

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been so wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after the summer. A huge thank you to our wonderful Buddies who have helped our new Ladybirds settle into school life so well, you have been stars! Thank you! I think it is fair to say the Ladybirds have settled in well and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new surroundings!

Woodland Class, Kestrel Class and Osprey Class have also been getting used to their new classrooms and have been working together really well this week.

We will be sending home the curriculum letters and more information about homework next week. All children in Years 1-6 should log on to Google Classroom and join their new class groups. Ladybirds will be sent their Google Classroom details in the next few weeks!

Ladybirds joined us for Worship this afternoon and their buddies helped them choose a stone to pop into our community pot. Our KS1 & KS2 new starters have also put a stone into the Ibstone Community Pot to show that they are part of the Ibstone Family. This pot stays on the Worship table to remind us we are all a community together. When the time comes for you to leave Ibstone, you are invited to take a stone from the pot so that you always have a little bit of Ibstone with you, wherever you go!



## Lunches

This week we have been trialling a new dining experience at lunchtime in order to make lunchtimes calm and enjoyable for everyone in our community. This half term children in Allutt and Baker will eat together and Gadbury and Merton will eat together, this will change on a termly basis to ensure that everyone has had the opportunity to be at lunch together across the school year.

Our older children have volunteered to be hosts. As a host, they set the tables, pour fresh cups of water for everyone and help those on their table. In each lunch sitting, the children are also joined by a member of staff who has their lunch with the children too.



Love – Courage – Respect – Community – Perseverance

*'Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am'*  
Philippians 4:13

### **Lunchboxes**

For those children who bring their own lunch, please remember we are a nut free site so please do not send in nut products such as Nutella sandwiches, cookies with peanuts etc.

There are a number of children who are bringing in chocolate bars or sweets (eg Freddo's, Wispa Bars, a pot of marshmallows, bag of Haribo), please keep these as a treat for home or after school.

### **Rolling Drop Off**

Rolling Drop Off starts at 8.35am each morning and runs until 8.45am, please make sure you indicate to let other road users know you are stopping and then again to know you are pulling away.

There are a number of people queuing from before 8.25am, we do have space in Early Birds Breakfast Club if you need to drop and run. Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am, last breakfast serving is at 8.30am.

### **Timetables**

All Forest School sessions and PE sessions start next week (9<sup>th</sup> September). Please send your child into school wearing the correct kit.

Monday	–	PE – Ladybirds Forest School – Osprey Class
Tuesday	–	Forest School – Kestrel Class
Wednesday	–	PE – Woodland & Kestrel Class
Thursday	–	PE – Osprey Class Forest School – Ladybirds & Woodland

### **Cross Country**

We are looking for some more parent volunteers for our successful KS2 Cross Country Club. The club runs from 12pm-12.30pm on Monday lunchtimes. You do not have to commit to every week, just as and when you can. There will be a Cross Country Group added to the school community WhatsApp group, please join if you would like to know more about helping.

### **Dates**

Please look carefully at the dates at the end of the newsletter, we have tried to plan out the big events for the whole year. New dates will be added in bold each week.

### **Newsletter List**

If you would like any other family members to be added to the newsletter circulation list, please let Ms Robertson know via the school office email.

### **Uniform**

We already have a nice collection of unnamed cardigans and jumpers in school. Please could you make sure your child's clothes are named with their name (if you have pre-loved clothes please block out the name of the previous owners).

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>September 2024</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles settling in sessions (afternoons)	New Pebbles Families
10 <sup>th</sup>	Practice Secondary Transfer Test	Year 6 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Transfer Test	Year 6 only
<b>October 2024</b>		
All month	Black History Month	Everyone
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term	Everyone
24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only
25 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only
<b>November 2024</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day	Everyone
15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – more information to follow	Everyone
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Kindness Day	Everyone
<b>December 2024</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> onwards	Christmas Performances – more information to follow	Everyone
20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>January 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>February 2025</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children’s Mental Health Week – more information to follow	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
<b>March 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
<b>April 2025</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>May 2025</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
<b>June 2025</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>July 2025</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ibifest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 <sup>st</sup>	Leavers Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Onl