

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! The children all enjoyed sharing their holiday news with us and have come back to school well rested and are all excited about their new topics this term.

This week the Ladybirds have started their Fairy Tales topic and have enjoyed listening to a range of stories. They have all written about the Frog Prince and Mrs Robertson and I were invited to a special performance of Cinderella yesterday afternoon. The Fairy Godmother definitely knew how to use her wand with conviction and Prince Charming was very kind to the unsuccessful ladies who tried on the shoe! In true fairy tale style, he eventually found Cinderella and they lived happily ever after!

In mathematics, the children have been looking at numbers to 20, they have been working on their number formation, counting given numbers of objects and matching numbers to amounts of objects.



Woodland Class have started their India topic and have thought of some excellent questions that they would like to explore and answer during their topic. They also enjoyed playing a variation of the shopping list game 'I went to India and I took...' and the challenge of remembering the items that everyone would take to India. The children then had to write lists of the things they would take.

In mathematics, they have been learning about multiplication and have made arrays to answer questions about the 2, 5 & 10 time tables. In science, they have been finding out about various animals and sorted them into groups. The children have also been using their mapping skills to locate the continents of the world and to locate the UK and India. Woodland Class have also made a timeline to highlight historical events beyond living memory, this half term they will be focussed on 1666... I wonder if they can remember why?

Kestrel Class have been tapping into their imaginations and have created their own imaginary worlds this week. They have written an adventure story in their own world! I think Cloud Land would be a lovely place to visit!

In mathematics, they have been learning about co-ordinates and have been reading and plotting co-ordinates on a map. They have also looked at a compass and learned about compass points. Some children had the challenge of using 6 figure grid references (I think I might pop down for some lessons!).

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## In other news...

### Early Birds Breakfast Club

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January Early Birds will run in the hall. Please take your children down to the hall via the playground. If you need to book a place in Early Birds, please just email the school office.

### Uniform

Please make sure your child is always wearing the correct uniform and footwear. Long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be tied back during the school day. Please ensure PE kits are in school at all times.

### Cold Weather

As we have one of the coldest playgrounds in the county, please could you send your child in to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves (all need to be named) on a daily basis.

### 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.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards



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# Kestrel Points



# Worship Leaders



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# Playground Friends



## Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>January 2019</b>		
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Stay & Play 2pm	Ladybirds Parents
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Making	All children
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service 11am St Nicholas	Everyone
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Baker House Reward Day – Own Clothes Day	Baker House (the yellow one)
<b>February 2019</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Strategic FGB	All Governors
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kites Reception/KS1 and KS2 Valentine's Disco</b> <b>More details to follow</b>	<b>All</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day	All families
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kites Holiday Club	Everyone
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school for everyone 8.50am	Everyone
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Resources Committee	Resource Governors
<b>March 2019</b>		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
<b>April 2019</b>		
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Church service 1pm	Everyone
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kites Holiday Club</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle	Everyone
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day	Everyone
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts for Kestrel Class	Kestrel Class