

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a very busy week in and out of school! The week started with Osprey Class being in role as evacuees being placed at various homes in the village, a **huge thank you** to the villagers who offered to be part of this experience. Our school log book and admission register shows that 35 children were evacuated to Ibstone in 1939, they were placed with many families through the village including Glebe Cottages, Hell Corner Farm, Cholsey Grange, Keepers Cottage, Dairy Cottages and four were taken in at Ibstone House.



The log book shows that the school still had the same inclusive nature back in 1939 as it does today and within a month of the evacuees arriving the school had reorganised the classes so that children from the village and the evacuees could be educated alongside each other rather than being kept separate, as was the practice in many schools.

Sept. 15. School re-opened today. Thirty-five children were admitted from evacuated areas. These, with their teachers occupy the large classroom. I am taking my usual classes in the small room. Nurse Burdett & the District Nurse visited the School.

15th September 1939

Love – Courage – Respect – Community – Perseverance

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Philippians 4:13

.. 28. As some of the evacuated children are not yet clean. The District Nurse is attending daily, & is using the lobby as a 'cleaning station'.

Oct. 16. Miss Betts L.C.C. Inspector called today & had a discussion with the evacuation teachers & me with regard to the future arrangement of the school. The matter was finally left in the hands of Miss Darby the L.C.C. Head Teacher - & me.

17. The Rev. B. W. Mackie took the Scripture lesson this morning, he is taking the evacuation children plus the local children, every Tuesday morning.

18. We have today re-organised the School and amalgamated, instead of keeping as separate units.

October 1939

I also had the pleasure of joining Ladybirds on their walk down to the farm. A **huge thank you** to Tom and Brooke for allowing us to visit, I know the children (and staff) had a wonderful afternoon.



This week in worship we have been thinking about **RESPECT** and have thought about what respect looks, feels and sounds like. We have also discussed our school's Golden Rules and how there are underpinned by our school's vision and associated values.

Our Golden Rules

Be kind
Always think about other people's feelings, be a good friend to everyone and be loving.
(Love, Community)

Be respectful
Always be polite, listen to others and take care of property.
(Respect, Community)

Be resilient
Always try your best and don't give up!
(Courage)

Be the best you can be
Persevere and always do your best in everything you do!
(Perseverance)

Do to others what you want them to do to you
Matthew 7:12

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Three Before Me

During a staff meeting this week we were discussing how we can help the children develop their independence and resilience during lessons. We have shared **three before me** with the children today in worship and we will all be encouraging them to use this strategy when facing a challenge moving forward.

1. **Brain** – take time to focus, dig deep into your brain forest to retrieve prior learning
2. **Browse** - look around the question you are trying to answer, what are the clues/ key information you can pick out? Look around the classroom, is there any information that can help you displayed on the working wall or on display in the classroom?
3. **Resources** – what resources can you use to help? Go and get them to help you!

If you are still stuck then the staff will of course support and help you!

I wonder if three before me might be a good strategy to use at home ... I think I am going to try it out!

Forest School News

The weather has definitely taken a turn this week and the school site has looked like a winter wonderland at times. This hasn't stopped the children being outside and enjoying all their learning experiences in Forest School, everyone enjoyed the warmth of the Forest School fire and it is fair to say that the Ladybirds really enjoyed toasting their own marshmallows!



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Weekly Round Up

Ladybirds

Ladybirds would like to say a big thank you to Farmer Tom and Brooke for allowing us to visit their farm, everyone had a lot of fun from jumping off hay bales, splashing in big puddles, meeting the calves and lambs and having a turn in the tractor and finding out exciting facts. Ladybirds were full of enthusiasm to share all their new knowledge in the classroom the next day. They produced some fabulous pictures linked to their visit and used their phonics to write about their picture. In phonics this week we have been revising all the sounds learnt to date with we, me, be being our tricky words.

In maths we have been working on the composition of 4 and 5 using 5 frames to help. They are also learning about the part and whole of numbers; for example 2 and 3 are the parts and 5 is the whole. The children have investigated how many ways that 5 pebbles can be shared between 5 buckets. They have also used numicon to explore ways of making number 5.

We have also been very busy trying to learn our Nativity songs.



Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have finished writing their setting descriptions and have started looking at the features of an information leaflet. Over the next few lessons, the children will be using their knowledge of the four seasons to write an information leaflet about winter.

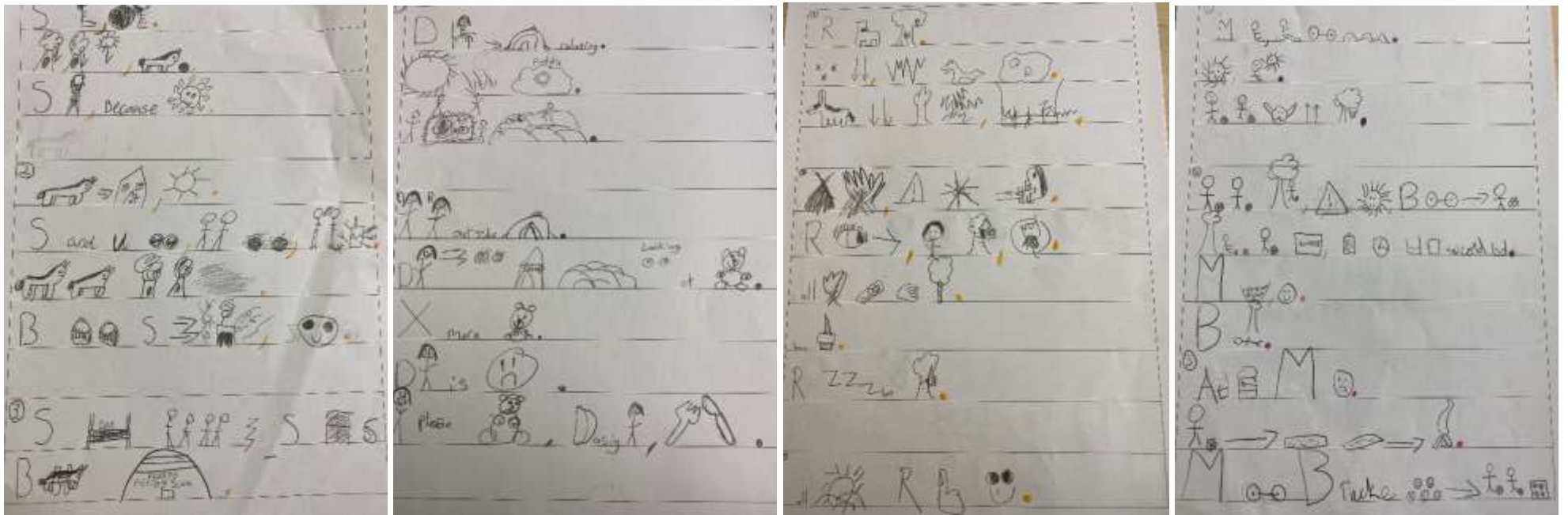
In mathematics, Year 1 have finished their unit on addition and subtraction and have started learning about shape. This week they have been identifying and naming 3D shapes and have been sorting them into groups. Year 2 have also finished their unit on addition and subtraction. They have also been using their knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve word problems and missing number problems.

In science, the children have continued learning about the four seasons. This week, our focus was summer. We began by discussing the weather during summer before designing and labelling outfits that we would wear during summer and winter.



Kestrel

In English this week the children began looking at the toolkit for dilemma stories and thinking about the different ways they can build tension and excitement within their writing. They identified all of these different features in their focus text 'Trust'. The children they have then planned their own innovated version of Trust and have created text maps for these.



In mathematics, Dolphins have been adding and subtracting 1s from 2 digit numbers and also adding numbers by making 10. Nemos have finished their unit of addition and subtraction by looking at using the inverse to check their answers and also looking at questions where they need to make their own decision as to the calculation they need to do in order to find the answer. They have also begun the next unit of work, multiplication and division, by looking at equal groups and arrays. Frogs have continued their unit of work on multiplication and division by looking at the 7, 11 and 12 times tables and related division facts.

In science this week the children have begun learning about nutrition labels and what the different information means. They have looked at different examples and have used the information to decide whether the food is a healthy option or whether it should be an occasional treat.

Osprey

What an exciting week we have had in Osprey Class! On Monday we met on the Common, dressed in our evacuee costumes again and pretended we were looking for houses to stay in, after being evacuated from the city of London. We learnt lots of interesting facts about the houses and the village during WW2. Fortunately the residents of the village were very kind and all evacuees were given shelter for their stay in Ibstone. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, although they did comment on how tired they were and the amount of walking they would have to do, if they really did live in the village in WW2. They also enjoyed their 1940s PT session in the afternoon, including the skipping and press-ups, even if their muscles did ache! In addition, we have been getting "In the Mood" by listening to music from the WW2 era, including Polish and German songs.

We are still enjoying reading our class book, "The Silver Sword", and are always adding new words to our word wall. Just a few words we have added this week are: poignantly, commandeer, vigilance and endure. We have also learnt a new polish word after each reading session, thanks to Natasha.

We are now using all the knowledge we have learnt and used our experiences of the last few weeks to start writing our WW2 time shift stories, we look forward to finishing them next week.



In other news:

Time Keeping

Thank you all for your efforts to get the children into school on time in the mornings and for collecting promptly at the end of the school day. There has been a noticeable improvement this week.

Christmas Wreath Making

There are a couple of last minute places available for Wreath Making on Monday, please email the office if you would like to attend.

Tea towels

We have taken delivery of the tea towels and these will be sent home on Monday in your child's bag.

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Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets

On Monday you will receive an envelope containing 5 books of raffle tickets. Please buy some for yourself and sell the rest to family and friends, there are some amazing hampers to be won! You have to be in it to win it!

If you work in an office or have loads of people you can sell to, please let us know and we can organise extra books to be sent home.

All tickets sold or unsold **MUST** be returned to school by Friday 14th December. All money and tickets should be returned to the school office.

Nativity Information

Your child should be bringing home a slip of paper that tells you what clothes they will need to wear under their nativity costume. If this hasn't made it home, please let us know! We provide the main costume. All clothes should be sent in by **Thursday 7th** in a named bag. KS2 parents, please make sure they have layers and warm clothes, it is a bit nippy on the decking!

Nativity Performances

EYFS and KS1 will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 12th December at 2pm at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone. There is enough space in the church for all children to have two grownups come to see the performance. If you think you need more than two spaces, please get in touch via the school office. Younger siblings are welcome, we just ask that you sit near the back and take them out of the performance if they are being too noisy.

KS2 will perform their Nativity on Thursday 14th December at 6pm. Please could all children be back onsite by 5.40pm at the latest (via the back gate). The gates will open to the audience just before 6pm. Please bring blankets and warm clothing as we will be performing on the decking. We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets are free but in order for us to know how many people to expect, please book your free tickets via iPal, there is a maximum of two tickets per family at the moment.

KS2 will also be performing again via Zoom on Friday 15th at 2pm. A Zoom link will be emailed out on Monday 11th December. Everyone is welcome to this performance and it can be from the warmth of your own home! Please share the link with family and friends.

Don't Forget...

Christmas Craft Market

Come along and support local crafters at the Craft Market this evening from 6.30pm – 9pm. It is set to be a lovely evening with lots of unique gifts for Christmas presents or for yourself!

Secrets Room

Everyone is welcome to wear their own clothes to school on Wednesday 6th December in exchange for gifts for the secrets room. Thank you for all the donations that have been sent in already!

My Santa Story

As an extra fundraiser we have these wonderful My Santa Story books available to purchase. Each one will be personalised with a photo of your child or if you are looking for them as gifts for others, you can purchase them without personalisation. If you would like to order a My Santa Story, please complete the Google Form, the link is in the newsletter email. **Orders must be placed by Wednesday 6th December.**



Have a lovely weekend!

Wrap up warm, it's set to be a cold one!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog Awards



Runner of the Week



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2023		
Fri 1 st	Christmas Craft Evening 6.30pm-9pm – School Hall	Adults only
Mon 4 th	Wreath Making 7pm – School Hall	Adults only
Wed 6 th	Mufti day for Secrets Room	Everyone
Tues 12 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS/ KS1 families
Thurs 14 th	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm	KS2 families
Fri 15 th	EYFS / KS1 visit to Norden Farm	EYFS/ KS1 only
Fri 15 th	KS2 Christmas Performance – 2pm – Zoom	Everyone
Fri 15th	Last Kites Session	Everyone
Mon 18 th	Secrets Room	Everyone
Tues 19 th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2024		
Thurs 4 th	Start of term	Everyone
February 2024		
Tues 6th	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Wed 7 th	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Thurs 8 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Fri 9 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 th	Start of term	Everyone
March 2024		
Wed 27 th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
Thurs 28 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
April 2024		
Mon 15 th	Start of term	Everyone
May 2024		
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 7 th – Fri 10 th	Proposed Y5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
Mon 11 th – Fri 17 th	KS2 SATS week	Y6 only
Fri 24 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2024		
Mon 3 rd	Start of term	Everyone
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Proposed Y6 Adventure Week	Y6 only
July 2024		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 4 th	KS2 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	KS2 families
Fri 5 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	EYFS/ KS1 families
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Mon 22 nd	Leavers' Service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	Year 6 families only
Tues 23 rd	Summer Celebration in the school garden 12.45pm End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone