

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and had the opportunity to relax and make some great memories. The children have all been excited to be back in school and we have welcomed four new children to the Ibstone family this week, they have all settled in well and in true Ibstone style, have been made to feel very welcome by the whole school community.

We enjoyed welcoming Danny back to school on Monday to take group photos, the weather threw all sorts at us, including some impressive hailstones! The proofs will be sent out as soon as we have them.

There was a lot of excitement on Monday as the minibus arrived! The children enjoyed their first trip up to the common and back! Hopefully the school branding will be on the bus in the next week or so and we will share more photos then! There are a few trips planned already and I know the Year 5 children are looking forward to Adventure Week in May!



In Worship this week we have been finding out about Paul's letter to the Philippians. It is a letter written by Saint Paul to the church community in Philippi. People from Philippi were called Philippians. Philippians is the 50th book of the Christian Bible. It is the 11th Book of the New Testament. He wrote the letter while he was in prison in Rome. Paul explains that he was imprisoned for preaching the gospel. In his letter Paul writes about several themes, joy, confidence, unity, and perseverance. Paul encourages the believers to keep growing in their faith, even though some of them were arguing. He describes what growing in faith would be like. Paul asks the Philippians to be humble just like Jesus is.

Our school vision is rooted in the Bible verse that comes from Philippians 4:13

Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.

We chose this version of the passage so that it is fully inclusive, the One can be whoever or whatever you need it to be, God, Allah, Ibstone or in its simplest form a parent, teacher or friend.

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles Nursery

The children were all very happy to be back at Nursery after the holidays. This week we have enjoyed lots of exciting stories, our favourite this week has been Lullabyhullabaloo! A story about a princess who can't sleep because of all of the noise happening outside the castle. The children have had a wonderful time adding music and signing to the story and have really enjoyed singing and playing instruments to enhance their song 'What's that noisy noise?'

Outside the children have been playing the floor is lava and have used lots of skills to balance along the shapes' path, they have had lots of fun spotting 2D shapes. They have practised their mark making skills by painting the school with water and have developed their gross motorskills during a PE session on the playground.



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Ladybirds

It has been lovely to see the children back in school and hearing all about their fun that they had over the Easter holidays. Our Fairy Tales topic has started with a focus on the Gingerbread Man. On Monday after Worship, the children came back to the classroom to find a mess of flour, foot prints and a few clues. They had to work out what our story was going to be, after realising that the Gingerbread Man had run away the children set to work to make some wanted posters and we then went on a hunt for the Gingerbread Man. Across the week the children have listened to the story and have started to learn the story using a story map. We enjoyed taking turns hot seating with the children taking on different characters. We have explored what the character of the fox was like and have written a description matched to our drawing.



We have also had fun making salt dough Gingerbread Men and painting characters from the story.

In mathematics we have continued with 3D shapes learning the names and describing the properties. We had fun going out on a 3D shape hunt all around the school; we found lots of cylinders and cuboids but not so many pyramids. We have also looked at repeating patterns, continuing patterns and making our own.

In phonics our new tricky words are; said, so, have, & like.

Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have started learning their Talk 4 Writing story 'Traction Man'. This week, the children have been familiarising themselves with the text by making predictions and learning the story off-by-heart. They have also explored interesting vocabulary within the story and have used this to write an observational list poem about a toy shop.

In mathematics, Year 1 have started their unit on multiplication and division. This week they have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s up to 50 and have been identifying equal and unequal groups. Year 2 have been learning about volume and capacity. This week they have been learning how to measure using millilitres and litres and have used the four operations to solve problems.

In art, the children have been exploring the element of line. This week they have been experimenting with a range of materials to create different types of line. They have also used their observational skills to talk about and recreate a piece of artwork.



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In RE, the children have been learning about the word 'belonging' and what it means to belong. We talked about having a sense of belonging in our classroom and discussed ways we could help others feel like they belong. The children then enjoyed playing parachute games to work as part of a team and drew pictures of a special place where they felt a sense of belonging.



Kestrel

In English this week, the children have begun to look at the story 'Elf Road'. We discussed how it is a portal story and shared ideas of films and books that we are familiar with that are also portal stories. The children thought about how they would feel if they stepped through a portal into another world. Most children decided it would be exciting but also quite scary! We have started to retell the story using the text map and also shared our opinions of the story.

In mathematics Nemos have started a new unit of work on mass and capacity. This week they have been looking at reading different scales in both grams and kilograms. They have also been calculating equivalent masses and comparing masses. Frogs have continued with their work on decimals. This week we have been focusing on tenths and dividing 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10.

We have also started off our 'Create' unit for this term. The children will be focusing on portraits and also photography. The children began by drawing a portrait of themselves and then writing facts about themselves around it. As part of the photography element the children looked at photomontages. They used magazines to cut out parts of a face and create a face photomontage. We then looked at Chris Plowman's Metropolis: Cheese Grater City. The children then created their own photomontage cityscape using photos of either toys, kitchen appliances, garden items or beauty items.



Osprey

This week in English, we have begun looking at our new picture books. We started by sharing the beginning of a book called "Ice Trap", which the children soon realised had similarities to our class book from last term, "Brightstorm". It is in fact the true story of Ernest Shackleton and his quest to reach the South Pole, this story was the inspiration for the book written by Vashti Hardy.

We also introduced our new create topic, by looking at our Big Question: What do we treasure most? We have started to think about the question and began asking our own questions to help us have a deeper understanding of the overall concept. We have also been learning all about rationing in WWII and how people thought a lot about the slogan, "Make Do and Mend", by reusing their old clothes, that have been treasured and we have begun repurposing some of the old clothes, by designing a lavender bag. In addition, we have been practising the stitching techniques that we might use in our sewing project.



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In mathematics we have been thinking about the meaning of the words: radius, diameter and circumference. We then took our learning further in Forest school, by investigating the circumference of the trees in the woods opposite school.

In RE we have been looking at our big question for this half term: Does belief in the Trinity help Christians make better sense of God as a whole?

We began by looking at the Christian belief of the Trinity of God: there is one God who is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We used playdough to explore the concept of the Trinity further – we had one piece of playdough and made 3 different things from it that we feel represent us, and described these to a friend. We were introduced to the word ‘consubstantial’ meaning of the same substance or essence. We also looked at 3 different candles, all lit from the same flame and how the flame was consubstantial, just as God is consubstantial.



In other news:

PTA Meeting – Thursday 2nd May – 7pm

A welcome from our new PTA chair – Stephanie Bird

Teamwork makes the dream work!

At Ibstone, fostering Community is at the heart of our values. The PTA is dedicated to integrating Ibstone into the broader community by organising events that extend beyond the school. Mrs. Long spearheaded an exceptional fundraising campaign to acquire the School Minibus. Now, it's time to replenish the PTA funds. Our goal is to have a PTA representative from each year group.

We would welcome your assistance, ideas, and feedback. Our next fundraising opportunity is the **Tea Tent at the Marlow May Fayre**, scheduled for **Saturday 11th May**. If you are able to volunteer your time or donate baked goods, we would be extremely grateful.

Please join us at the next **PTA meeting - 7pm on Thursday 2nd May** in the school hall, refreshments will be provided!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
April 2024		
Tues 30 th	Kestrel Class Trip – information sent 18/04/24	Kestrel Class
May 2024		
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 7 th – Fri 10 th	Y5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
Sat 11th	Marlow May Fayre, Higginson Park	Everyone
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	KS2 SATS week	Y6 only
Thurs 16 th	Y5 Bikeability – information sent 15/04/24	Y5 only
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th	Y6 Bikeability – information sent 15/04/24	Y6 only
Fri 24 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2024		
Mon 3 rd	Start of term	Everyone
Wed 5 th	Osprey Class Trip – more information to follow	Osprey Class
Thurs 6 th	Woodland Class Trip – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Wed 12 th	Reception Vision Check	Ladybirds only
Thurs 13 th	Garsington Workshop	Osprey Class
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 8 th	Ladybirds Trip – more information to follow	Ladybirds
Wed 10 th July	Osprey Class Trip am only – more information to follow	Osprey Class
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Pebbles Nursery finishes 12pm	Pebbles
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

Headteacher Awards



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Zog the Dog Awards



Family Time Awards



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Worship Leaders



Ambassadors



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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)