

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

*Nurture - Inspire - Grow*

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Dear Families,

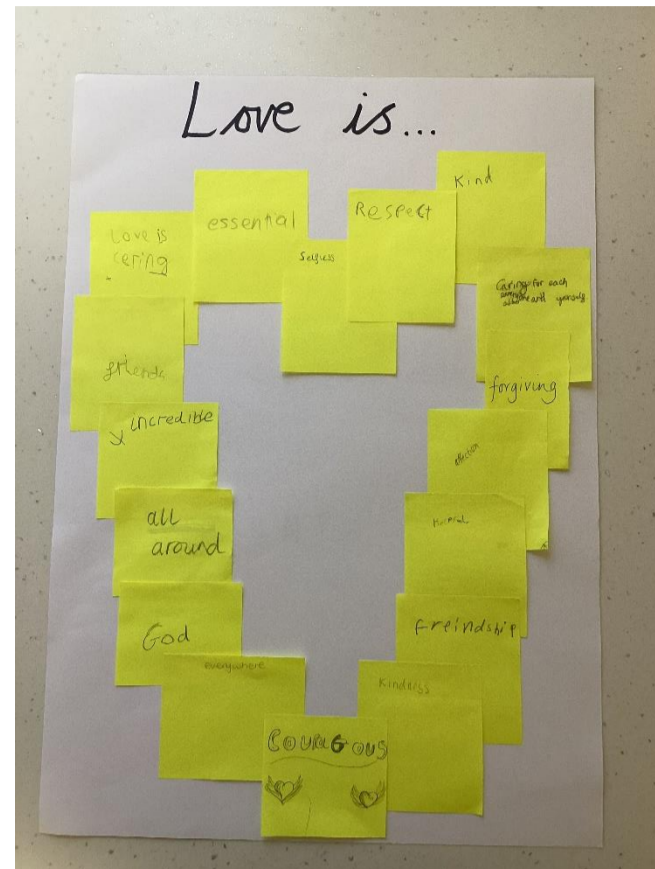
We started the week thinking about Love and we all found out that 'agape' meant selfless, unconditional love, one that persists and perseveres no matter what. The whole school community thought about what love is and wrote their ideas on post-it notes.

They listened to a verse from the Bible - 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 which was written by Paul the Apostle who also wrote our verse 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 will be learning more about Paul the Apostle after half term.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Harvest Services next week, during the services we will be taking our Harvest donations to the altar to be blessed. These donations will then be delivered to the Community Matters Food Bank, this food bank supports a number of families in our wider community.

Please send in your donations on Thursday. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept fresh food, however all dry goods are warmly received. Community Matters are currently short on the following items:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned Beans
- Tinned hot dogs
- UHT semi-skimmed milk
- \* sugar free squash
- \* children's cereals
- \* household cleaning products
- \* biscuits



## Weekly Round Up

### Ladybirds

Ladybirds have been looking for shapes in the environment this week and have used 2D shapes to make shape patterns. They have also been using 3D shapes to make models of houses and homes.



They have all continued to work hard on learning the phonemes ck, e, u and r and have been practising blending words. They have also been recognising 'l' and 'is' in a range of contexts. All the children enjoyed painting their names.

### Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been looking at the book 'The Colour Monster'. The children have enjoyed taking part in Drawing Club to draw parts of their story before writing a code to make their characters and settings come to life. There have had lots of creative ideas including camouflaging monsters and emotion jars being protected by dragons!

In mathematics, Year 1 have started learning about addition and subtraction. This week they have been learning about parts and wholes and have been using part-whole models to write addition number sentences. The children really enjoyed building part-whole models practically outside using hoops and beanbags. Year 2 have also started their addition and subtraction unit by recapping number bonds and fact families within 20.



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In science, the children took part in a science experiment to use their sense of smell. The children worked in small groups to smell the mystery cups and identify the smells including cocoa powder, toothpaste and vinegar. Year 2 were also challenged to think of words to describe the smells.

In RE, the children continued learning about creation. This week, the children were thinking about how God would want his world to be looked after. To explore this, the children made their own animal creations using Play-Doh before squashing them. The children then discussed how this made them feel before linking this to God and his creation.

### Kestrel

This week in English the children have designed their own imaginary world and have begun planning a portal story with this as the setting.



In mathematics, Dolphins have been comparing and ordering numbers using the vocabulary *greater than*, *less than* and *equal to* and have also used the symbols for these (<, >, =). Nemos have begun their next unit of work on addition and subtraction, this week they have been focusing on adding 1s, 10s and 100s to 3-digit numbers. Frogs have also begun their unit of work on addition and subtraction and have been look at adding 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s to 4-digit numbers. They have then moved onto using column addition to add pairs of 4-digit numbers, including where an exchange needs to be made.

In history we looked at a source related to the Stone Age. We discussed what this source was, when it was made and what we could learn about the Stone Age by looking at it. It was a colour photograph of the inside of a cave with remnants of flint stones and deer antlers. As a class they identified that the photo must have been taken during modern day times as the Stone Age people did not have colour cameras!

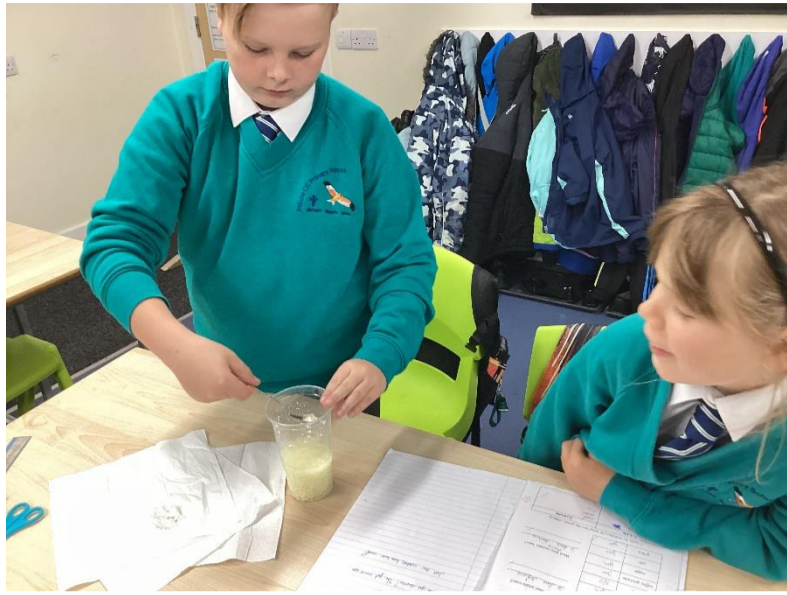
In science we have been looking at magnets. We looked at different types of magnets and discussed where the north and south pole are on these different ones. We then explored what happens when like poles are placed together and what happens when opposite poles are put together.

### Osprey

Osprey Class have been busy working in their family groups to write poems for the Harvest service, they used the photo below as a starting point and have wowed us with their creativity. They are looking forward to sharing their poems with you next week.



In science they have been conducting investigations looking at irreversible changes. They made casein plastic by mixing warm milk and vinegar together, it was used in the 1900's to make buttons and jewellery, I am not sure that Osprey Class will be trying it at home as they were not impressed with the smell! They also mixed vinegar with bicarbonate of soda to inflate balloons!



I was very proud of all of the whole class on Wednesday when I joined them for swimming, their manners, politeness, determination and perseverance shone through as they honed their swimming skills. I was very impressed with the swimming I saw, in particular, the group that were practising butterfly! These happy faces capture their enjoyment perfectly!



#### In other news:

##### School Photographs

We welcomed Danny into school today to take some great photos of the children. You should have received a proof today with your image reference number and an earlybird discount code. Danny very kindly gives us a percentage of sales to help with our fundraising!

##### Harvest Service

As a school we now fill St Nicholas Church without any of our wider community. To solve this problem, this year we will be holding two services in the church and rather than being the whole school in the church, we will be splitting the children into their family groups. Allnutt and Baker (the red one and the yellow one) will be heading to St Nicholas Church for 9.30am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for their Harvest Service. All Allnutt and Baker families are welcome to join us at the church. Then at 2.30pm, Gadbury and Merton (the green one and the blue one) will be in the church for their Harvest Service. All Gadbury and Merton families are welcome to join us at the church.

##### Pop Up Pumpkin Patch

The Scavenger Hunt is ready, the prizes are here and the pumpkins in the field are looking amazing! Come along and support the Pop Up Pumpkin Patch over October half term! 100% of the profits from the scavenger hunt and café come directly to the school and enable us to provide even more for your child! Last year we raised over £1400!

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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# Headteacher Awards



# Zog the Dog Awards



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# Runners of the week



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# The Pop-up Pumpkin Patch

## **PYO PUMPKINS**



**21ST - 29TH OCTOBER**

**11AM - 3PM**

**STOKENCHURCH HP14 3GG**

**FREE ENTRY - NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

**TRACTOR & TRAILER RIDES - CAFE - KIDS PLAY AREA**

**FREE PARKING ON SITE**

**@THEPOPUPPUMPKINPATCH**

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>October 2023</b>		
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service at St Nicholas – more information to follow	Everyone
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
<b>November 2023</b>		
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Kindness Day	Everyone
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – more information to follow	Everyone
<b>December 2023</b>		
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS/ KS1 families
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm	KS2 families
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS / KS1 visit to Norden Farm	EYFS/ KS1 only
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance – 2pm – Zoom	Everyone
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>January 2024</b>		
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
<b>February 2024</b>		
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
<b>March 2024</b>		
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
<b>April 2024</b>		
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
<b>May 2024</b>		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Y5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATS week	Y6 only
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
<b>June 2024</b>		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of term	Everyone
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Proposed Y6 Adventure Week	Y6 only
<b>July 2024</b>		
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	KS2 families
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	EYFS/ KS1 families
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Leavers' Service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	Year 6 families only
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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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