

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

What a super afternoon at Tumblestone Hollow, the whole school community had a superb time and we saw resilience, confidence and courage in abundance as everyone tried new things! It was definitely an afternoon of living out our school vision! As is always the way, we ended up doing things the Ibstone way in the face of adversity, the coach was unable to access the drive due to emergency works and scaffolding at the front gate, so we pooled the car seats and drivers and ran a shuttle car service from the main gate to Tumblestone Hollow! Roll on securing all the funds for a minibus!



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A huge thank you to everyone at Stonor Park for making our launch of Family Time such a success!

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This week our value was Respect. The whole school community thought about what the word respect meant to them, what it looks like and feels like. The children felt that they were respected by the adults in school and in return gave staff their respect, as a whole school community we pride ourselves on respecting each other no matter how young or old you are! We also thought about self respect and how we need to respect ourselves. During Philip's worship on Thursday, we learnt a special song that he had written about Respect. We look forward to sharing this with you later in the term.

Weekly Round Up

Ladybirds

In Ladybirds this week, we have continued with our 'Marvellous Me' topic and have enjoyed finding out about our bodies and learning the names and labelling the different parts. We all enjoyed drawing around and labelling a willing volunteer. We have also been finding out what changes happen to our bodies when we exercise. Our sounds of the week have been i, n, m, and d, all the children have demonstrated our school values of perseverance when learning the correct letter formation. In maths our focus has continued to be sorting and comparing different amounts using the language more and fewer; we enjoyed playing guess my rule. We also thought about all the lovely things we can do with our hands; including holding a snake, digging and writing! All the children worked together as a team to help move mulch down to Forest School, they developed their gross motor skills through digging and moving the mulch and then showed superb team work as they worked together to carry the boxes down to Forest School.



Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been learning about adjectives and have used these to describe the settings from our focus story. Year 2 were also challenged to use adjectives in an expanded noun phrase. We have also been learning to accurately write the story, focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

In maths the children have continued learning about place value. Year 1 have been learning how to compare objects through one-to-one correspondence and have used the language of fewer, more and the same to compare numbers. Year 2 have been learning how to write numbers to 100 in expanded form and have been practising counting in 10s on a number line.

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In science, we explored our sense of hearing by listening to different instruments and describing the sounds we could hear. In history, the children have continued their work on Florence Nightingale and have been describing the changes she made to hospitals during the Crimean War.

The children have also been very busy completing a range of rainbow challenges; they particularly enjoyed experimenting with chalks to create different lines.



Kestrel

In English this week, Kestrel Class have been using this picture as a stimulus to write spine poems.

They have used their spine poems to write the opening paragraph to a portal story where their character has just arrived in this unknown world. They have finished the week by planning their own portal story based on *Stone Age Boy*, again using this picture as a stimulus.

In mathematics all children have continued their unit of work on place value and have been looking at estimating on numbers lines and comparing and ordering numbers.

In history the children have continued to think about how people survived during the Stone Age. They recapped what they learnt from last week and then the children produced a piece of writing to explain what Stone Age people ate, how they made their clothes and also the shelters they used. In science they learnt more about friction and began exploring how the surface of the floor, the surface of the ball and the weight of the ball can affect how far the ball will travel before coming to a stop. In art the children used chalk and charcoal to produce Stone Age art. Lots of children used their Forest School time to make Stone Age artifacts.



Osprey – written by Matilda

Hello! This week we have been learning about lots of things. We have started to paint our Egyptian portraits. In mathematics, Year 6 have been learning about rounding and Year 5 have been learning about place value and have started to look at more or less. In English we are learning about Egyptians and it is really fun, the Egyptians had a interesting life back then.



Osprey Class have continued to focus on their text, Secrets of a Sun King and have enjoyed finding out more about their Ancient Egypt topic and the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb.

In other news:

Welcome Back

In exciting news, we will be welcoming Mrs Camden back to the Ibstone family on Tuesday 10th October, she will be working in Kestrel Class on a Tuesday and Thursday and will also be working as one of our DSL’s (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

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.

School Photo Day

We will now be welcoming Danny, our school photographer on Friday 13th October. 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, there is no need to send their PE kits into school.

First Aid

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).

Kites Holiday Club – October Half Term

Due to lack of need, we will not be opening October Holiday Club this year.

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
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
Fri 13th	Individual School Photos	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		
Tues 12 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS/ KS1 families

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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

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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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