

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

This week our value of the week has been COMMUNITY, we have thought about the wider community and how we can demonstrate our vision and values in the wider world. As a whole school community we talked about meeting Matt and Bill last week and how their fundraising will have an impact on a national level, we all agreed that we would like to support their fundraising efforts as a school. We will be asking all children to bring in any 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, £1 and £2 coins they can spare so that we can cover the playground in coins shaped like a Penny Farthing. The money raised will be donated to Matt's Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/penny2paris>

Matt and Bill will also be returning to school after their charity ride from Henley to Paris to talk about their adventure and share how much they have raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. We will send a separate email after half term to explain when we would like the coins sent in.



A huge congratulations to our Cross Country runners who went to compete at the Bucks County Championships held at Stowe school on Wednesday! You have made us all very proud and you have made Ibstone history by being the first team from Ibstone to compete at this event. Well done!



Weekly Round Up

Forest School

This week some of the children decided to be archaeologists, others have focused on developing their rope skills and core strength by working as a team to set up a tightrope, they had to work together to ensure the rope had no slack and was able to take the weight of someone walking across. There was some excellent problem solving in order to make it a success. Some children took time this week to develop their sawing skills and have been learning about tool safety.



Pebbles Nursery

This week, Pebbles have enjoyed taking part in lots of Chinese New Year activities, they have made bright colourful dragons and enjoyed making a dancing dragon with Ladybirds. They have been developing their fine motor skills by making playdough moon cakes, they enjoyed selling their moon cakes in Denise's Bakery. The children have been counting forwards and backwards to 5. Zog dropped in to see the children on Thursday, they enjoyed stroking him and he loved the tummy rubs!

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Ladybirds

The Ladybirds have been finding out about Chinese New Year and the different traditions that might happen at this time of year. We found out that it is the year of the Dragon and listened to the story about how each year is named after a different animal. We definitely enjoyed tasting some Chinese food. We watched some Chinese dances and then enjoyed making up our own dance. We have made our own dragon puppets. In mathematics we have continued to focus on numbers 6,7 and 8. We have explored the different ways these numbers are made up and have been learning what is the part and what is the whole. We have found out about odd and even numbers by finding pairs and making pair patterns on our 10 frame. We are also finding and making doubles up to 8. In phonics we have looked at how we can read longer words by chunking. We have been recapping on all our sounds and tricky words.



Woodland

In English, Year 1 have been enjoying Drawing Club this week to retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have been writing short sentences to act as codes to make something happen to their characters. Year 2 have been inventing their own finding tales. The children started the week by planning their finding tales before writing them independently using the key features that we have learnt this term.

In mathematics, Year 1 have continued learning about addition and subtraction. This week they have been focusing on subtraction and have been using different methods to solve subtraction problems such as counting back on a number line. Year 2 continued learning about multiplication. This week the children were introduced to the multiplication symbol and have been learning how to write multiplication number sentences.

In science, the children took part in a germ investigation to learn about the importance of hand washing. We started our lesson by looking at how germs can be passed onto one another by shaking hands with someone who had paint on their theirs. We then set up our germ investigation by filling a bowl with water and pepper. The children then took it in turns to put soapy fingers into the bowl and were amazed to see that the pepper moved away from the soap.



Kestrel

This week in English, the children have begun gathering information and then planning a newspaper report. They are travelling back in time to write a newspaper article that would have been published in 79AD when Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the city of Pompeii. Some children even interviewed each other to gather eyewitness statements.

In mathematics this week, Nemos and Frogs have started their unit of work on length and perimeter. Nemos have been looking at cm and mm and Frogs have been looking at km and m and have started to convert between them.

To finish our RE topic on Judaism, we had the chance to try parsley and salt water and matzos. The children were very good at remembering why these were important to Jewish people and could explain why they felt it was important for Jewish people to follow God's rules.



In swimming the children enjoyed a game of water polo. I was really impressed with the children's confidence in the water while they were playing and also their team spirit. At the end everyone showed courage by jumping in at the deep end and then swimming the whole length of the pool.



Osprey

This week we have finished our third-class book of the year, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. We thoroughly enjoyed it and some of the class have even rated it as their favourite class book ever! That is impressive! We are now looking forward to our new book next half term – *Brightstorm* – it definitely looks exciting.

In English we have written a description of what the man in the Arrival saw as he walked through a very unusual market. We then edited our work and chose our favourite paragraph to write up in neat. We also enjoyed sketching a picture of the man and all the curious things that he saw along the way.

We have nearly finished our Mountains topic in Geography, and this week we looked at the features of a mountain. After the holidays we will be researching how different mountains are actually formed, before moving on to our other subject of "Rivers."

In the half term holiday, please do remember to stock up on stationary, as we have obviously done so much work this term, that some children have already run out of ink and are in need of new pens. Enjoy your break and remember to keep reading!

In other news:

Friday Finish Time – KS2 Important Information

On Fridays we always end the day with Worship so that we end the week together. After half term, we will be moving the end of the day collection time for KS2 to 3.15pm on a Friday. This is only on a Friday and means that the whole school will leave together after Worship.

Kites Holiday Club – Easter

Thank you to those who emailed the office regarding Easter Holiday Club. We will only be opening on Monday 8th and Tuesday 8th April. Please book via iPal.

Childhood illnesses and how to get help meeting

Ronnie and Liz from the Stokenchurch Medical Centre will be coming to school on Wednesday 6th March for a parents information session which will last approximately 30mins. Please complete the Google Form to let us know if you are able to attend and what time works best for you. You do not need to be registered at the Stokenchurch Medical Centre to attend, this is a meeting for all parents/ carers/ grandparents etc.

Google Form link : <https://forms.gle/SL79Uxai2LAzWSWf7>

Have a great half term!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2024		
Mon 19 th	Start of term	Everyone
March 2024		
Wed 6 th	Parent Session with Ronnie & Liz from Stokenchurch Medical Centre	Everyone
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 13 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