has enjoyed her first week as part of the Ibstone family. I know the children are looking forward to getting to know Mrs Andrews on Monday.

I had a wonderful day with Kestrel Class today, we used this term's model text 'Trust' (which is about a Welsh tribe from the Celtic era) to head out into the woods, make a shelter (with help from the tribe's dog) and then tracked back to the school to enjoy some bara brith and tea! I look forward to seeing their stories towards the end of half term!



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What we will be learning this half term?

Ladybirds will be focussing on Fairy Tales and will be learning about Toys in their topic this half term. They will also be learning about Space and will be heading off on many adventures!

Woodland Class will be learning about toys from the past and present. They will be finding out which toys their grandparents and parents used to play with and will be ordering toys on a timeline. In English they will be reading the story Traction Man and will use this to write their own adventure stories. In science, they will be learning about different materials and using their findings from experiments to build a new super car for Traction Man.

Kestrel Class will be using their model text 'Trust' this term to innovate and invent their own stories. In Science they will be learning about states of matter and light. They will also be learning about the water cycle in geography.

Osprey Class have started reading their class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', they will also be using 'The Arrival' as a focus book in English. Their topic 'Journeys' will see them finding out about UK counties, mountains around the world and refugees. In Science they will be learning about light.

Each class will give an update on their half term just before the holidays.

Polite Reminders

Timings

Rolling drop off runs from 8.40am until 8.50am. Please make sure that your child arrives on time, there are a number of children who are already arriving late each day and it has an impact on their learning.

Collection times

EYFS & KS1 (Ladybirds and Woodland Class) 3.15pm

KS2 (Kestrel Class and Osprey Class) 3.25pm

Jewellery

There are a number of children wearing jewellery to school, a polite reminder that only plain stud earrings should be worn and these should be removed before school or taped over on Forest School and PE days.

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Medicine

We are unable to give non prescription medicines sent in from home to your child during the school day. Please do not send medicine in with your child without emailing the school office in advance. There are forms that need to be completed if your child does require medicine during the school day.

Kites Club

Please make sure you have booked your child into Kites, either via a booking form or an email to the office (if it is short notice), we always have space but we do need to know who is in each night. The latest collection from Kites Club is 5.15pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or 6pm on a Wednesday. If you need after school care until 6pm on any other evening, please contact the office.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Please share the Zoom link to family and friends, everyone is welcome!

Have a good weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

2021-2022 Dates

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2022		
Tues 4 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Wed 5 th	Children start back – 8.40am	Everyone
Mon 10th	Cross Country starts	KS2 children only
Thurs 13th	School nurse in school	YR & Y6 only
Fri 14th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity photographs by Danny	EYFS & KS1 only
Fri 14th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm	Everyone
February 2022		
Fri 11 th	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

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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	Ibfest 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 21st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

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