

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome Alan back to school this year for a Christmas Wreath making session on Tuesday evening! It was a great evening and the wreaths and table decorations looked amazing!



It has been a very busy week for Ladybirds and Woodland Class, they have been walking up and down to the church in preparation for their Nativity performances. They wowed the KS2 children on Thursday morning and were very excited about being filmed this morning! A huge thank you to Lorian for agreeing to film it for us. This production will be available for you to buy before the end of term.



Please remember to send your child's nativity costumes back into school on Monday, ready for the photos!

Love – Courage – Respect – Community – Perseverance  
*'Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am'*  
Philippians 4:13

## **In other news:**

### **Scarlet Fever**

You will have heard lots about Scarlet Fever in the news recently, we do not currently have any cases in school, however, we will inform you if we do. We have already upped the hand washing and will continue to encourage children to use tissues for sneezes!

Strep A/ Scarlet Fever infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- \* Sore throat
- \* Headache
- \* Fever
- \* A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- \* On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

### **Cold Snap**

As the weather is due to get much colder next week, please make sure that your child has a hat and gloves in school at all times, all children will also need lots of layers to wear for Forest School.

### **KS2 Nativity Update**

All KS2 children will need to have extra clothes with them next week as we will be outside rehearsing the Nativity and it is VERY cold on the decking.

The KS2 Nativity is still planned to go ahead and this will be held in the stable on the decking, parents are invited to wrap up and attend the performance in person on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm, you will need lots of layers and probably a blanket!

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Secrets Room**

Thank you to you all for your generous donations, the shop has some wonderful presents this year! If you have not sent anything in yet, you still have time and we are still a little short on gifts for men! More information about how this runs will be sent out next week.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

Enjoy the weekend!  
Louise Long  
Headteacher

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

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