# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

WOW! Thank you for your generous donations, we have raised £125.50 for Children in Need this year! Thank you!

It has continued to be another busy week in school, as they say, time flies when you are having fun! This week the Ladybirds have been writing for a variety of purposes. They have written letters for the Jolly Postman to deliver, invitations to Baby Bear's Party and letters to the Wolf explaining why he should let Grandma out! In mathematics they have been combining two sets of objects and finding the total. They were also challenged to see how many different ways they could make a given total! Well done Ladybirds for accepting your challenge and perservering.

The children have also started to look at a varierty of materials and this week they have focussed on paper. They have been weaving with strips of paper...its trickier than it looks!

Woodland Class had a bit of a shock at the beginning of the week as The Evil Pea ruined the Pea Party! They had to be detectives and work out who had committed the crime and then write instructions to explain how to capture Evil Pea. In mathematics, the children have been using and applying their knowledge of quantiites and how to measure amounts using scales and measuring jugs. They made some very yummy friendship biscuits for their Bedgrove Buddies. They have also been subtracting 1 and 10 from a given number. The children are working hard to chose their own methods and apparatus to solve problems.



Kestrel Class have continued to produce their Christmas Adverts for their products and I am reliably informed that filming is underway! I am looking forward to seeing the adverts as soon as they are complete! In French, the children have enjoyed learning the months of the year and can now say the date in French! In mathematics, they have been learning how to tell the time to the exact minute past the hour! There's no catching them out anymore! Kestrel Class have also started rehearsing for theit Christmas Concert! It's set to be an amazing evening, bring your tissues!

#### **House Council Meetings**

We held our first House Council meetings on Thursday morning. The House Captains chaired the meetings and were ably assisted by the Vice Captains (who will eventually take the minutes), each house had a member of staff taking the minutes. Agenda items included:

- To discuss and choose a colour for the new classroom block toilet walls
- To think of a name for the new building
- Any other business

Each house has now voted and decided on a colour for the walls in the toilets in the new building. The colours will be revealed next week.

The children had quite a lot of A.O.B and it was lovely to hear one House Captain asking her house if anyone had any worries or things they wanted to talk about. In other Houses fundraising ideas were discussed and it has been suggested that each House organises a fundraising event moving forward, suggestions include, a toy sale, a sweet stall, apple bobbing and mufti days.

As a whole school we discussed House Rewards and moving forward the House with the most points at the end of each half term will be able to choose their reward such as coming to school in mufti, crazy hair day, watching a film etc.

All the staff were really impressed with how everyone conducted themselves at the meeting and are looking forward to the next meeting.

#### In other news...

#### **PE Kits**

Please make sure that your child has appropriate PE kit in school everyday. We still have children without tracksuits! We go out whatever the weather for PE and it has been very chilly out there this week. Our PE kits are available from SportCrest in High Wycombe or online here: <a href="http://www.sportcrest.co.uk/ibstone-ce-school/s19">http://www.sportcrest.co.uk/ibstone-ce-school/s19</a>

#### **Racquet Skills for KS2**

We have an opportunity for some of our Kestrel Class to take part in a racquet skills session at John Hampden Grammar School on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 12.15 - 14.15. We are only able to take 8 of our children this time but there will be other opportunities across the year for our KS2 children to take part in their School Games Calendar. If you would like your child to attend this, please email the office as soon as possible as places will be given on a first come first served basis. We will also need three volunteers to drive the children there and back on the day. If you are unable to provide transport, please state in your email that you are happy for them to go with another parent. There will be a member of lbstone staff present at the event.

#### **Christmas Fayre**

The elves have been working tirelessly behind the scenes and we are looking forward to welcoming you all to the Christmas Fayre tomorrow between 12.30pm-3.30pm at Lane End Village Hall.

#### **Wreath Making**

We only have 2 spaces left at our Wreath Making event on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. There are a number of parents and members of the community already booked in, please email <a href="mailto:ibstonepta@gmail.com">ibstonepta@gmail.com</a> to grab a space.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre!

Louise Long Headteacher

## **Headteacher Awards**



### **Bronze Awards**



Love – Courage – Respect – Community - Perseverance

### Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
	November 2018	
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre 12.30-3.30pm at Lane End Village Hall (due to building works at the school we have moved venue this year).	Everyone & friends
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-School Workshop	Prospective parents and children
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school trip to Waddesdon	Whole School
	December 2018	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance 2pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Parents
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrel Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm	Kestrel Class
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance 6pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Families
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Norden Farm	Whole School
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kites Christmas Disco	Whole School
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm finish	Whole School

### Meet the Governors



Hi, I'm Jemma Durkan your Parent Governor.

I am your newest addition to the Governing Body at Ibstone having only joined a few months ago. I am still getting to grips with all aspects and responsibilities involved but I hope to represent all of us parents to my best ability.

Having lived in Reading until 6 years ago I cannot quite believe that my son is able to go to a school as lovely as Ibstone. We knew from the first visit that it was where we wanted him to go. Not just because of the amazing environment and views, but the warm welcome we received. My son has made some wonderful friends and so have I. He loves going to school and with all the brilliant teachers and Denise our amazing Kites lady, I consider that we are very lucky. Also now Ibstone is a Primary school he can continue his education in a familiar place with all of his friends. We have also recently moved to Ibstone and I am looking forward to getting to know and be involved in the community too.

Regarding my work background I have been working in local government for 10 years and currently work at Wycombe District Council. I also have a bit of experience in education as I administered the school admission appeal process at Bracknell Forest Council for 7 years.

As your Parent Governor I am looking forward to supporting the new primary expansion and helping our children prepare for their exciting futures.