

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

In the blink of an eye, we are at the end of the half term! I would like to start by sending our love, prayers and well wishes to all the children and parents who have been and are still unwell! We hope that you are well on the mend and we look forward to seeing you after half term!

It was lovely to see most of you on Tuesday & Thursday for your Parents Meetings, most of the children brought home the forms yesterday, for those of you who did not receive the forms, they will be sent home after half term.

The Ladybirds enjoyed their workshare afternoon and it was lovely to see the children so animated as they showed their parents and younger siblings around their learning environment!

This week we welcomed Miss Wood to Woodland Class, Miss Wood is a trainee teacher, she will be working in Woodland Class after half term as part of her 6 week placement. I know the children have already made her feel very welcome and are looking forward to getting to know her better after half term. Woodland Class enjoyed showing Miss Wood what they get up to in Forest School!



Everyone had a great time in Forest School this week, they all enjoyed using the new pallets to build slides and bridges. The Forest School fire definitely helped keep everyone warm and there were lots of marshmallows being toasted too!



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**In other news:**

**Lunchtimes**

We have noticed that a number of children who bring in their own lunches are throwing a lot of food away without eating it. I have spoken to all of the children and have explained that after half term children with packed lunches will need to take their unwanted food and empty wrappers home in their lunch boxes so that you are able to see what they are or aren't eating. This will hopefully also tie in nicely with our efforts to cut the amount of single use plastics and the amount of rubbish we as a school are sending to landfill.

**Reading Books – EYFS / KS1**

Please remember to send your child's reading book back to school on a Monday, this enables all children to change their books and start reading their new books which are sent home on a Wednesday. There are a number of children who are only reading their new book at home once from Wednesday – Sunday, please help them develop their fluency by hearing them read more frequently.

**Library Books**

Please do keep an eye out for any school library books at home, there are a number of outstanding titles and we would like to try and get them back in after half term. A huge thank you to Leigh who works tirelessly on a Monday to make the library so welcoming for all of our children. I know that she is continuously sourcing titles the children have requested!

**Disney on Ice**

We have a very special silent auction on at the moment, 4 tickets to Disney On Ice at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. This includes parking and the possibility of the VIP lounge. All monies raised will help us buy more books and resources for our library! You can bid here

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/disneyonicketsfamilyof4>

**Kestrel Class Swimming**

Don't forget, Kestrel Class will be swimming after half term. They will need to bring their swimming kit into school on a Tuesday morning, all children will need a swimming hat, costume and towel. Goggles are allowed but please make sure your child is able to put them on and take them off by themselves. If you are able to write on your child's swimming hat, please can you write their name on the outside of their swimming hat with a permanent pen so that the instructors can quickly identify them whilst they are swimming!

They will continue to have Forest School on a Tuesday morning.

**Woodland Class PE**

After half term, Woodland Class will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon instead of a Thursday, this is only up until Easter. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on a Wednesday.

**Whole School Workshare & Family Time**

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

**Kites Holiday Club**

Holiday Club will be open Monday – Thursday during February half term, bookings are now open on the iPal booking system.

<https://ibstoneprimaryschool.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Have a great half term and see you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>February 2023</b>		
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Everyone
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Kestrel Class Swimming begins</b>	<b>Kestrel Class</b>
<b>March 2023</b>		
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day – More information to follow	Everyone
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>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OperaFirst Workshop</b>	<b>KS2 only</b>
<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
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 Adventure Week – more information to follow</b>	<b>Y5 only</b>
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whole School Workshare &amp; Family Time 1.30pm</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>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Adventure Week – more information to follow</b>	<b>Y6 only</b>
<b>July 2023</b>		
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only