

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see the children rushing back into school ready to see their friends, the staff and being ready to learn!

I was fortunate enough to be part of a Mathematics' Learning Walk with Ben, our chair of Governors, this morning. Everyone was so engaged in their learning and the children could talk about what they are learning, how they are learning and the methods that they use to help them if they are finding a concept a bit tricky. Our walk started in Reception and we worked our way through the school, it really is incredible to see from our youngest children learning about numbers and simple addition to our oldest children using their reasoning and problem solving to answer fractions questions using all four operations (+, -, x, ÷).

Zog and I enjoyed teaching phonics in Woodland Class this morning, our focus was 'y' making the 'ee' sound such as in – funny, hairy, happy, smelly. The children were very quick to make up lots of sentences to write about Zog using these words! He was very impressed with everyone's hard work!



**In other news:**

## **PTA Meeting**

The Fox is now closed for refurbishment, therefore the PTA meeting has moved venue! **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at The Grouse & Ale in Lane End.** Please come along to share ideas and get involved!

## **KS2 Nativity**

Don't forget! The KS2 Nativity will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm on the decking and on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am on Zoom. Please could you email the school office to confirm the number of seats you would like for the evening performance.

## **Early Birds & Kites Bookings**

All bookings must be made via the new booking system. A link to this can be found on the school website under the Wraparound Care section :

<https://www.ibstoneschool.org.uk/wraparound>

For those with mobile phone access only, please download the iPal app and sign in as you would on the browser. It is very simple to use and you can make and amend bookings on there too!

Emergency bookings can be made on the day via the school email, however they may be subject to an extra admin fee.

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>January 2023</b>		
<b>Thurs 19th</b>	<b>PTA Meeting – 7.30pm – Grouse &amp; Ale, Lane End</b>	<b>All parents and staff</b>
<b>February 2023</b>		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings – more information to follow	All parents
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings – Osprey Class only – more information to follow	Osprey parents
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
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Everyone
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