

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a festive week! The school has been filled with sound of Nativity songs and Christmas Carols as everyone continues to prepare for our school Christmas offerings.

Thank you to all the staff and PTA who made Crafternoon a very special event. We hope that the children enjoyed it as much as we did! This event helped us raise over £100 for the school. Thank you!

Ladybirds have been on a materials hunt this week and enjoyed sorting different materials. They explored how clay changes from soft and malleable to hard when it dries. In mathematics, they have been looking at numbers and putting them in order, they have been practising their number formation and have been making their own number lines.

Woodland Class have been busy making a days of the week wheel to plan 7 Acts of Kindness this Christmas. They have all written a diary to show how they are going to demonstrate their acts of kindness over the course of a week. In mathematics, they have been looking at the properties of 2D & 3D shapes. They have sorted the shapes, been on a shape hunt, built models and made 3D Christmas decorations.

Kestrel Class have been looking at the relationship between multiplication and division. Some children have been dividing with remainders and have used equipment to group and spot the remainders. Others have been multiplying 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. They have all been answering real life word problems.

They have been writing simple and expanded noun phrases. They have revised what nouns, adjectives, verbs & adverbs are and their purposes in sentences. In science, they have explored musical instruments and investigated how the sound was made. They also discuss how the pitch could be made higher or lower.

The House Captains have had a very important job to do this week. They had to finalise the colours for the toilets in the new classroom block. They did an amazing job and we are pleased to share the colour choices below:



This morning, the Houses had another important job to do, we are hoping to purchase new tables and chairs for each class with the money raised by the PTA. Each House has voted and agreed on a chair colour (see below), we are hoping to order these in the new year.



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In other news...

Norden Farm

Thank you to everyone who has sent back the permission forms and payment for the Norden Farm trip on Friday. If you haven't returned it yet, please do so by Monday 10th December.

Reindeer Hot Chocolate & Sweet Cones

We have a few reindeer hot chocolate cones and sweet cones left over from the school fayre. We will be selling these at the end of the day on Friday 14th December for a £1 per cone. Please send in the money with your child on the morning of Friday 14th if you would like to buy one.

Christmas Arrangements for Monday 17th-Wednesday 19th

We will be having our Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children on Monday 17th December. Please send your child into school in their own clothes wearing a Christmas jumper (or a bright coloured jumper if you do not have a Christmas jumper). The children will also need to bring in a donation for Save the Children.

It is also the Kites Christmas Disco that afternoon so the children will not need a change of clothes as they will already be in mufti.

On Tuesday 18th December, we will be having our Christmas lunch, you will receive a letter in bags today asking you for a plate of food. Your contribution will be highlighted so that we can ensure we have a range of food available. Children may also come to school in their own clothes and Christmas Jumpers.

Wednesday 19th December is the last day of term and we will end the term with a service at the church. Families are welcome to join us at the church at 1pm. The service will finish at 1.30pm and children will need to be collected from the church at 1.30pm if you are unable to attend the service. Again, children may wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers. Please do not send in book bags on Wednesday 19th. The children will just need their water bottles and lunch boxes.

Nativity Performances

If you have not sent in your child's Nativity clothes yet, please do so by Monday 10th as it is the dress rehearsal on Tuesday! Kestrel Class and some of the villagers will be the audience on Tuesday in preparation for the main performances on Wednesday at 2pm & Thursday at 6pm. On Thursday evening, please bring your child straight to the church at 5.50pm as they need to get ready for the performance. We ask parents to wait outside the church while we get the children changed before and after the performances.

KS2 Carols by Candlelight

Everyone is welcome to our KS2 Carols on Wednesday 12th December at 6.30pm at St Nicolas Church. It is set to be a lovely evening to help everyone get into the Christmas spirit. The KS2 children should wear their Christmas jumpers for the Carols by Candlelight.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day. As previously communicated, we are happy for the children to have slices of fruit in their water bottles, especially for those reluctant water drinkers. We ask that you do not put squash in water bottles.

Christmas Cards

The Postbox is back in the library and will be running until Tuesday 18th December. Children will be able to post their cards to their friends each morning. Vice house captains will be delivering the post at the end of each day.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
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
January 2019		
Wed 2 nd	Inset Day	All families
Thurs 3 rd	Children Back 8.50am	Everyone
Fri 18 th	Christingle Making	All children
Thurs 17 th	Stay & Play 2pm	Ladybirds Parents
Sun 20 th	Christingle Service 11am St Nicholas	Everyone
February 2019		
Mon 4 th	Strategic FGB	All Governors
Fri 15 th	Inset Day	All families
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	Kites Holiday Club	Everyone
Mon 25 th	Back to school for everyone 8.50am	Everyone
Mon 25 th	Resources Committee	Resource Governors

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March 2019		
Tues 5 th	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
April 2019		
Fri 5 th	Church service 1pm	Everyone
Fri 5 th	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Sun 14 th	Ibstone Circle	Everyone
Tues 23 rd	Inset Day	Everyone
Wed 24 th	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Tues 30 th	Swimming starts for Kestrel Class	Kestrel Class

In your child's folder today:	
Information coming home:	Who?
Lane End Players Info	All
Christmas Lunch Letter	All