

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

This week our value of the week has been LOVE. We have looked at the value of love and have all decided that it is free to give, free to receive and it never runs out. We talked about conditional and unconditional love and found out that the word love is mentioned over 300 times in the Bible. The whole school community thought about people they loved locally, in the UK and then in the wider world. It turns out that there is a lot of love at Ibstone that spreads out of school and goes around the whole world! We all thought about the ways we could show love to one another and the wider community.

As part of their learning around the room challenges, Woodland Class thought of ways they could show love. They wrote their ideas down and made them into hearts.

On Monday afternoon a group of staff and Osprey Class had some special Play Leader training with Coach Chris. He worked with the staff and children to help them develop their skills in planning and leading playground games for playtimes and lunchtimes.

Four volunteers from Osprey Class will be leading playground games at playtime and lunchtimes for anyone and everyone that would like to join in. Our play leaders have been trained to encourage children from across the school to join in and will actively seek out anyone who may be finding playtime hard. Over the course of the year Coach Chris will come back in to work with Osprey Class to develop their training and there will be regular opportunities for reflection and evaluation. A huge thank you to Chris, the staff and children for a successful first week!

On Thursday afternoon we welcomed the team from Garsington Youth Opera. They worked with our Year 4, 5 and 6 children and gave them all the opportunity to audition for a place in this year's Youth Opera. It was a fun afternoon of acting and singing and the team praised the whole group for being so amazing! Well done everyone.

In Family Time, the whole school went out to cheer on the children in our Cross Country Challenge, Osprey Class have been working with Mrs Hartigan over the past 2 weeks to put on a running event, every child had a role in the event from running, reporting, marshalling to team manager. The rest of the school were invited to be the crowd and thoroughly enjoyed cheering on the runners! Osprey Class demonstrated our school vision and values in abundance over the past two weeks and from these events, we have selected four pupils to represent the school at the County Cross Country Championships just before half term.



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Philippians 4:13

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles Nursery

This week, Pebbles have focused on the adventures of Elmer as part of their colour theme. They have enjoyed listening to Elmer stories during circle time and have practised their fine motor skills by colouring in Elmer pictures. They enjoyed making their own Elmers from milk containers using lots of runny glue and coloured tissue paper! They have also been dancing and singing and making their own music!



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have focused on the text 'Mixed'. We have used this book for Drawing Club to plan our characters, the setting and the adventure the colours would be having. The children have used their imaginations and in one adventure a giant bread popped out to give shelter so the colours would not be washed away! In phonics we have focused on the sounds ur, ow, oi, ear, and the tricky words have been my, by and all.

In mathematics we have been investigating weight finding things heavier and lighter than different objects. We have enjoyed finding the mass of objects by counting how many little bricks it would take to balance. We have explored capacity and how many objects it would take to fill different size containers. We have been impressed by the children's estimating skills!

We have found out about primary colours and enjoyed mixing these to see what secondary colours that they made. We explored this through painting, playdough and coloured water.



Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have continued looking at the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. This week they have sequenced the story using pictures and have answered questions about text. The children have also been learning how to write complex sentences using 'who' and have been learning how to make nouns plural by adding -s or -es.

In mathematics, Year 1 have started their work on addition and subtraction. This week they have been adding numbers within 20 by counting on and have been using their knowledge of number bonds within 10 to find number bonds within 20. In Year 2, the children have finished their unit on money. This week they have been using their knowledge of addition and subtraction to calculate with money and find change.

In geography, the children have continued learning about the four nations of the UK. This week, the children worked in small groups to research and make posters about one of the four nations including England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

In computing, the children designed their own Bee-Bot Adventure mats and worked in pairs to write down instructions to program their paper Bee-Bots.



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Kestrel

In English the children have written spine poems using a picture of castle ruins as a stimulus. This work will support them with their setting description in their innovated story next week as the children have to include a castle ruins in their story!

The whole class has been working incredibly hard to develop their cursive handwriting this week and have wowed us all with their progress this week! Well done Kestrel Class!

In RE this week we have been learning about Judaism, we have found out about the synagogue, the Torah, Shabbat, Kosher food and much more and over the next few weeks we will be working towards answering our big question 'How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?'

Osprey

This week in English, we used our sound scape from last week to help us write a description about a boat journey. We used our sentence starters (DADWAVER) and Alan Peat sentences to make sure that we made our writing more interesting. We are really proud of what we wrote and look forward to sharing it with you at parents' evening.

In Geography, we have been using the atlases to discover where in the world we would find some of the highest mountains. It has been really interesting researching the mountain ranges of the world, and also finding out what countries they are in. It even led to a debate about how many countries there are in the world. We didn't realise it was such a difficult question to answer.

On Thursday afternoon, we welcomed Garsington Opera into the school hall. We really enjoyed singing and performing for them and look forward to seeing them more in the summer, when they return to school for an opera workshop.

In other news:

Garsington Workshop and Auditions

We welcomed the Garsington team to school on Thursday 25th January, they were really impressed with all of the children who took part. Ms Robertson has sent out the emails from the Garsington Team. Please share this information with your child. If you did not receive an email, please let us know via the office email. The children who were part of the youth opera last year will have automatically been contacted before and so will not receive an email.

Parents Meetings

Thank you all for signing up to meet with your child's teacher/s. Confirmation emails will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

Kites Holiday Club – February Half Term

Holiday Club will be open on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February, bookings can be made via iPal.

Kites Holiday Club – Easter

If you think you will need Holiday Club during the Easter holidays, please email the school office by Thursday 8th February with your preferred dates. We need to gauge uptake before we can confirm if we will be opening over the Easter holidays.

Enjoy the weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Osprey Cross Country Runners



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Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2024		
Tues 6 th	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