

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

What a week! Rain, wind, power cuts, a mystery illness that has hit 27% of our school community and more rain! We are sending all the children and staff who are unwell at the moment, lots of love and well wishes, we hope to see you next week!

On the topic of illness, we are looking forward to welcoming Ronnie and Liz from the Stokenchurch Medical Centre to school on Wednesday 6th March at 9am. This is an information session for all parents, carers, grandparents, neighbours who are able to join us, they will be talking about childhood illnesses and the new Pharmacy First service. Please do come along if you are able to, the back gate will be open from just before 9am until 9am, there will be refreshments available! We anticipate that the session will last until 9.30am and there will be time for questions.

In Worship this week we have continued to think about Spirituality and continued finding out about kintsugi. On Tuesday, one of Mr Long's family heirlooms had a little accident in the hall!



As we have been finding out, sometimes pots can crack and break, just like sometimes things can happen that can make us feel cracked or broken. It doesn't mean that we have to throw the broken pot away or give up, we can fill and mend the gaps. In the case of the bowl, we used golden glue to repair it, it looks different but has a new beauty and can continue to be used. Christians believe whatever happens to them in life, God is with them. God can fill and mend the gaps and put people back together. Spirituality is like that golden glue. We have talked about how Ibstone has its own Ibstone glue that helps and nurtures us all, a bit like that golden glue too!

As part of our worship, the school community was invited to join in with a prayer which has resonated with me all week....

**May God grant to our world the golden glue of peace, hope and truth.
And make our school a place of love where cracks can be made into something beautiful.
Amen**

In Family Time today the children continued to think about ways to support one another and the wider community. They have all made positive affirmation cards to bring home to give to someone.

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!

Be kind to yourself - you are unique and wonderful!

You are an inspiration!

Weekly Round Up

Forest School

This week most groups have been having fun in the rain! There have also been lots of opportunities for practising the 3 times tables while setting up for snack. Some children have been learning how to tie quick release knots when den building!



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Pebbles Nursery

This week Pebbles have been missing lots of their friends! The children who have been in have enjoyed celebrating a birthday, achieving new things such as riding one of the big scooters for the first time!

Pebbles have been working with Ladybirds to build an amazing hotel for the cars to live in, they have used bricks to make ramps to help the cars move from one level to another. They have also enjoyed making dinosaur fossils which were then hidden around the garden, they had to be great explorers using magnifying glasses to find the hidden fossils. The highlight of the week was making dinosaur poo ... which was very smelly!



Ladybirds

It has been a very quiet week in Ladybirds with so many children being off school poorly, but hopefully all are on the mend and we can't wait to see you back! We have continued with our theme on dinosaurs; we heard all about Mary Anning who was a famous fossil hunter a very long time ago. We found out about fossils and had a go at making our own. It was fun pretending we were fossil hunters searching for the fossils. We then tried to match the fossil to the correct dinosaur. We enjoyed looking at real fossils and the patterns they make in the rocks. We loved having a go at making dinosaur poo!

We have used clay to make our own dinosaur model. In mathematics the focus has been on height and measuring using non-standard measures. We have thought about time and all the things we can do in a minute. We have also been learning the days of the week. In phonics the focus has been on longer words and double letters and recapping all our sounds.



Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have continued looking at 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. This week, the children have been learning how to use question marks and have written a list of questions to ask the Gruffalo. They have also been writing character descriptions using interesting adjectives and expanded noun phrases.

In mathematics, Year 1 have continued learning about place value within 50. This week they have been building and partitioning numbers within 50 and have been estimating on a number line. In Year 2, the children have continued learning about multiplication and division. This week they have been identifying odd and even numbers and have been using their knowledge of the 10 times table to solve multiplication and division problems.

In geography, the children have been learning about compass points. They enjoyed going outside to look at the compass painted on the school playground and used this to play a game of North, South, East, West. The children then used their knowledge of compass points to describe the location of buildings around our school using their maps from last week.

In DT, the children were very excited to start building their windmills. This week our focus was the structure. We first talked about how we could make a strong structure using a paper cup and some playdough. After sticking on the playdough, the children then made holes ready to attach their sails.



Kestrel

In English this week, we have continued to learn the story of Adventure at Sandy Cove using the text map. The children have then summarised the key events in the story by creating a comic strip. We finished the week by looking at diary writing and the children wrote a diary entry from the point of view of one of the main characters.

In mathematics Nemos have been converting between m and cm and cm and mm. They have then used their knowledge to compare lengths, add lengths and subtract lengths. Frogs have finished their unit of work on length and perimeter by finding the perimeter of regular and irregular polygons. They have then started their unit of work on fractions by looking at the whole.

On Thursday afternoon, the children had an interesting afternoon learning all about leap years, why we have leap years, when they occur and some leap day traditions. We are lucky enough to have a 'leapling' (someone who is born on 29th February) in our class so they shared when they celebrate their birthday in non-leap years. The children then thought about some of their favourite things now and then thought ahead to 2028, the next leap year, and wrote about what they hope to be doing then and what they would like to have achieved within the next four years.

Osprey

In mathematics, the Rivers group have begun looking at the relationship between fractions and decimals, whilst The Counties maths group has been consolidating their work on fractions. The Mountains group have started their new topic of area and perimeter.

In English, we have been recapping our formal letter knowledge, and have written a letter of application from the two main characters in Brightstorm, Maudie and Arthur.

We have started our new Rivers' topic in Geography, this week. We reminded ourselves about the water cycle and how important it is for our world. We have enjoyed using our atlases to be able to locate rivers within the UK and throughout the world. We also enjoyed being able to choose how we presented our World River information, that we had found on the internet (whilst thinking carefully about E-Safety).

In Forest school we have been making shelters to be able to keep us dry in this wet weather. We used tarpaulin, crates and ropes to secure them together.



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In other news:

Mothers' Day Service

There is a Mothers' Day Service at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone at 10am on Sunday 10th March. The children will be making posies that will be given out in the service.

Kites Holiday Club – Easter

Bookings are now open for Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th April, please make sure you have booked by Friday 15th March as to date there are no bookings for Holiday Club.

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March, as we like to celebrate this special day properly, we are moving it to Friday 8th March. We are inviting the children to dress in comfy cosy clothes for the day so that they can enjoy stories throughout the day. If your child is desperate to dress up, they are welcome to, however, there is no need to go out and buy a costume.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

We are inviting the whole school community to come in their own clothes to help raise money for Comic Relief. We have set up an Ibstone justgiving page for your donations.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-ibstone-cofe-primary-school-b8ff9c9a-eb51-423c-b031-043a786d9da2?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-ibstone-cofe-primary-school-b8ff9c9a-eb51-423c-b031-043a786d9da2&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=086b7cdb4a9b4e2aa74adc8f8455fecc



The theme is Red to Toe, so, if you like a challenge, we would love to see as much red as possible...from head to toe!

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2024		
Wed 6 th	Parent Session with Ronnie & Liz from Stokenchurch Medical Centre	Everyone
Fri 8 th	World Book Day Celebrations	Everyone
Sunday 10 th	Mothers Day Service – St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	Everyone
Fri 15 th	Red Nose Day	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

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2024 – 2025 Term Dates		
2024-2025	Start of Term	End of Term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024 (1.30pm)
Spring	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025 (1.30pm)
Summer	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025 (1.30pm)

Headteacher Awards



Family Time Awards

