

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been lovely to see the vast majority of our school community back in school this week! Let's hope that we can finish the term on a healthy note! Thank you to everyone who came along on Wednesday morning to meet Ronnie and Liz from Stokenchurch Medical Centre, for those of you who were unable to attend, the information leaflet Ronnie handed out will be attached to the main newsletter email.

The children have really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day today, there were lots of happy faces in their comfy, cosy clothes and lots of happy faces in costumes.



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Even Zog enjoyed being part of World Book Day!



In Family Time the children have enjoyed sharing books together and celebrating a love of reading! They also took time to make some wonderful posies for the Mothering Sunday service on Sunday at 10am. It would be lovely if you could join us.



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Weekly Round Up

Forest School

It had been another busy week in Forest School, some of the children have been identifying plants, Woodland Class have been building bridges by learning to layer lengths of wood, they had lots of fun testing the bridge. They have also been using ropes to pull themselves up the tree. Osprey Class set up a Forest School Band and set about band practice. Ladybirds have had a lot of fun making an obstacle course!



Pebbles Nursery

This week Pebbles have joined in with the Buckinghamshire Early Years' Communication Week, their days have been filled with poetry, singing, reading and lots of activities to encourage them to CHAT! They have enjoyed listening to the story 'Are you a Monster?', singing the noisy monster song and making their own monster pictures using loose parts. These all sparked wonderful conversations.

Pebbles have also been using puppets to put on puppet shows, mark making in the garden and making play telephones out of paper cups and string. They all enjoyed the teddy bears' picnic and playing party games.

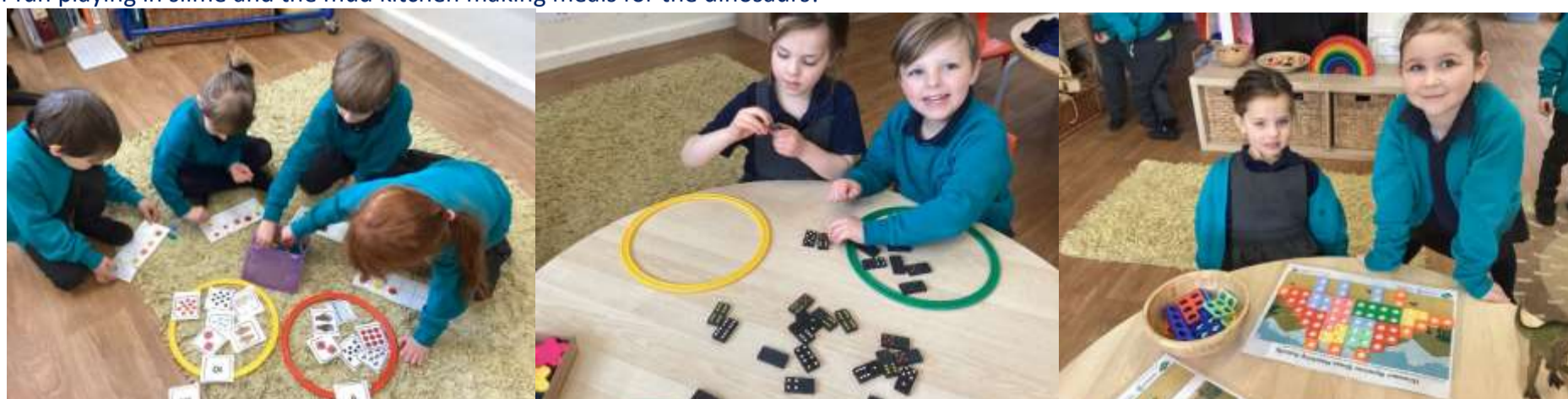
The highlight of the week was listening to the story 'The Blue Balloon' which was brought to life with a real blue balloon!



Ladybirds

It has been lovely to see all the children back and feeling better. This week we have continued our dinosaur theme. We have a new text in Talk 4 Writing and the children have been learning a story The Little Green Dinosaur by heart. The hook into the story started with searching the garden for all the lost dinosaurs, after they were safely collected we listened to our focus text about a lost dinosaur. The story map will be available on Google Classroom to practise at home. In maths we have been building numbers 9 and 10; we have had lots of practical experience of counting and sorting numbers fewer and more than.

In phonics we have continued to read longer words by chunking them. We are recapping all sounds and working on tricky words. We have continued to have lots of fun playing in slime and the mud kitchen making meals for the dinosaurs!



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Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been innovating the Gruffalo to write their own defeat the monster tales. At the beginning of the week, the children designed a new monster character and wrote some rhyming sentences to describe its features. There were stinkalos, tuskalos, and slimealos! The children then planned the rest of their stories by changing the woodland creatures before writing their own versions with a focus on the using adjectives, question marks and contractions.

In mathematics, Year 1 have started their unit on length and height. The children have enjoyed measuring a range of classroom objects using cubes and even had a competition to see who could build the tallest tower. In Year 2, the children have finished their unit on multiplication and division. This week they have been learning about the 5- times table and have looked at similarities between the 5- and 10-times tables.

In geography, the children have been learning about amenities within in our local community. We looked at some of the key places in Ibstone including St Nicholas' Church and our school. The children then completed a class survey to vote which amenity they thought was the most important. They then created a bar graph to show the results of the survey.

In science, the children have been learning to identify the offspring and parent of an animal. We discussed how most animals inherit features from their parents but some animals like a butterfly can look very different from their offspring.



Kestrel

In English this week, the children have continued with activities based on our story 'Adventure at Sandy Cove'. They have completed a reading comprehension, where we focused on sequencing and short answer questions, and they also did an accurate write of the story. The children have also completed some activities to celebrate World Book Day. They took part in a book scavenger hunt - they had to find different things in books (e.g. a word you don't know the meaning of, a sentence that should be shouted or whispered, a surprising event). The children also designed new front covers for one of their favourite books.

In mathematics Nemos have been learning all about perimeter. They have been measuring shapes to find the perimeter and also calculating the perimeter when they already know the lengths of some or all of the sides. Frogs have continued their unit of work on fractions and have been learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions.

In geography this week, we continued to look at the impact that volcanoes can have on peoples lives. We recapped the advantages and disadvantages, and thought about ranking them from the best advantage to the worst disadvantage.

In science we have finished our unit of work by recapping what we have learnt this term about nutrition, skeletons and muscles.

In PSHE the children discussed how sometimes things happen so plans have to change and they may have to deal with disappointment and show resilience. They worked in groups to role play different scenarios; thinking about what they might have to do if they were in those situations.

During their swimming lessons this week, the children learnt all about water safety. They had to bring in some pyjamas to wear so that they could experience what it would be like to fall into water in their clothes and have to swim to safety. While each child was swimming everyone else sat on the side kicking their legs to mimic a tide/current, the children found that it was much harder to swim during these conditions. They also learnt what to do if they found someone in trouble in water.



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Osprey

This week we have been enjoying researching more about rivers. We found out about the features of a river and really enjoyed presenting the information in our own way – showing what good independent learners we are!

In English we are looking at suspense writing and thinking about how we can put suspense and tension into our own work. We will be using all the ideas to write a chapter full of suspense, based on our class book, Brightstorm. Whilst reading Brightstorm this week, we have been using the dictionaries a lot and have added even more words to our Word Wall.

In mathematics, the Mountains group have just finished their topic all about perimeter, area and volume. Rivers and Counties have continued their work on fractions and decimals.



In other news:

Late Arrivals/ Early Collection

From Monday 11th March, children who arrive after 8.45am will need to be signed in via the iPad system in the office. If children are collected early, they will also need to be signed out via the iPad system. This is to ensure that in the case of an emergency evacuation, everyone can be accounted for very quickly.

Mothers' Day Service

We look forward to seeing you at the service on Sunday at 10am at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone.

Wednesday 27th March

We will be walking the Three Churches Pilgrimage as part of our Easter Celebrations. Children will need to wear school uniform but should have comfy walking boots/shoes to wear. We will set off at 9am and should return by lunch time. Pebbles Nursery children will be staying at school for some exciting Easter Activities. During the walk we will visit three local churches and will stop for refreshments at St Bartholomew, Fingest.

Kites Holiday Club – Easter

Bookings are now open for Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th April, thank you to those who have booked. We can confirm that we will definitely be open on Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th April.

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=pf-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		
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	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	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

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)



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Headteacher Awards



Runners of the Week



Family Time Awards



Zog the Dog Award



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