

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed the Harvest Service as much as we did today! It was so lovely to welcome so many of you to the church this afternoon, I don't think I have ever seen the church so full! A huge thank you to you all for your generous donations to the Community Matters Food Bank, I know they will be greatly received.

For those of you who were not able to be with us this afternoon, here are a few of the Harvest prayers the children had written. I am sure that you will be given a rendition of Big Red Combine Harvester by anyone you ask! Thank you to Mr Lacey for accompanying the songs on his guitar!

Our Harvest Prayers

Dear Lord,

*Thank you that the farmers work extremely hard to get food for us to consume,
Sorry that some people don't appreciate the harvest and farmers as much as they should,
Please help the farmers have a plentiful harvest.*

Amen

Dear Lord

*Thank you, hard working farmers, for helping giving food and growing crops,
Thank you for all the beautiful fields that we have to grow all the food,
Sorry for all the people in different places that don't have enough good weather to grow crops,*

Amen

Dear Lord,

*Thank you for the nutritious food,
Thank you for the people who give the time for us,
Please help the crops to flourish and grow,*

*Thank you for the wonderful farmers
Sorry for the crops that don't make it,
Amen*

Dear Lord,

*Thank you for the food that we like and the food we do not like.
Thank you for supplying us with clean and healthy water,
Sorry for being so fussy about good food.
Please help us to think of those who do not have so much food and water, who I know are starving.*

Amen

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:

Phonics

We have just invested in a new phonics scheme that has been validated by the DfE, the staff are receiving training on the new scheme (Little Wandle Letters and Sounds). After half term we will be holding a parents' session for parents of children in Ladybirds and Woodland Class, during this session we will share how phonics and reading are taught. We have also ordered over 200 new reading books that are fully decodable, these books will be sent home with children in due course. As it is our role to develop a lasting love of reading and enable our children to become confident readers we will be making some changes to how reading books are sent home, these changes will also be shared at the parents' meeting.

Pop Up Pumpkin Patch

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have offered to help with running the café over half term, we are still in need of help in order to make this viable, please email the office to let us know if you are able to give an hour or two of your time. The café will be undercover and set up ready for each day. It is an amazing opportunity for the school's fundraising efforts.

Photographs

Don't forget today (7th October) is the last day for Early Bird discount!

Tissues

Thank you for the generous tissue donations!

Parents' Meetings

You should have received an email with a link to Google forms, please complete the form and we will email you your appointment times by the end of next week.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body, you will all have received an email this afternoon, please take time to read the letter, if you have any questions about the role, please get in touch.

Half Term Kites Club

Please make sure you have returned your booking form if you are planning on using the club. Bookings must be made through the school office.

Booking System

We have invested in a booking system for clubs, trips and parents' meetings moving forward, this will be up and running after half term and will allow you to book everything and make payments online. There will be more information sent out about how to access this system via the website or the app in due course. We are hoping that this system will make bookings and payments easier for everyone.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2022		
Sun 9 th	Harvest Service & Harvest Lunch	Everyone
Tues 18 th	Parents' Meetings	Everyone
Thurs 20 th	Parents' Meetings	Osprey only
Fri 21 st	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 31 st	INSET DAY	Everyone
November 2022		
Tues 1 st	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
Sat 5 th	Ibstone Fireworks – Ibstone Common	Everyone
Wed 16 th	FGB Meeting – 7pm	All Governors
Sat 26th	Stokenchurch Christmas Market 1-5pm	Everyone
Wed 30th	Flu Immunisations	All children
December 2022		
Fri 9 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – St Nicholas Church	All EYFS/KS1 families
Mon 12 th	FGB – 7pm	All Governors
Thurs 15 th	KS2 Performance – 5.30pm	All KS2 families
Fri 16 th	KS2 Performance – Zoom only – 10am	All KS2 families
Fri 16 th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Trip	All EYFS/KS1 children
Tues 20 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2023		
Wed 4 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
February 2023		
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		
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
May 2023		
Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY	Staff only
Fri 26 th	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2023		
Mon 5 th	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
July 2023		
Thurs 20 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 21 st	INSET DAY	Staff only

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