

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you all for your patience with the email system, it is finally resolved and hopefully everyone will receive the newsletter at the same time this week!

During the first week of term, we took some time to evaluate Worship with the children, they were asked what works well and what could be made better, from these discussions we have made some changes to Worship across the week. Moving forward we will have a focus value of the week (rather than a value each day), the children felt this would allow them to explore the value in greater depth and help them to understand our school vision. This week our value was Courage.

The whole school community thought about what the word courage meant to them and they were asked who they thought about when they heard the word courage. We talked about times where we had shown courage and explained how we could demonstrate it in and out of school. We had some real life examples of courage in action this week too, this little visitor had made itself very comfortable on a shelf in Woodland Class. It took some courage and a lot of perseverance to catch it!



We had several surprise visitors in school this week, Mrs Camden came in on Tuesday afternoon, it was lovely to see her and I know the children were excited to see her. Mr Lacey, Alison and Eleanor also popped in to say hello to Kestrel and Osprey Class, it was lovely to see them all



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Weekly Round Up

Ladybirds

In Ladybirds, we have started our first topic... Marvellous Me! We enjoyed listening to the story of Perfectly Norman and designed our own wings. We have also started our phonics sessions and our focus has been on the phonemes s, a, t, and p. The children have learnt the phoneme and have looked at the correct letter formation; with a formation phrase to help. A home learning sheet for these phonemes will be shared on Google Classroom, your child's login details and 'a how to' sheet will be sent home in bookbags tonight. In maths we have been working on our sorting skills and making sets of different objects, for example a set of heart shaped buttons, sorting into coloured groups.



The children enjoyed creating their own self portrait masterpieces, they looked very carefully at their features using mirrors. We have used natural objects to also create different faces. We have also enjoyed sharing our first reading book and telling our own stories. In our circle time we take time to practise our breathing and enjoy a calm time exploring our feelings.

Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been learning the story 'Augustus and His Smile' by Catherine Rayner. They have been learning to retell the story using actions and have worked in groups to create freeze frames of their favourite parts of the story.

In maths the children have been learning about place value. Year 1 have been practising their counting forwards and backwards within 10 and Year 2 have been learning how to flexibly partition numbers to 100.

In science, we have been learning about our senses. This week we explored our sense of sight by creating some observational drawings of natural objects. In history, the children have been learning about Florence Nightingale and have created a timeline of significant events in her life.



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Kestrel

Kestrel Class have continued to focus on their text *Stone Age Boy*. They have carried on learning and retelling the story using the text map. The children have also completed a piece of writing from the perspective of the stone age girl, thinking about how she would have felt and what she would have been thinking when a modern day boy appeared in her village. They also continue their work on apostrophes, this week looking at how apostrophes are used to show possession.

They are enjoying their class book - *Stig of the Dump*. This week they created graphs to show how Barney's thoughts about Stig and whether he was real or whether he had imagined him changed throughout the chapter.

In maths all children have continued their unit of work on place value and have been look at partitioning numbers. Year 4 have been partitioning numbers into 1000s, 100s, 10s and 1s and Year 3 have been partitioning into 100s, 10s and 1s.

In history the children began thinking about how the Stone Age people survived. They thought about the different tools they might have used, whether hunting was easy and the different ways they used animals to help them survive. They then created Stone Age survival kits, these included a variety of different objects/tools that would have helped them if they were living in the Stone Age.

In science they have continued look at different forces and have been thinking about whether they are a contact or non-contact force. They have also started thinking about the different forces that can be found around the school, they have drawn diagrams of these and have explained whether it involves contact or non-contact forces.

Osprey – written by Grace

This week in Osprey we had lots of fun! From maths to music class, everything was very enjoyable. In maths we did place value which was so fun. In topic we did fact files of the river Nile, and it was very interesting to find out new facts that we didn't know before! We did trumpet in music class, and it is such a good experience learning a new instrument. Our class book is called *Secrets Of The Sun King*- by Emma Carroll. It is a very interesting book and the main character is called Lily. We had forest school, even though it was cold! Overall the week was a very fun and a fun enjoyable week.

Osprey Class are enjoying honing their hockey skills in their PE sessions, this week they were focusing on their passing, stopping and shooting skills.



In other news:

Cross County

Cross Country Club is back from Monday 2nd October, it is open to all KS2 children and runs on Monday lunchtime from 12pm -12.30pm. Please sign your child up using iPal .

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School Photo Day

We will be welcoming Danny, our school photographer on Thursday 28th September. All children should be wearing school uniform for these photos. Children who have siblings in school will automatically have individual and family photos taken. Ladybirds should come to school in their uniform, please send their Forest School clothes, waterproofs and wellies into school in a named bag. Year 5 should come to school in their Forest School clothes, please send their school uniform in with them so they can change after their FS session. Year 6 should come to school in their school uniform with their Forest School clothes in a bag.

First Aid

This week the children had the opportunity to have a go at chest compressions and learnt how to help someone who is choking!

The next course is open to Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 and runs for 4 weeks after October half term. The children will learn a range of life saving skills and those who complete the 4 sessions will be presented with a first aid certificate.

Claire has many years' experience teaching adults and children alike and provided all staff with First Aid training during one of our INSET days in September.

If you would be interested in a Family First Aid course for parents, please register your interest by emailing the school office and include days & times that work well for you. We are looking to hold an evening or afternoon session or both for parents... First Aid and Fizz (yes refreshments will be available).

Uniform

We already have quite a selection of lost property and missing items! Lots of the uniform that has been left has not been named or still has the previous owners name in it. Please take a moment to name your child's cardigans, jumpers and PE tops, if you don't have any labels and would like some, you can help the school fundraise by ordering from My Nametags and using School ID 25626.

www.mynametags.com



Kites Holiday Club – October Half Term

If you require Holiday Club in October half term, please email the office by Monday 25th September to register your interest, if we do not have enough interest and bookings, we will have to make the difficult decision to close.

Lunches

We are now on Week 4 (which is the same as Week 2) of the menu, there is a copy of the menu at the end of the newsletter. Orders must be placed 48 hours in advance. <https://kidslunch.co.uk/lunch-order-form/>

Changes to orders must be emailed to the Kids Lunch company 48 hours in advance too.

Open Days

Please share your experiences of the school with friends and family who are looking for school places for September 2024. We no longer have set Open Days as we would rather offer prospective parents the flexibility of coming to see the school in action at a time that works for them. These tours can be booked via the office email office@ibstone.bucks.sch.uk or by calling us 01491 638281.

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2023		
Thurs 28 th	Individual School Photos	Everyone
Fri 29 th	Whole school trip to Tumblestone Hollow	All children
October 2023		
Mon 2 nd	Black History Week	Everyone
Tues 3 rd	Flu immunisations	Everyone
Fri 6 th	Family Time starts	Everyone
Tues 10 th	World Mental Health Day	Everyone
Tues 17 th	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Wed 18 th	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Fri 20 th	Harvest Service at St Nicholas – more information to follow	Everyone
Fri 20 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 30 th	Start of term	Everyone
November 2023		
Mon 13 th	World Kindness Day	Everyone
December 2023		

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Tues 12 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS/ KS1 families
Thurs 14 th	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm	KS2 families
Fri 15 th	EYFS / KS1 visit to Norden Farm	EYFS/ KS1 only
Fri 15 th	KS2 Christmas Performance – 2pm – Zoom	Everyone
Tues 19 th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2024		
Thurs 4 th	Start of term	Everyone
February 2024		
Tues 6 th	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Wed 7 th	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
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

MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>HOT 1 - Chicken Fried Rice, Salad</p> <p>HOT 2 - Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans</p> <p>HOT 3 - Jacket Potato, Tuna Mayo</p> <p>COLD 1 - Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>COLD 2 - Tuna Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>COLD 3 - Ham Sandwich</p> <p>VEGGIE 1 - N/A</p>	<p>HOT 1 - Macaroni Cheese, Peas, Sweetcorn</p> <p>HOT 2 - Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans</p> <p>HOT 3 - Jacket Potato, Coleslaw</p> <p>COLD 1 - Cheese Wrap</p> <p>COLD 2 - Salmon & Philli Wrap</p> <p>COLD 3 - Ham Wrap</p> <p>VEGGIE 1 - N/A</p>
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>HOT 1 - Sausage Bake, New Potatoes</p> <p>HOT 2 - Jacket Potato, Tuna Mayo</p> <p>HOT 3 - Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans</p> <p>COLD 1 - Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>COLD 2 - Egg Mayo Sandwich</p> <p>COLD 3 - Ham Sandwich</p> <p>VEGGIE 1 - Veggie Sausages, New Potatoes</p>	<p>HOT 1 - Mexican Chicken, Rice</p> <p>HOT 2 - Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans</p> <p>HOT 3 - Jacket Potato, Coleslaw</p> <p>COLD 1 - Cheese Bread Roll</p> <p>COLD 2 - Marmite Bread Roll</p> <p>COLD 3 - Ham Bread Roll</p> <p>VEGGIE 1 - N/A</p>
FRIDAY	SIDES
<p>HOT 1 - Hot Dogs, Corn, Salad</p> <p>HOT 2 - Jacket Potato, Cheese & Tuna</p> <p>HOT 3 - Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans</p> <p>COLD 1 - Cheese Baguette</p> <p>COLD 2 - Roast Chicken Baguette</p> <p>COLD 3 - Ham Baguette</p> <p>VEGGIE 1 - Veggie Hot Dog, Corn, Salad</p>	<p>All meals include a selection of sides that vary daily. These include items such as: Fresh fruit, Crudities, Pretzels, Rice Cakes, Salad Bowls, Fromage Frais, Summer Fruits, Snack Cheeses, Flapjacks, Mini Cakes and Biscuits. Contact us for Dairy and Gluten free alternatives.</p>

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We are a small school with a very big heart!

We offer personalised learning, small class sizes, Forest School for all year groups, beautiful surroundings and full wrap around care!



We would love to give you a tour of our school!

As this is one of the biggest decisions you make as a parent, we are very flexible and invite you to see our school in action at a time that works for you and your family. If you would like to book a tour of the school or would like more information, please contact us:

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