

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I always love seeing a rainbow over the school, it gives me a sense of hope and a sense of excitement that we might find a pot of gold at the end of it to help us hit our fundraising target.

Whilst I have yet to find the end of a rainbow, we have been blessed with the opportunity over half term to raise a lot of funds for the school. A huge thank you to Brooke and Tom for letting us be part of the Pop Up Pumpkin Patch again this year and a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and made the café and scavenger hunt such a success. I am delighted to tell you that the café (and the sweet sale today) have raised a whopping £2715.56 for the school! This is an incredible amount and puts our total fundraising efforts for the minibus to £20,000!

I know that everyone who visited the Pop Up Pumpkin Patch had an amazing time, there was lots to do and there were lots of smiling faces, whilst a little muddy, it was great to be out in the fresh air and some enjoyed the mud a little too much!



Our second First Aid course started this week, I was very impressed with how carefully the children listened and put their new learning into action. They all practised finding a casualty, checking for a response, checking airways and breathing and putting someone in the recovery position. They also learnt what would happen if they called 999 in an emergency. The children were shown the What3words App. If you haven't seen it or don't have it on your mobile, it would be a good app to download and it is completely free! You can also find out more about the app here : <https://what3words.com/>



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## Weekly Round Up

### Ladybirds

This week we have enjoyed being back in school and have used a text map to help us learn the story of The Little Red Hen, we have put actions to the story to help us remember it. In mathematics, we have been learning about one more and one less and have been singing lots of number rhymes. On Friday we enjoyed a special day of fireworks' activities and found out about Guy Fawkes. We had lots of fun dancing with the sparklers we had made! Zog has enjoyed being in the classroom with us this week, he especially liked his Friday cuddles after phonics!



### Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been learning to retell a story description based on the book 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. They have also been looking at illustrations from the book and have generated adjectives to describe the plants and animals.

In mathematics the children have continued learning about addition and subtraction. Year 1 have been finding number bonds to 10 using different strategies and have been learning how to use a number line to add two 1-digit numbers together. Year 2 have been finding number bonds to 100 and have been learning how to add 3 1-digit numbers together.

In science, the children have started to learn about seasonal change. We started by learning about the 4 seasons and made season wheels to show the changes across the year. Year 2 were also challenged to identify which months belonged to each season.

As part of our learning around the classroom provision this week, we have thought about what we are thankful for and the children have created a Gratitude Pumpkin.



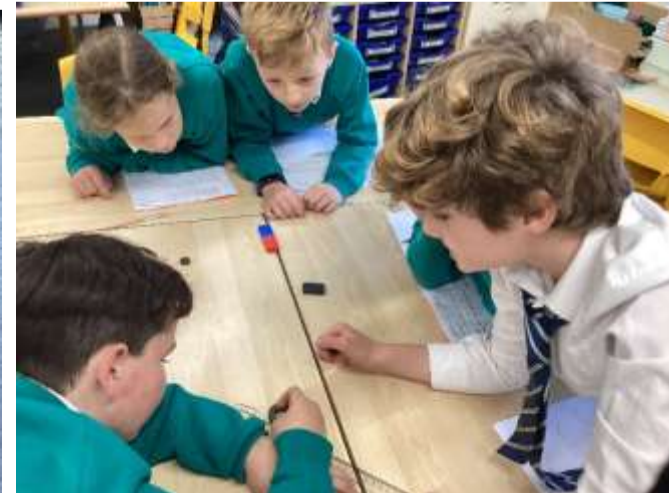
### Kestrel

This week in English we have a new Talk for Writing text. This story is called Trust. We have been looking at new vocabulary within the text and have begun learning the story using the text map.

In mathematics, 'Dolphins' have finished their place value unit by looking at counting in 3s. They have moved onto the next unit of work which is addition and subtraction. They have started this topic by focusing on number bonds. 'Nemos' have been looking at column addition and column subtraction, they have started by recapping the method when there is no exchanging. 'Frogs' have finished their unit of work on addition and subtraction by focusing on choosing the most efficient method for each question and using estimating and the inverse to check their answers.

In science we continued to look at magnets and carried out an investigation to test the strength of different magnets. Children began by making predictions and then in groups tested their theories. They had a range of different magnets and explored which one would attract a paperclip from the furthest distance.

In art the children have completed their Stone Age paintings. They began by creating the textured cave wall, they then painted this before finally painting either an animal or person design onto their cave wall.



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## Osprey

We have started a new history topic this half term, all about World War 2. On Monday we pretended to be an evacuee from WW2 and thought about how the children must have felt, being separated from their families in the city and joining a new, temporary family in the countryside. We really enjoyed putting ourselves in other people's shoes, so much so, that in Forest school this week, a few children decided to role play being in WW2 by building their own air raid shelters. Our new class book is also about WW2. It is the classic novel, *The Silver Sword*, based upon a Polish family and their journey across war-torn Europe, attempting to be reunited.

In PE this week we have started to play Football. We practised passing the ball to each other. We have started our run up to Christmas by beginning to learn to play Jingle Bells on the trumpet in Music with Mrs Lee.

In mathematics, the Sphinx group have begun to learn about BODMAS – the order of operations, the Pharaohs group have started their new topic on multiplication and division, and the Pyramids are looking at fact families.



## In other news:

### Ibstone Bonfire & Fireworks

The annual Ibstone Bonfire and Fireworks has been moved to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm. You do not need to buy tickets, it is donations on the door with all funds put back into the fireworks for the following year. There is a BBQ from 5pm and the bonfire, featuring our very own Guy, will be lit at 5pm. This is a no sparkler event, so please enjoy your sparklers at home before you come or after the event.

### Poppies

All children will be able to donate to the poppy appeal from Monday, the minimum suggested donation is £1. Please send cash in with your child next week. Poppies will be available all week.

### Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We will be fundraising for Children in Need again this year, your child/ children can wear their own clothes (mufti) to school in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 for this important charity. Please send donations into school with your child on the day.

### Tea Towels

You are in for a treat this year! The children have drawn themselves and the staff ready for the tea towels. If you would like to order a tea towel or several, don't forget to do so by next Friday (10<sup>th</sup> November) via iPal. Tea towels are £5 each and make wonderful gifts for family members!

### Kestrel Swimming

You will receive a letter on Monday in your child's bag regarding swimming lessons after Christmas. If this letter does not make it home, please let us know so that we can send you another copy.

Louise Long  
Headteacher

# Headteacher Awards



# Family Awards



# Guy Competition



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Just as I finished the newsletter ....



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>November 2023</b>		
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Kindness Day	Everyone
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need	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