

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a busy week this week! On Tuesday we welcomed Emily Breen, the Education and Awareness Manager for Buckinghamshire Council into school to talk to all the children about how we can reduce our single use plastic use. As a school we have signed up to the Plastic Free Pledge and will be looking at how we can reduce single use plastic in school. We will update you on our progress to reduce single use plastics in future newsletters.

It was wonderful to welcome the Garsington Youth Opera team into school on Thursday to work with our Y4, Y5 & Y6 children, everyone enjoyed the session and impressed us with their singing and acting skills. There are a number of our children who will be offered the opportunity to be part of this year's Youth Opera, an email will be sent out as soon as the list is confirmed. The Garsington team will be back later in the year to work with all of our KS2 children as part of the Garsington OperaFirst programme.



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Philippians 4:13

It has been a bit muddy in Forest School this week, I am sure that half the hill has gone home with the Ladybirds!



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Christingle

In Family Time this week the children have been finding out about Christingles and the symbolism of them to Christians, the children all had the opportunity to make their own Christingle to take to Worship. More photos to follow next week!



In other news:

Waiting List

As you will be aware, we have recently welcomed some new children to the Ibstone Family, they have settled in really well and it feels like they have always been part of the family. This now means that for the first time in 10 years, we have a waiting list for Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6.

Strike Action

Many of you have emailed to ask if we are open on Wednesday 1st February due to the NEU strikes, as far as I am aware we will be open, however, we have a contingency plan in place and this will be put into action if needed.

EYFS Workshare afternoon

Ladybirds' parents are welcome to come in on Wednesday 8th February from 2pm to see the learning environment and to look at their child's book.

Whole School Workshare & Family Time

All parents are invited to our whole school workshare and Family Time session on Friday 26th May at 1.30pm.

Adventure Weeks

As in previous years, our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be off on their Adventure Weeks in the summer term. We have now finalised dates:

Year 5 – Tuesday 16th May – Friday 19th May

Year 6 – Monday 19th June – Friday 23rd June

More information and dates for Adventure week meetings will be sent out just before half term.

Swimming for KS2

Kestrel Class children have received a letter this week about swimming lessons after half term, please book via iPal. Osprey Class will receive a letter about their swimming lessons after half term.

Parents' Meetings

Our next Parents' Meetings will be on Tuesday 7th February from the end of school until 7pm and also on Thursday 9th for Osprey Class. You will need to log on to the new booking system to book your 10 minute slot. <https://ibstoneprimaryschool.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Kites Holiday Club

Holiday Club will be open every day during February half term, bookings are now open on the iPal booking system. <https://ibstoneprimaryschool.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



Family Time Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2023		
Tues 7 th	Parents' Meetings – please sign up on iPal	All parents
Wed 8th	EYFS Workshare 2pm	All Ladybirds Parents
Thurs 9 th	Parents' Meetings – Osprey Class only – please sign up on iPal	Osprey parents
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		
Thurs 2 nd	World Book Day – More information to follow	Everyone
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
Thurs 27th	OperaFirst Workshop	KS2 only
May 2023		
Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 8 th	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation	Everyone
Tues 16th – Fri 19th	Y5 Adventure Week – more information to follow	Y5 only
Fri 26th	Whole School Workshare & Family Time 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 26 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2023		
Mon 5 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd	Y6 Adventure Week – more information to follow	Y6 only
July 2023		
Thurs 20 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 21 st	INSET DAY	Staff only