

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The school rhubarb has flourished again this year we have already harvested a bumper crop of rhubarb! Ladybirds enjoyed using their muscles to pick a stem each!



This week in Worship we have been talking about Respect, how we earn it, show it and how we can support others who may not be showing it. We have also been taking time to be still and to notice what is going on around us, the whole school community have shared their 'Ow's' and have discussed how sharing their 'Ow's' can help.

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles Nursery

Pebbles have enjoyed the sunshine this week, they have been learning about keeping safe in the sun. They have talked about why they wear hats and why it is important for them to wear sunscreen. They have also taken part in a water challenge to keep themselves hydrated.

There has been lots of waterplay to help keep them cool and they have all enjoyed using water and paintbrushes to paint the ground and the side of the hall.

They made a big bus from the play bricks and loose parts and set off on an adventure. They stopped at the beach, the farm and a museum! What a busy day! Everyone joined in with 'The Wheels on the Bus' and there was great excitement as they described what they could see out of the window!



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Ladybirds

We have been continuing with our Talk 4 Writing story, The Very Sleepy Bumble Bee. We used a story map to learn the story last week, we also thought of lots of different words for sleepy. We retold the story through small world characters and ordered pictures. This week we focused on changing part of the story and learning our new version. All the children have planned their own version and have started to retell their story. We are looking forward to finishing the stories next week. There are some excellent ideas, including The Shattered Snake, The Dozy Ladybird, The Tired T-Rex and The Exhausted Butterfly. They have really wowed us with how independent they are becoming in their writing.

In mathematics we have been recapping on repeating patterns and looking at the vocabulary used to describe position. They played a position challenge game and had to give their friend instructions as to where the character should be, for example, put the cow next to the tree.

We were very excited to see that our caterpillars had now emerged as butterflies and we were able to observe them closely in their butterfly house. After checking their wings were dry, we let them free in our garden so we can spot them in Forest School. We have also been busy making clay models and homes for minibeasts using natural materials.

We have enjoyed cooling down with lots of water play!



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing their innovated versions of Dogger. On Monday, the children planned their new versions of the story. Year 1 drew their new characters and missing objects onto story maps whilst Year 2 were further challenged to adapt the ending of the story. The children have been working hard to use a range of time openers and interesting adjectives in their writing.

In mathematics, Year 1 have completed their unit on money. This week they have been learning how to recognise notes and have been using their knowledge of 2s, 5s and 10s to count in coins. Year 2 have continued their work on statistics. This week they have been learning about pictograms and how to interpret information from them.

In DT, the children have been researching and designing their own puppets. First, the children looked at a selection of different puppets including hand puppets, shadow puppets and finger puppets. The children were then introduced to the puppet show Punch & Judy and watched a short video clip to see the puppets in action. We then designed a new puppet characters to join the show and practised using a running stitch in preparation to make our own.



Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children looked at the structure of The Big Bad Wolf and identified the focus of each of the paragraphs. They then used this structure to plan their own biography about a fictional character. They have chosen a range of fictional characters, including: superheroes; fairy tale characters and characters from Disney films. They are using their boxing up as well as the toolkit to support them with writing their biographies. I am really looking forward to reading them when they are finished.

In maths, the 'Nemos' have begun a unit of work on shape. They have been looking at acute, obtuse and right angles and learning to identify and compare them. They have also focused on horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines. The 'Frogs' finished their unit on shape by learning about lines of symmetry. They have then begun a statistics unit of work looking at interpreting pictograms, bar charts and line graphs.

In science this week, the children have been learning about how water is transported through plants; learning about the xylem, phloem and stomata. We also looked at the parts of a flower and begun to learn the names of the different parts. The children also learnt how the different parts play a role in pollination and the creation of a new plant.

Opsrey Class

This week, we put on our architect hats and embarked on an incredible project: designing a new community hub for the village of Ibstone! The children really showed fantastic creativity and innovation in their designs. Delving into the life and works of the Austrian-born architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser, they also enjoyed creating a double page spread. His vibrant and imaginative buildings filled with bold colours, organic forms, and irregular shapes fascinated us all. We also learned how he believed in harmony between nature and human-made structures, a philosophy that surely inspired our community hub designs.

In English this week we wrote poetry about our memories of being in Osprey class. We really have got some great memories for us to take away.

In mathematics, some of us have been busy planning a family holiday. We had to calculate budgets, research destinations, and even plan itineraries! This project helped practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in real-life scenarios. Meanwhile, others have been exploring the world of angles and 3D shapes: recognising different types of angles and how to measure them.



In other news

Forest School Clothes

Please make sure your child has a long sleeved t shirt and trousers to wear for Forest School, we have had a number of children without the correct kit again this week. In the hot weather, please send in a change of cooler clothes for before or after their session.

Sports Day Arrangements

KS2 Sports Day will be held on the Common on Thursday 4th July at 9am. Please bring your children straight to the Common and we will register them there. Sports Day should be finished by 10.30am. If you are unable to attend, please could you email the office to confirm you are happy for your child to be taken back to school in the minibus.

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day will be held on the Common on Friday 5th July at 9am. Please bring your children straight to the Common and we will register them there. Sports Day should be finished by 10.30am. If you are unable to attend, please could you email the office to confirm you are happy for your child to be taken back to school in the minibus.

Pebbles Nursery Sports Day. We will bring the children up to the Common at 11am on Friday 5th July, if your child does not attend Pebbles on a Friday, they are welcome to join us for Sports Day.

Classroom Pop In – After Sports Day

We are inviting parents to pop back to school after sports day next week. The KS2 classrooms will be welcoming parents on Thursday 4th from 10.30am until 11.30am and EYFS and KS1 classrooms will be welcoming parents on Friday 5th from 10.30am until 11.30am. This will be a chance for you to have a look round the classroom and for your child to share their work with you.

Parent Survey

There was a link to our annual Parent Survey sent out today, please do give us your views. The survey will be open until Friday 5th July.

End of Term

As we ramp up to the end of term, there is lots going on:

Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
Monday 1 st July	1.15pm	KS2 Sports Practice (PM)	All KS2	PE kit, hats and water	None
Tuesday 2 nd July	9am	Transition Morning	Everyone	School uniform	Y6 pupils not on transition day should wear Forest School Kit
Tuesday 2 nd July	1.15pm	EYFS & KS1 Practice (PM)	Ladybirds & Woodland Class	Please send trainers into school in a bag	
Wednesday 3 rd July	10am-11am	KS1 Mosque Trip	Woodland Class	School uniform	Y2 should still bring their swimming kit Y1 will need trainers for PE in the afternoon
Thursday 4 th July	9am – 10.30am	KS2 Sports Day @ Ibstone Common	All KS2 children and families	PE Kit	All children should be taken to the common for 9am
Thursday 4 th July	10.30am – 11.30am	Classroom drop in	All KS2 children and families		
Friday 5 th July	9am – 10.30am	KS2 Sports Day @ Ibstone Common	Ladybirds and Woodland families	PE Kit	All children should be taken to the common for 9am
Friday 5 th July	10.30am – 11.30am	Classroom drop in	All EYFS & KS1 children and families		
Friday 5 th July	11.00am	Pebbles Sports Day	Pebbles families	Sports clothes and trainers	We will bring the children up to the common on the minibus. Please meet us there.

Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
Monday 8 th July	1.15pm	KS2 Sports Practice (PM)	All KS2	PE kit, hats and water	None
Tuesday 9 th July	9am				
Wednesday 10 th July	9am-12pm	Osprey trip to Wycombe Museum	Woodland Class	School uniform	Y2 should still bring their swimming kit
Friday 12 th July	End of day	Reports out	All pupils		

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Monday 15 th July	All day	Ibifest Week Olympics – All Around the World	All pupils	School uniform	More information will be sent
Wednesday 17 th July	8am	Year 6 Swan Upping	Osprey Class	School uniform	More information sent 28/6
Friday 19 th July	9am-12pm	Pebbles Last Day	Pebbles	Own clothes	
Friday 19 th July	2pm	Ibifest Performance	Everyone!		You will be able to book on iPal next week. Max 2 people per family.

Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
Monday 22 nd July	9.15am	Y6 Leavers Service	Year 6 Pupils and their families	School uniform	Please bring tissues
Tuesday 23 rd	12.45pm – 1.30pm	End of Year Celebration in the Garden	Everyone!	School uniform	Please bring tissues

Have a wonderful weekend!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Family Time Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
July 2024		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	Everyone
Wed 3rd	Woodland Class Trip to the Mosque – letter sent 24/6	Woodland Class
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 – letter sent 19/6	Ladybirds
Wed 10 th	Osprey Class Trip am only – letter sent 19/6	Osprey Class
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Pebbles Nursery finishes 12pm	Pebbles
Fri 19 th	Ibfest Performance – tickets must be booked in advance – 2pm	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)