

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A busy week to complete a busy term! On Monday we welcomed Jamie Thomas from Talk 4 Writing who worked in Osprey Class with our Year 5 & 6 children. As always, the children were welcoming, engaged and eager to learn, Jamie was impressed with their knowledge, creativity and writing! Well done Osprey Class.

This week, I had the opportunity to teach in Kestrel Class and had lots of WOW moments as the children demonstrated all of our values as we worked together to write spine poems using this picture as our springboard. There were so many amazing ideas:

Bat like ears, twitch in anticipation.

A scorpion tail hat points to the unknown.



Battered, old, leather shoes hold the secrets of the past.

Crooked, witch fingered trees beckon in the distance.

This week in Worship we have been looking at the colours of the church year, we have a new cloth for the Worship Table, I wonder if any of the children can tell you what colour it is and what it represents? They may also be able to tell you about the other colours used in the church calendar and what these colours represent.

| Liturgical Colours & what they mean | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Purple | Red | Green | Gold | White |
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| Penance & Preparation | Sacrifice | Hope, Life & Growth | Joy & Celebration | Purity |
| Purple for preparation and getting ready for Christmas (Advent) and Easter (Lent) | Red for sacrifice Palm Sunday, Good Friday Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and Saints Days | Ordinary Time Green for growing in the Faith | Gold for special days of celebration such as Christmas Day, Epiphany and Easter Sunday | Used in the seasons of Christmas and Easter and for All Saints Day |

It was lovely to see Reverend Mark back in school after his holiday, he bought an array of colours with him and taught us about his 'uniform'. We found out about all the different aspects of clerical clothing such as cassocks, surplices, stoles, vestments and chasubles. Reverend Mark told us about when he wears each piece of clothing and showed us his favourite waistcoat which depicts a very familiar Bible story!



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On Thursday and Friday, we welcomed Karen, Alan and Ian from Spokes. They were here to deliver the Level 2 Bikeability course to most of our Osprey Class. The children have been cycling for miles up and down the Ibstone Road learning about how to cycle safely on single-lane roads with junctions and core functions for safe and responsible cycling. Well done to all those who took part, you listened carefully and made great progress!



Weekly Round Up

Pebbles Nursery

The children have been using their amazing imagination this week! They have been making picnics to take to the beach, they even had the opportunity to swim with sharks and whales! Unfortunately, one swimmer got into difficulty and needed rescuing!

They all enjoyed singing number songs, especially '10 in the bed' and used the finger puppets to help count backwards until there was only the little one left! There has also been lots of painting, colouring and art activities!



Ladybirds

This week we have enjoyed listening to Jack and the Beanstalk. We used Drawing Club to retell the story and everyone had a go at writing their own version. The children all thought of their own versions such as Jack climbing a giant sunflower or writing the story from the cows and mums' point of view. We have used small world to retell and the children enjoyed making their own masks to act out the story. Everyone had the chance to plant a bean and we can't wait to see our beanstalks to grow.

In mathematics the focus has been on shapes within shapes, we enjoyed exploring the different shapes we could make with triangles; including a challenge to show who could make the biggest triangle. We used pattern blocks to fill triangles, we all really persevered with this. Everyone has enjoyed making tangram pictures and practising counting.

In phonics we have had a week of practising tricky words, the phonemes we have learnt this half term and reading longer words. The children have also been working really hard to form their letters correctly!



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Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing fact files about Victorian toys. The children worked in small groups to research Victorian toys using a range of sources. They then used this information to write their fact files and have been using conjunctions to extend their sentences to add more detail.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been describing the position of objects using the language left, right, forwards, backwards, above and below. Year 2 have started their unit on time and have been learning how to tell the time on an analogue clock. This week they have looked at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

In art, the children have explored block printing through the Victorian artist William Morris. The children began by looking at pictures of Morris' work and described what they liked or disliked about it. The children then enjoyed making their own block print by sketching a plant design onto a polystyrene tile. They then coloured their tile in with felt tip pen before spraying it with water and printing it onto paper. Here are some of our wonderful prints...



In science, the children enjoyed investigating waterproof materials. The children learnt about Charles Macintosh and how he invented the waterproof material used for Mackintosh coats. They then took part in an experiment to test which materials were most waterproof out of tissue, foil, paper and plastic bag.

Kestrel Class

After creating their spine poems with Mrs Long, the children were then inspired to use the descriptive sentences from their spine poem to describe the character and start to suggest what might happen to them in the story. They all successfully wrote the opening of a story.

In mathematics, Nemos have begun a unit of work on time. They started at looking at roman numerals and have then been recapping telling the time to o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. They have then begun learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Frogs have also begun a unit of working on time. They have been focusing on years, months and weeks and also hours, minutes and seconds; they have been converting between these different units of time.

In art this week, the children took advantage of a dry afternoon and went outside to do some pencil sketching of the school and its surroundings. The children could choose which aspect they wanted to draw and took time to include detail and add some shading.



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Osprey Class

Another busy week in Osprey class, this week, finishing a lot of our projects before the holidays.

In art, we finished our collages inspired by the artist Megan Coyle. We have really enjoyed doing them, but we didn't realise how hard it would be to tear up so much paper. We are definitely proud of our final products. We also finished our class bunting this week, it will look great in the Osprey classroom.

In English, we wrote another suspense story, this time it was based on the story Zelda Claw. We really enjoyed letting our imagination go. In mathematics, the Rivers group have been working on perimeter. The Counties group have been working on data handling and the Mountains group have begun a project on planning a family holiday.



In other news:

Half Termly Attendance Data

You should have received a copy of your child's attendance data today. If this hasn't made it home to you, please get in touch. For anyone who was away, the data sheet will be sent home during the first week back.

Attendance on the sheet is shown as a percentage. We are aiming for all children to be in school everyday, however, we understand that children get ill and need time off to get better. The sheets you have been sent have the attendance percentage highlighted for you. If it is **green**, keep up the great work! If it is highlighted in **orange**, this means that there are concerns about your child's attendance. If it is in **pink** then we are very concerned and this amount of absence will be having a negative impact on your child's education.



Kites Holiday Club

Holiday Club will be open on Tuesday 28th May, there are still spaces available if you find yourself needing childcare. Please book via iPal.

Have an amazing half term!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog Award



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Family Time Awards



Diary Dates

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

| Date | Occasion | Who? |
|---|--|----------------------|
| June 2024 | | |
| Mon 3 rd | Start of term | Everyone |
| Tues 4 th | Garsington Infant Company Rehearsals start 4pm-5pm | Infant Company |
| Wed 5 th | Osprey Class Trip – information sent 15/4/24 | Osprey Class |
| Wed 5 th | Year 2 Swimming starts - information sent 15/4/24 | Year 2 only |
| Thurs 6 th | Woodland Class Trip – information sent 15/4/24 | 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 – letter sent 10/5/24 | 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 |
| Fri 5 th | Pebbles Nursery Sports Morning 11am – Ibstone Common | Pebbles families |
| Mon 8 th | Ladybirds Trip – more information to follow | Ladybirds |
| Wed 10 th | 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 |

| 2024 – 2025 Term Dates | | |
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| 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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