# **Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter**

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#### Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term, I know many of you visited the Pop Up Pumkin Patch over the course of the week. A huge thank you to Brooke and Tom for letting us run the café and scavenger hunt! A massive thank you to everyone who offered to help and to everyone who took on a shift or two or more in the café! Your efforts have helped us raise £1413 for the school.

There are three smaller people who also need a mention and a massive thank you... George, Mollie and Harry! You were superstars all week, so helpful, polite and nothing was too much trouble for you. Thank you!











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We received a very exciting parcel and letter today! I am delighted to tell you that Ibstone CE Primary School are the winners of the Stonor Park 2022 Scarecrow Competition!

The children will be bringing home a sweet treat as part of their prize today, there will be more information about the rest of their prize in the Spring Term!



Today the children have been tasked with the very important job of making the Guy for the Ibstone Bonfire. Thank you to the Ladybirds for making sure he was very full! Congratulations to our Guy Fawkes competition winners!







Don't forget, it is the Ibstone Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm on Ibstone Common. There is a cash/card BBQ & Bar. This year you will be asked for a donation as you enter, this enables the committee to continue to run the event each year. Please do not bring sparklers with you as it is a sparkler free event!

It was a rather busy at end of term and our half term round up didn't reach the newsletter... so here is is, better late than never!

#### Autumn 1

### **Ladybirds Class**

The Ladybirds spent time settling into school life and getting to know their new friends. We had a focus on ourselves; thinking about who is in our family and any pets we have. We painted some super self-portraits looking closely in the mirror. In mathematics we follow the White Rose scheme; our focus was pattern and sorting using different criteria and lots of counting. We started Jigsaw; our PSHE sessions and have been taking turns to speak and share our ideas and thoughts in a circle. In PE, we have all enjoyed our gym sessions, everyone has been practising balancing and using the apparatus. We have enjoyed using the loose parts for building and making models, whether its an aeroplane or a play park. We have loved being outside!















#### **Woodland Class**

Woodland Class learnt the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children worked hard to learn the story off-by-heart before writing their own versions, changing the animal and foods. In Mathematics, Year 1 learnt about place value and adding and subtracting to 10. Year 2 learnt about place value to 100 and began looking at addition and subtraction. In science, they learnt about animal groups and food groups and in history they learnt about Rosa Parks and the Bus Boycott







## **Kestrel Class**

During the first half term our Talk 4 Writing text was Beowulf, we all enjoyed learning the text and then used the pattern of the text to write our own suspense stories. We enjoyed sharing some of our own stories in class!

In mathematics, Year 3 have been focusing on Place Value up to 1000 and have been finding 1, 10 & 100 more and less than a given 3 digit number. Year 4 have also focused on Place Value up to 10,000 and finding 1, 10, 100 & 1000 more or less than a given 4 digit number.

The whole class have enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings, their main focus has been the Viking invasion of Britian.

In Science, we have been learning about digestion and teeth, everyone particularly enjoyed watching the digestion process using a pair of tights!

#### **Osprey Class**

In English we focused on a book called Hidden Figures, and the women who worked for NASA. We first used a range of conjunctions and adverbials to link sentences. Then we focused on the main characters of Hidden Figures: Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden. We ended the topic by writing autobiographies of these brave and strong women, who helped during the Space Race. We also enjoyed reading our class book, Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

In mathematics we focused on long division and multiplication, including our cracking times tables. Our topic has linked to Hidden Figures and we studied the countries of North America and looked at how segregation affected many of these countries.

In Science we looked at the topic of Space – we can now explain how we get night and day. We carried on our space topic into Art, looking at Retro-Futuristic art. As part of our RE work we have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and thought about how Muslims show their commitment to their God.

#### What we will be learning this half term

#### **Ladybirds**

Our first topic this half term is 'The Farm'. We will start with our first Talk 4 Writing text, Rosie's Walk. The children will learn the story of Rosie's Walk off by heart, putting actions to the story. There will be an opportunity to create their own story maps, they will also work on changing the story to make it their own. The children will learn the new version and be able to retell it orally as well as with props. Our topic will have a farm focus and we are hoping to visit Harry's farm in a couple of weeks. The children will continue to have daily phonics sessions and reading practise sessions. In mathematics we will begin to look at numbers, 2D shapes, positional language and 1 more 1 less than a given number. Topics will be guided by the children's interests. We will shortly start to learn new songs for the Nativity for our performance in the church.

#### **Woodland Class**

This term Woodland Class will be learning about Space. They will be learning about the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and comparing their voyages. In English they will be reading the story of Beegu and will be learning how to write a character description of an alien. In science, they will be learning about different materials and will be using their knowledge to build a shelter for Beegu the alien to live in. In mathematics both Year 1 and 2 will be continuing their work on addition and subtraction and will begin learning about shapes.

#### **Kestrel Class**

Kestrel Class will be starting a unit of work on poetry next week, they will also be learning how to be reporters and will be writing their own newspaper reports. In science they will be learning about electricity. They will continue learning about the Anglo Saxons and will also be finding out about the Scots.

#### **Osprey Class**

Osprey Class will be carrying on their Dreams and Goals topic. They will be reading their new class book, Holes by Louis Sachar. In English they will also be looking at the Michael Morpurgo book, Poppy Fields, which includes the famous WW1 poem, In Flanders Field. Osprey Class will also be looking at WW1 and the story of the suffragettes in history.

#### In other news:

## Little Wandle - EYFS & KS1 only

You should have received an email today with some information about the changes to reading and phonics, please take the time to read this letter. If it didn't land in your inbox, please get in touch.

#### **Stokenchurch Christmas Market**

We have been asked to sing at the Christmas Market on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please could you respond to the email that has been sent out to let us know if your child will be able to attend. The market runs from 1pm – 5pm. I will confirm the times of the singing as soon as I can.

Enjoy your weekend and enjoy the fireworks!

Louise Long

Headteacher

# **Zog the Dog Awards**



## **Our Ambassadors**



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## **Headteacher Awards**



# **Family Time Awards**



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2022		
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Fireworks – Ibstone Common	Everyone
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	FGB Meeting – 7pm	All Governors
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Stokenchurch Christmas Market 1-5pm	Everyone
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Immunistations	All children
December 2022		
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – St Nicholas Church	All EYFS/KS1 families
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	FGB – 7pm	All Governors
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Performance – 5.30pm	All KS2 families
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Performance – Zoom only – 10am	All KS2 families
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Trip	All EYFS/KS1 children
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2023		
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
February 2023		
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
March 2023		
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
April 2023		
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
Sun 23rd	Ibstone Circle & Run in Colour	Everyone
May 2023		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2023		
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term – 8.45am	Everyone
July 2023		
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only

## STOKENCHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET PICTURE TRAIL SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

13.00 - 17.00

Join in the fun and follow the pictures to our new venue

#### PRIZE TO BE WON!

The Christmas Market returns this year, AT A DIFFERENT VENUE

You'll be guaranteed warmth, entertainment, wonderful refreshments, stalls to shop,
games and competitions to enjoy and your first taste of the festive season in comfort! A
fun event for the benefit of the community.

On the day, we welcome you to follow our picture trail from the old venue (The Main Common) to the exciting new venue (Longburrow Hall)

- · Free to enter and Open to all
- Pick up a map sheet from any of the following places:
   The Memorial Hall, The Library, Coffee On the Green, The Print Shop (available from Monday 21st November)
- Identify the Christmas Symbols displayed at the numbered venues, and record on the sheet as you walk through the centre of the village to Longburrow Hall
- Symbols will be easily identifiable and may be displayed on buildings, in windows or in gardens-look up, look down, look around. Keep your eyes open!
- On arrival at The Christmas Market, place your completed entry in the box provided
- The winner will be drawn at random from all the correct completed map sheets, and notified at the end of the day

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES
BE AWARE OF TRAFFIC AND TAKE CARE WHEN CROSSING ROADS