

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

And breathe... well if last week was interesting, I'm not entirely sure how to describe this one! As you are all aware we have been waiting for 'THE CALL' for over 18 months. Well, the wait is finally over. On Monday morning, in the middle of teaching Kestrel Class about length, 'THE CALL' came.

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed Mr Bill James to the school. We were inspected under Section 5 of the Education Act, this is a two day inspection. The trigger for us for a two day inspection was the transition from an infant school to a primary school.

During his two days at Ibstone, Mr James observed teaching, looked at books, heard children read and spoke to pupils, parents, staff and governors. He has asked me to thank everyone for making him feel so welcome with an extra special thank you to the children for being amazing!

We now must wait patiently for his report to come through, he has warned us that this may take a few weeks due to the process the reports have to go through. Please rest assured that as soon as we receive the final report we will share it with you all. Thank you all for completing the parent view questionnaires, your kind words of support, chocolate drops, biscuits and cakes! We all really appreciate it!

What have we been learning this week?

The Ladybirds have been climbing a beanstalk this week and found some amazing things at the top! They have made their own beanstalk and written their ideas on clouds and leaves. They have also enjoyed finishing their puppets.



Woodland Class have started learning about division and have been sharing objects, making groups of objects and solving word problems. They have also written character descriptions for their stories about India. In science they have been learning about food chains.

Kestrel Class have been working hard to record length in mm, cm and m. They have also been learning how to work out the perimeter and area of shapes. In English they have written poems about Snow and Ice. They have also acted out conversations and recorded them as dialogue using speech marks.

Love – Courage – Respect – Community - Perseverance

In other news...

Tissues

We are still in desperate need of boxes of tissues, if you are able to drop a box into your shopping trolley for us, we would be very grateful!

Library Help

We are looking for volunteers to help run the library. If you think you can spare an hour on a Friday afternoon, please let us know.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March by asking everyone to dress up as their favourite book character.

Thank you all again for your continued support of the school. Have a lovely weekend.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2019		
Mon 4 th	Strategic FGB	All Governors
Mon 11 th	Kites Reception/KS1 and KS2 Valentine's Disco	All
Tues 12 th	Parents Evening	All classes by appointment
Thurs 14 th	Parents Evening	Woodland & Kestrel Classes by appointment
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 6.30pm	Resource Governors
March 2019		
Fri 1 st	Family Disco 6.30pm-8.30pm	Everyone
Tues 5 th	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day – favourite book character	Everyone
Mon 11 th	Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm	All Governors
Fri 15 th	Comic Relief	Everyone
Sun 31 st	Mother's Day – more info to follow	Everyone
April 2019		
Fri 5 th	Church service 1pm	Everyone
Fri 5 th	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Mon 8 th – Thurs 18 th	Kites Holiday Club	Everyone
Tues 23 rd	Inset Day	Everyone
Wed 24 th	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 28 th	Ibstone Circle – Please note change of date	All children
Tues 30 th	Swimming starts for Kestrel Class	Kestrel Class
May 2019		
Thurs 2 nd	PROVISIONAL Polling Day – School Closed	Everyone
Sat 11 th	May Fayre 10am-5pm	Everyone

Mon 13 th	Resources Committee 6.30pm	Resources Governors
Wed 15 th	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
Fri 24 th	End of Term 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2019		
Mon 3 rd	Inset Day	Everyone
Tues 4 th	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Mon 10 th	Garsington Day 1 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 13 th	Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
Mon 17 th	Garsington Day 2 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 20 th	Reserve Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
July 2019		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	All children
Wed 10 th	Opera First - Garsington (evening performance)	More info to follow
Fri 12 th	Reports Out	Everyone
Wed 24 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone