

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

Wow! Thank you so much for your amazing generosity today, the donations to the Community Matters Foodbank will make a huge difference to the lives of the families they support in our wider community! We hope you all enjoyed joining us at St Nicholas Church today, it was wonderful to see so many of you there!



This week we have been thinking carefully about 'Community', we listened to the story of the Good Samaritan and thought about how we could be like the good samaritan, not just in school but out through the school gates and out into the wider world.

On Tuesday, Allnutt and Baker and then Gadbury and Merton came together in the hall to make a Harvest Loaf for the church, it was a superb example of how our children work so well together, the care and patience of our older children nurturing our younger children is really something quite special and I always feel very humbled in these moments as all of our children are a credit to the school.



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It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first half term, it has certainly been a packed 7 weeks! In addition to the weekly news from each class, we have also had Ambassador applications and interviews, a whole school trip to Tumblestone Hollow, Worship Leaders, Harvest loaf making, amazing adventures in Forest School, KS2 lunchtime football, cross country AND a whole host of opportunities in Kites, such as first aid training, dance, hockey, gymnastics, art club and drama club. I am exhausted just thinking about it! I hope you all take the time over half term to rest and recharge ready for the Christmas term!

Weekly Round Up

Ladybirds

We have finished our topic on Marvellous Me ending with thinking about our senses. We enjoyed going on a listening walk around the school and named all the wonderful sounds we could hear, from the birds tweeting to the wind blowing the leaves in the trees, we even heard an aeroplane overhead. We explored feely bags and thought of ways to describe what we could feel to our friend. We enjoyed the smell of freshly baked bread and especially the taste!

Our last sounds for the half term have been h, b, f and l with 'the' being our tricky word focus.

We have enjoyed our first drawing club this week; our story has been Leaf Man and this has produced some fabulous drawings and code writing. The vocabulary explored was: abundance, fluttered, gliding, hovering, en route, mottled, and blasts. We have creatively made our own leaf characters.

In mathematics, our focus has been on 1,2,3 – with being able to explore lots of different representations of this for example whether on a 10 frame, dice or dots and we learn to subitise and have been practising this.



Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have finished creating their own stories based on the Colour Monster. The children have enjoyed creating codes to bring their adventures to life and have been working hard to develop their use of finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

In mathematics, Year 1 have continued learning about addition and subtraction. This week they have continued their work on number sentences and finding number bonds within 10. In Year 2, the children have been finding fact families for numbers within 20 and have been learning about related facts.

In science, the children took part in a taste investigation. The children first learnt about the four different taste types sweet, sour, bitter and salty. They then tried a variety of foods including spinach, lemon, pretzels and golden syrup and matched them to the correct taste types.

In computing, the children have been learning about digital imagery. They worked in small groups to plan a picture story before using the iPads to take photographs for their stories.



Kestrel

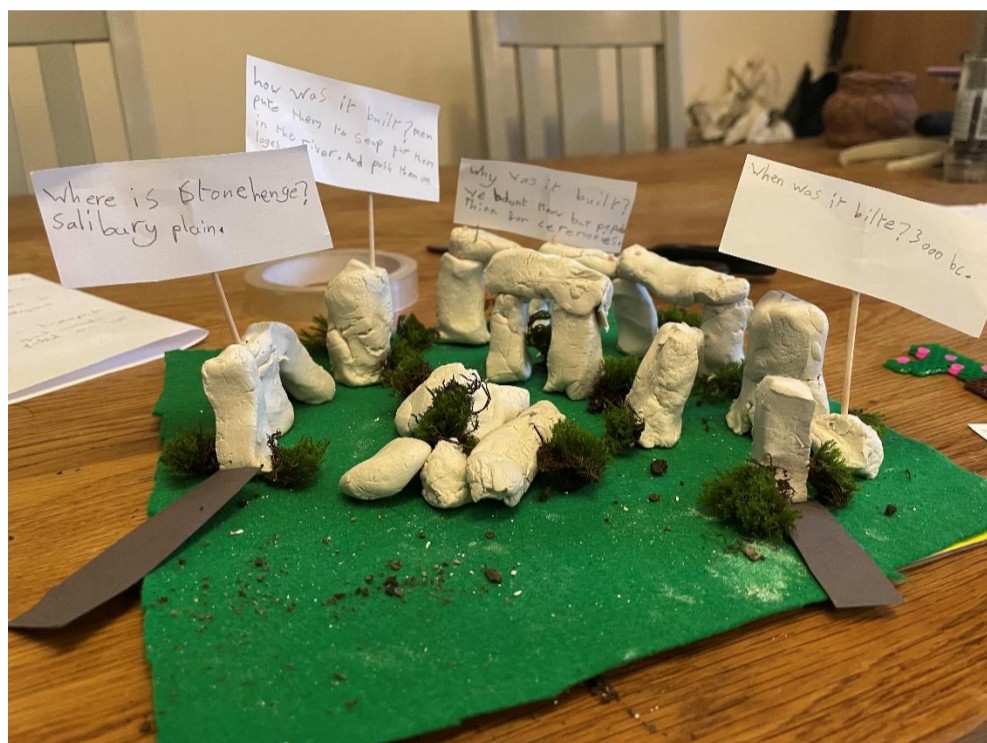
This week in English the children used their pictures of their imaginary worlds and their plans from last week to write their own portal stories. I look forward to finding out what interesting creatures they met in these imaginary worlds!

In mathematics 'Dolphins' have continued to look at comparing and ordering numbers. They also looked at questions where they first had to calculate the answer to an addition calculation before they could compare that answer to a number. They have also looked at counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. 'Nemos' have been focusing at adding 1s and 10s to 3-digit numbers where it crosses over into the next 10 or 100. They have been learning how they can use number lines to help them with these calculations. 'Frogs' have continued their work on column addition and have also moved onto using column subtraction where an exchange needs to be made.

In history we have been looking at Stone Age settlements. They learnt about Skara Brae and used information about the village to help them learn more about their lives. In science we continued to look at magnets and focused on magnetic and non-magnetic materials. They discovered that all magnetic materials are metal but not all metals are magnetic. They then had the opportunity to investigate magnetic and non-magnetic materials around the classroom. In PSHE they learnt about the United Nations and The Rights of The Child, looking at specifically the right of every child to be educated. They then also discussed that along with this right comes the importance of them taking responsibility for their learning.



The children have also been working hard this half term on the Pick and Mix homework challenges. These activities link to our Science and History topics. The children have produced some fantastic work, including various models of Stonehenge and art work using natural paints.



Osprey

The children thoroughly enjoyed finishing off listening to our celebration of Black musicians. This week we included artist such as: Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and the amazing Louis Armstrong. Who would your favourite black musician be?

We also finished reading our class book, "Secrets of a Sun King." There are other books by Emma Carroll that the children might now want to read over half term, perhaps they could have a trip to the local library to find them out. The children absolutely loved the book and learnt a lot about our Egyptian topic at the same time. Did you know that there is a full-size replica of the objects from Tutankhamun's tomb at Highclere Castle – also the home of Downtown Abbey! In English we pretended to be an Egyptian and wrote a formal letter of application for a job. I think the Pharaoh job was definitely the most popular. We are sad to see the end of our Egyptian topic this week but cannot wait to start our new history topic after half term – World War 2!

The whole class were very helpful in Forest School this week and moved the vast majority of the mulch down into the school grounds to make a spongy base for the rope swing and hammock area!



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In other news:

School Photographs

Don't forget to order your photos by 23rd October to get your Early Bird discount

Pop Up Pumpkin Patch

The Pop Up Pumpkin Patch opens on Saturday 21st October at 10am, why not come along for some half term fun!

Enjoy the holiday!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Our Ambassadors



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Our Worship Leaders



Our First Aiders



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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?
October 2023		
Mon 30 th	Start of term	Everyone
November 2023		
Mon 13 th	World Kindness Day	Everyone
Fri 17 th	Children in Need – more information to follow	Everyone
December 2023		
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

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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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