

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

*Nurture - Inspire - Grow*

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Dear Families,

I don't normally mention the weather in my newsletter but this week can only be described as a complete wash out! Luckily we have not had any flooding like many other schools but it has been a tad soggy moving around the school site. Thank you to the eleven parents who attended the first PTA meeting this morning, there are some exciting plans in place to help raise money for the school, if you weren't able to make the meeting, there is another one planned for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Worship this week we have been thinking about Respect, the whole school community listened to the story of The Good Samaritan. Across the course of the week we have thought about and discussed how we show respect and how we respect ourselves. We talked about what it means to be a good neighbour and how we can be a good neighbour both in and out of school, we also clarified that it didn't just mean the people you sit next to or live next door to!

Don't forget to send in your child's out of school achievements from next week. We didn't have any suggestions sent in so we will continue to think of a name before the end of next week!

## Weekly Round Up

### Pebbles

Pebbles have been getting to know different adults in our school this week, across the week they have been playing with Mrs Statham and Miss Lever. On Tuesday they enjoyed storytime with Mrs Earnshaw and today they have been shape painting with Mrs Senior! During the week some children have put on a dinosaur show at the theatre. All the children have had the opportunity to practise their cutting and sticking skills by making their own Humpty Dumpty. What a busy week it has been!



### Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have enjoyed singing the rhyme Humpty Dumpty with a focus on rhyming words and continuing a rhyming string. We have been building walls for Humpty to fall off and retelling the rhyme using our small world objects. Ladybirds have worked on their cutting skills and made their own Humpty Dumpty. We have thought about different materials and what things are made of and thought Humpty might need a crash mat to land on. We worked together to build a wall and made our own crash mat, we had fun testing out our different designs with some real eggs!

In phonics, we have been learning new sounds - i, n, m & d. We have started to blend cvc words. You should have received your child's Google Classroom login today, there are weekly Little Wandle Home Learning sheets which will help you support your child at home.

In mathematics we have continued with sorting different objects and enjoyed playing guess my rule; for example only the buttons with 2 holes can come into the set.



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*Philippians 4:13*

### Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have enjoyed learning to retell the story of Handa's Surprise off-by-heart using actions. They have also been learning how to use adjectives to describe them and have used these to write spine poems about animals from the story.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been continuing to find one more and one less than a given number. They have also been learning to recognise and use the language of fewer, more and the same to describe an amount. Year 2 have continued their work on flexible partitioning and have been learning to write numbers to 100 in their expanded form.

In science, the children have been learning to describe the features of fish, reptiles and amphibians. The children first looked at pictures of each animal type and identified their key features before writing a riddle for their chosen animal.

In computing, the children have started learning about the key features of a computer. The children enjoyed working in pairs to create and label a picture of a laptop using the website Sketchpad. It was tricky at first to use the mouse pad, but with lots of perseverance and practise, the children were able to create some great diagrams.

### Kestrel Class

In English this week the children began by learning how to punctuate speech accurately using inverted commas. We then discussed portal stories, exploring what they are and thinking of different examples of portal stories or movies involving portals. The children have started drawing a text map and learning the first few paragraphs of our focus text 'The Impossibly Possible Book Shop'.

In mathematics Nemos have been comparing and ordering numbers to 1000 and then counting in 50s. Frogs have been comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000 and then learning all about Roman Numerals.

During our 'Explore' lesson, we learnt about the different layers of the rainforest (emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor). The children learnt actions for the different layers to help them remember the order and the names. We learnt about the conditions in the different layers and the types of animals that live there.



### Osprey Class

We have enjoyed reading some more of the Hidden Figures book this week in class, and have found out about more of the characters, including Mary Jackson and Katherine Johnson. It is fascinating discovering how they helped John Glenn be the first American to orbit the Earth.

In computing this week we are learning more about the Mars Rover and how it sends data back down to Earth, which meant that we had to learn all about binary coding.

In Geography we explored the geographical features of some of the North American countries and thought about whether they were physical or human features. We enjoyed finding out facts about the different features.

In Maths, we have been continuing our place value topic, and have been focusing on comparing and ordering numbers to a million, as well as rounding them.

We have enjoyed having conversations in French this week and learning how to say hello to each other.



### Barn Owls

We started our week learning about noun phrases and how they can make our writing more interesting. We then moved on to innovating our story. It was no longer 'George and the Dragon' because in our story, the dragon was scared of spiders. We invented our own spiders...James, Dave, Stitch, Sidney, Gareth and Stella! When our spiders spun a web in the dragon's cave, the dragon flew away and fortunately was never seen again so the princess invited our spiders to move into the castle. In mathematics this week, we've been comparing and ordering 3 digit numbers. We have also counted in 50s to 1000.

## In other news

### Photographs

Danny our school photographer will be in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please make sure you pack your smiles! Osprey Class will need to come to school in their school uniform and have their Forest School kit in a bag ready to change after their photos. Ladybirds should come to school in their school uniform and they will not need their PE kit on Monday as the hall will be in use. Parents who emailed requesting sibling photos before school have been emailed, please get in touch if you haven't received your email.

### Family Time Launch

On Friday afternoons at 2pm the children come together across the school in their families to work together, it is a very special time of the week for everyone. In order to launch our Family Time sessions we start with a whole school trip to Tumblestone Hollow at Stonor. We have managed to secure a time at Tumblestone, next Friday afternoon. Please let us know if you have not received the email or been able to make payment for this trip on iPal. The PTA have very kindly offered to subsidise this trip by 50% for all pupils. A huge thank you to the PTA for supporting us!

### Open Days

Please share your experiences of the school with friends and family who are looking for school places for September 2025. We no longer have set Open Days as we would rather offer prospective parents the flexibility of coming to see the school in action at a time that works for them. These tours can be booked via the office email [office@ibstone.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@ibstone.bucks.sch.uk) or by calling us 01491 638281.

### Open Classes

We are delighted to invite you into school to see your child's classroom. The classrooms will be open from the end of the school day (3.15pm for Ladybirds and Woodland Class/ 3.25pm for Kestrel and Osprey Class) until 5.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. It is an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and their books will be available for you to look at. We hope you will be able to join us. The teachers will be in the classrooms to welcome you but please be aware, this is not parents' evening.

### Parents Evening

We will be sending out the emails on Monday, once you have completed the form, we will send out appointment details by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.



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**OPEN DAYS**

TOURS AVAILABLE FROM 1ST OCT

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 please contact us.

**WHAT WE OFFER**

- Small, nurturing environment
- Very experienced staff
- Weekly Forest School for all year groups
- Wrap around care from 7.45am
- A family feel

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Have a great weekend!

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Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards



## Zog the Dog Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>September 2024</b>		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photos	Everyone
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Meeting – School Hall 7.30pm</b>	<b>Parents/ Grandparents</b>
<b>October 2024</b>		
All month	Black History Month	Everyone
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tumblestone Hollow Trip</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open Classes – 3.15pm/3.25pm until 5.30pm (please see main email)</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
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
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>	Ibfest 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 Only