

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Ibstone CE Primary School. It is a very exciting time to be part of our school community as we continue our journey to be a through Primary School. It's great to be back and thank you to everyone for all your kindness on my return to work.

It was lovely to be on the playground for the past two days to see the children being so excited to be back at school, catching up with old friends and quickly making new ones. They all looked very smart in their new uniforms and our new Year 3 children looked incredibly grown up all of a sudden!

Our eight new Ladybirds have enjoyed their first two days in school and have settled in very quickly, they are enjoying being in their new classroom with access straight to the outside area! All the children have been busy making ladybirds to put on the classroom door to welcome visitors.

Woodland Class have also settled in quickly and have enjoyed sharing their holiday news. I enjoyed my day with them today making their class charter and thinking about what it means to be part of a community.

Kestrel Class have already been using number squares and times tables squares, organising classroom roles and responsibilities, writing a class contract, setting targets and have already created school values' posters! Well done Kestrel Class!

Next week they will be starting their special Roald Dahl week on Monday and Mrs Barrett would like them to come dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character on Thursday 13th September to celebrate 'Dahlicious Dress Up Day'. This is only for Kestrel Class, there will be more dressing up opportunities for the rest of the school later on in the term.

As always there is so much information to share with you at this point in the year. Rather than making this a bumper newsletter, I will share the information over the next few newsletters:

Building Update

Hopefully, you will have seen photos of the amazing progress the builders are making at the bottom of the garden. If you haven't, please see below. The warm weather has allowed the builders to really crack on, so fingers crossed the weather continues to be good to us!



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Rolling Drop Off

Is already up and running, initially this is for families in Woodland Class and Kestrel Class only. Ladybirds parents will need to bring their children on to the playground and wait with them until the bell goes until you are happy that they are completely settled into the school routine.

Please make sure that your child is sitting on the correct side for drop off as this will make it run more smoothly. Thank you for your support.

Parking

With the increased number of cars at the school and the permanent introduction of the rolling drop off, please park on the road heading down towards the church during peak times such as drop off and pick up.

Contact Books

This evening you should receive your child's purple Contact Book, please make sure that you have filled in the white form at the front of these books and please send them into school every day. If you have sent in a message, please put the yellow tab up so we know we need to read your message. The aim of this book is to improve communication, a member of staff will be on the playground every morning and will be happy to speak to you, however this book will ensure that all staff working with the children have the information they need.

Individual Photographs

Our fantastic school photographer Danny Higgins is coming to school on Friday 21st September. He will be taking individual and sibling photos during the morning, please email the office by Friday 14th September if you have non- school siblings you would like to bring in for a photo.

PE Kits, Wellies, Water Bottles and Coats

PE Kit - PE lessons will start next week, please make sure your child's PE Kit is in school on Monday. I have had a few people asking about plimsolls and trainers. As a school we are more than happy for your child to have plimsolls or trainers (it doesn't matter what colour as long as they fit and your child can put them on by themselves).

Wellies – all children need a pair of wellies in school at all times. Please make sure these are named, some parents also provide a peg to keep the wellies together.

Water Bottles – please make sure your child has their named water bottle in school at all times. I would like to remind parents that we do not allow squash or carbonated drinks in the children's water bottles. As a school we understand the importance of encouraging children to drink water throughout the day and as a result, children are allowed to bring in water bottles with fresh fruit (such as slices of orange/lemon/lime) in their water bottle.

Coats – as you can never predict the weather here in Ibstone, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood in school every day. We pride ourselves on being a school that goes out whatever the weather!

More information to come next week!

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Welcome to our new Ladybirds



Our Worship Leaders



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2018		
Thurs 13 th	Roald Dahl Day - Kestrel Class to dress as favourite character	Kestrel Class
Fri 21 st	Individual / Sibling School Photos	All
October 2018		
Thurs 4 th	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am	Prospective parents
Thurs 4 th	Flu immunisations	Ladybirds & Woodland Children
Thurs 11 th	Open Day 9.30am-11.30am & 1.30pm-3.30pm	Prospective parents
Sun 14 th	Harvest Service – 10am St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	Everyone
Tues 16 th	Parents' Evening – more information to follow	All
Thurs 18 th	Parents' Evening - more information to follow	Woodland Class
Fri 19 th	End of term 3.15pm/3.25pm	Whole School
Fri 19 th	End of Term Disco - End of school – 4.30pm	Whole School
November 2018		
Fri 9 th	Remembrance Service – St Nicholas 9.15am	Everyone
Mon 19 th	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am	Prospective parents
December 2018		
Wed 12 th	Nativity Performance 2pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Parents
Wed 12 th	Kestrel Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm	Kestrel Class
Thurs 13 th	Nativity Performance 6pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Families
Fri 14 th	Norden Farm	Whole School
Mon 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Mon 17 th	Kites Christmas Disco	Whole School
Wed 19 th	End of Term – 1.30pm finish	Whole School

In your child's folder today:

Information coming home:	Who?
Swimming & Water Survey	Kestrel Class
Lunch order forms	Year 3
Contact Books	Everyone

News from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents,

Firstly, welcome back to the start of the new school year, and welcome for the first time to all the new faces that have started in reception. It was lovely to see a bustling playground on the first morning with all the new little ladybirds filing off to their new classroom, with a few more teary eyed parents than children! As for this morning when Mrs Long said “well that’s a win” as they all marched off happily to start of the their second school day.

Secondly, a very warm welcome back to Mrs Long. I would like to thank Mrs Goddard for her brief stay with us, it was a wonderful year under her watchful eye with so much going on she managed to keep all of our plates spinning so very well. I know we are all very pleased to see Mrs Long back at the helm and were delighted that she agreed to come back to work 4 days a week. This can be reviewed as the school grows, our senior leadership team at school is very strong and we are confident that Mrs Long will lead us to be an outstanding school in the future.

Primary expansion is continuing at a remarkable pace, Sheldon and his team have done a sterling job over the summer break. Whilst we have been off enjoying our holidays he has been working away at the bottom of the hill and the building is really starting to take shape. We all feel that the target of February half term is still very achievable and whilst the weather continues to be kind they shall maintain at what seems like record breaking pace.

There will be more news to follow as the autumn term gets going and the building works continue. We shall all look forward to updating you with our plans for the new spaces and events we have coming up.

Ben Randall