

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to pop along to the Stokenchurch Christmas Market last weekend, I have seen lots of photos and some super video clips of Team Ibstone in action! I am so proud of you all, you looked and sounded amazing!



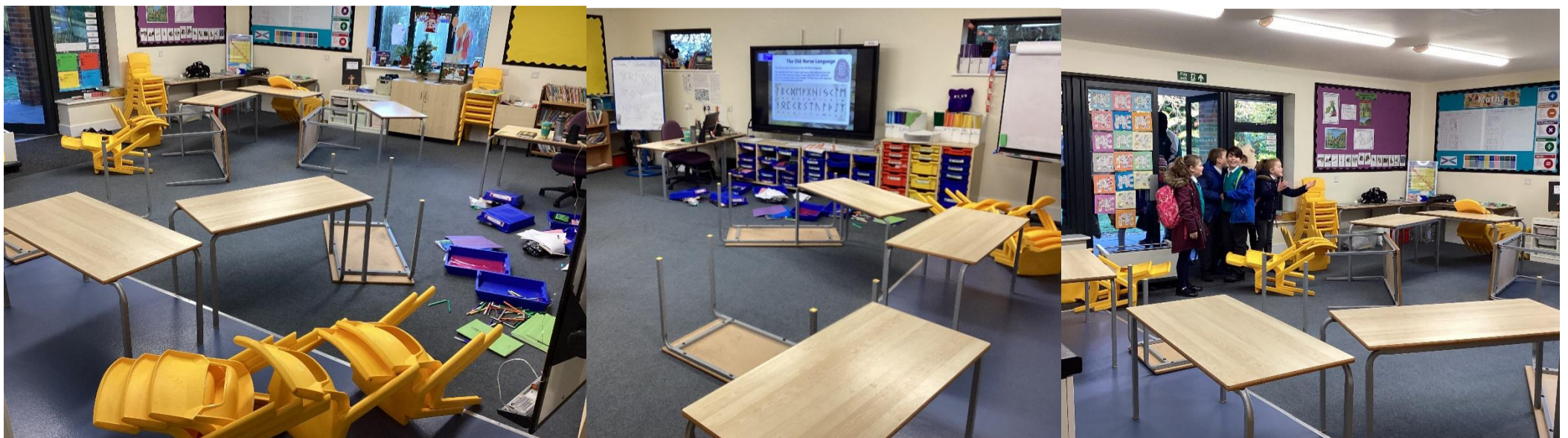
Ladybirds had a fantastic time down on the farm on Tuesday! Thank you to Brooke and Tom for welcoming us and giving us such a great tour of the farm! It was a superb way to end the farm topic and to learn more about life on a working farm.



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Kestrel Class had a bit of a shock on Thursday morning when they came into this scene! Despite some suggestions that it was caused by an Elf on a Shelf, the devastation was actually caused by Grendel (the one armed monster from the Beowulf story). Ms Robertson disturbed him as she opened up for breakfast club and he was last seen making his way into the woods towards the church.



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Nativity rehearsals are going well and there is a buzz of excitement around the school. All children will have a letter in their bags tonight telling you what their role is in the Nativity and what clothes you will need to provide for them to go under their costume.

Our EYFS & KS1 Nativity will be held in St Nicholas Church on Friday 9th December at 2pm. Due to the number of children we have in school now and the capacity in the church, we are asking for no more than three people from each family to attend. Please respond to the email that will be sent out to confirm numbers.

Our KS2 children voted to perform a Nativity, this will be held in the stable on the decking, parents are invited to wrap up and attend the performance in person on Thursday 15th at 5.30pm. Please respond to the email that will be sent out to confirm numbers.

On Friday 16th, there will be a Zoom performance of the KS2 Nativity, this is open to everyone so please share the link with extended family and friends. If you know of any care homes or people who would benefit from a bit of Christmas cheer, please let us know and we will happily share the link with them too.

Family Time

We had some special visitors joining us for Family Time today, one of our governors came into school to see Collective Worship in action, they spent time with all the children in Family Time and spoke to staff and children before being part of our Friday Worship. We also welcomed Rev Charlie Kerr to the Ibstone Family for the afternoon, Rev Charlie wrote Space Makers. He enjoyed being part of Family Time and was very impressed by our older children and how they led Family Time.

Today's focus was Mending, the children made a web with wool to show the strength of community and talked about how this web can make us feel safe and loved. They also talked about how the 'web' can be mended if it gets broken. This led on to the children focussing on forgiveness. The whole school community each had an acorn to hold, they had to think about an experience where they needed to forgive someone, the children held onto the acorn tightly and made the decision to let it go and forgive the person, in forgiving them they would place the acorn on the ground and allow new life to grow and flourish. The children also knew that they could decide that they were not yet ready to forgive and they could put the acorn back and give themselves more time to think about forgiveness. The children who put their acorns back could talk to an adult about the situation if they wanted to. The whole school thought that the mending acorns might be a really good way to resolve playtime issues and that mending was a good exercise for them to understand and learn the feeling within themselves.



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In other news:

Mufti Day for Secrets Room

We offer a Christmas shopping experience for all the children each year. This year the secrets room will be opening on Monday 19th December. During that day, all children will be able to buy a present for adults in their family. The gifts are wrapped, with tags and bows. We need your help to stock the shop this year, please send in any unwanted (adult) gifts you may have at home. They need to be brand new and unopened.

In return, your child can wear their own clothes for the day on Wednesday 7th December!



Examples: Perfume, Make up, Candles, Glassware, Men’s Ties, Aftershave, Sunglasses, Baseball Caps, Bath Sets, Jewellery, Scarves, Wallets, Purses etc.

Raffle Tickets

If you would like any more tickets to sell please let us know as there are more available! Don’t forget to return any sold stubs or unsold tickets by 15th December.

Governing Body Update from Ben Randall our Chair of Governors

I am delighted to write to confirm that Alice Bragg has been elected as Parent Governor. We are also delighted to welcome Dan Hawkins to the governing body as a co-opted governor who also brings great expertise to the team of governors at Ibstone. While parents elect the position of Parent Governor at the school, Parent Governors do not represent the views of the parent body on the governing board. The governing body at Ibstone meets each month during term time to support the work of the school. The team of volunteers works alongside Mrs Long in the strategic leadership of the school.

Attendance & Punctuality

As a school we closely monitor attendance, whilst I appreciate that there have been a number of nasty illnesses going around at the moment, I do feel, looking at the data, that I need to share with you the hours of lost learning that take place when your child is not at school. I am not for one minute suggesting that you send them in to school while they are ill and we are very aware that the cough/cold thing that has been going round seems to have really wiped everyone out.

Being on time is also important as the children who are repeatedly late in the morning miss out on crucial information that is shared at the beginning of the day. The school day starts at 8.45am, rolling drop off runs from 8.35am. If you are struggling to get your child here on time and feel like you need some support, please get in touch. We are happy to help.

Days of absence	Hours of lost learning
1	5
5	15
10	50
15	75
20	100
25	125
30	150

Rolling Drop Off

Just a polite reminder to use your indicators, there were 10 cars this morning that didn’t indicate to let other road users know what they were doing. I know you are stopping but not everyone using the road knows about rolling drop off. Please also always check in your mirrors before pulling away, there have been a few very fast cars overtaking the queue this week!

Enjoy the weekend!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Family Time Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2022		
Tues 6 th	Christmas Wreath Making – 7pm – Booking essential	Adults only
Wed 7th	Mufti day in exchange for gifts for the Secrets Room	All
Fri 9 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – St Nicholas Church – 2pm	All EYFS/KS1 families
Mon 12 th	FGB – 7pm	All Governors
Thurs 15 th	KS2 Performance – 5.30pm	All KS2 families
Fri 16 th	KS2 Performance – Zoom only – 10am	All KS2 families
Fri 16 th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Trip	All EYFS/KS1 children
Mon 19th	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone
Tues 20 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2023		
Wed 4 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
February 2023		
Thurs 9 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Fri 10 th	INSET DAY	Everyone
Mon 20 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
March 2023		
Fri 31 st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
April 2023		
Mon 17 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
Sun 23 rd	Ibstone Circle & Run in Colour	Everyone
May 2023		
Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 8th	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Everyone
Fri 26 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2023		
Mon 5 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
July 2023		
Thurs 20 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 21 st	INSET DAY	Staff only