

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It is lovely to see all the smiling faces back in school after the Easter Break. There has been lots going on at school during the holidays and there have been several very successful fundraising events.

The groundworks in the back garden are now complete, there have been some additional steps put in, some parts of the garden have been returfed and the area outside the library is now astroturfed and has been developed with planters, a digging area and the ability to add a sun shade when needed.



A huge thank you to Tom for the loan of his lambs for our Good Friday Pop Up Lambing, it was very busy and raised £865 towards the minibus fund. This sheep and her lambs enjoyed the quiet at the end of the day and had a chance to nibble on the grass before heading back to the farm!

Last weekend Brooke and Tiff set up a Pop up Café in Northend and raised a massive £400 to add to our fundraising efforts. Thank you both so much for organising this in aid of the school!

We are looking forward to Ibstone Circle on Sunday, it's not too late to run the 5k or 10k, you can still register on the day! Children can also sign up to join Run in Colour on the day. For those of you who are non runners, there is a great tea tent offering lots of yummy treats!



What has been going on in school this week?

Ladybirds have thrown themselves into their Colour topic and have enjoyed designing their own colourful Elmers. I have been wowed by their writing, they have written some amazing simile poems!

Woodland Class had to help Supertato save the Vegetables who had been put in traps in the classroom by the Evil Pea! They looked at statements, questions and exclamations and wrote their own speech bubbles for the trapped vegetables.

Kestrel Class have started thinking about their Rainforest topic and Osprey Class have started their local study about the Chilterns.

There will be more updates further into the term!

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On Wednesday, Osprey Class joined the School Games Cricket Festival held at West Wycombe, they took part in six different activities to develop their cricket skills. The young leaders complimented all of our groups on their attitudes, resilience, manners and perseverance. Well done Osprey Class, you were a credit to the school!



In Family Time today the focus was Blessings, the children all thought of someone or something they could do for someone else to make their life easier or happier, the children wrote their action blessing on a stick and planted it! Once they have carried out their blessing, they will add the stick to our blessings tree. Some examples were: Helping mummy putting the washing away, being kind to my brother, tidying up without being asked.



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In other news:

Staffing

It has been lovely to welcome Miss Firth back from maternity leave this week. It feels like she has never been away. A huge congratulations to Miss Hobdell who is getting married this weekend! We hope you have the most amazing day! We look forward to welcoming you back as Mrs Mathers on Monday.

Wine Tasting

Don't forget to sign up for the wine tasting evening on Friday 12th May! Simply email the school office!

Fundraising

We have now raised £7518 in just 5 weeks! If you can support us, please do get in touch! We have 14 days left on our crowd funder, lets see if we can get to £10000 in total <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ibstone-minibus>

Year 3 & 4 Cricket Festival

We have been invited to take Kestrel Class to a Cricket Festival at West Wycombe Cricket Ground next Wednesday 26th April from 11.30am – 1.30pm. All children in Kestrel Class will be taking part. We are looking for some volunteers to help transport the children there and back. Please get in touch if you think you may be able to help. We will need to leave school at 11am and will return at 1.30pm. Those children who have a school lunch on Wednesday will be provided with a packed lunch instead.

Zog was very helpful on Monday (National Offer Day), he joined me on my walk to post the offer letters to the families that will be joining us in September. We are delighted that we are full in September! I know from speaking to a few of our September starters that they are very excited about coming to join the Ibstone family too!



We are looking forward to seeing lots of you on Sunday!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Finally, to all our families celebrating Eid today, Eid Mubarak!



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Headteacher Awards



Family Time Awards



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

| Date | Occasion | Who? |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| April 2023 | | |
| Sun 23 rd | Ibstone Circle & Run in Colour | Everyone |
| Wed 26th | Year 3&4 Cricket Festival | Year 3 & 4 only |
| Thurs 27 th | 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 |
| Fri 12th | Wine Tasting – 7.30pm – school hall | Adults only |
| Tues 16 th – Fri 19 th | Y5 Adventure Week – more information to follow | Y5 only |
| Thurs 25 th | Year 6 Adventure Week Meeting – 7pm – school hall | Y6 Parents only |
| Fri 26 th | 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 |
| Fri 9th | Puddings and Pimms | Adults only |
| Sat 10th | Stokenchurch Summer Fete – Dance Club performance – more details to follow | Everyone |
| Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd | Y6 Adventure Week – more information to follow | Y6 only |
| July 2023 | | |
| Mon 10 th – 14 th | Ibifest Week | Everyone |
| Thurs 20 th | End of Term – 1.30pm | Everyone |
| Fri 21 st | INSET DAY | Staff only |