

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

It has been a very productive first full week back, the children are all eager and keen to learn and are demonstrating our school values in all areas of school life. I am sure that most of our children would be able to tell you our values as they are at the heart of everything we do in school, but just in case, I thought I would take this opportunity to share our vision and values with you.

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Our vision is to nurture our community enabling everyone to grow through our Christian values. We inspire our children to be resilient, confident and courageous whilst developing a lasting love of learning.

Our core values are:

Courage, Respect, Love, Perseverance & Community

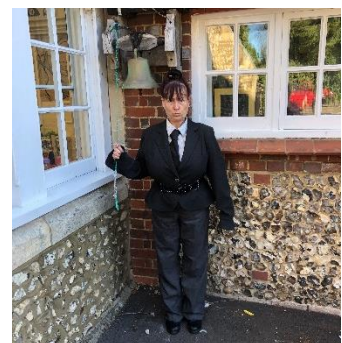
The whole school will be looking at these values and learning about them over the next few weeks in Worship and they will continue to form part of our daily conversations with the children over the course of the year.

This week the Ladybirds have continued to settle in and have started their 'Ourselves' topic. They have been practising writing their names and enjoyed painting self portraits! In mathematics, they have been looking for numbers around the school and have been busy counting sets of objects. The children have also been learning about Diamond Power (this is explained further down in the newsletter).

Woodland Class have been thinking about the class rules and expectations and have spent time learning about the marking stamps they will see and respond to in their books. They have been writing about becoming 'Super Learners' and they have also thought about and written prayers to go in a time capsule that will be buried at the front of the school. In mathematics, they have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. The Year 2 children have been adding large numbers together by partitioning the numbers into tens and units. The Year 1 children have also been adding numbers using a number line.

Kestrel Class have enjoyed their Roald Dahl week. A huge thank you and well done to everyone for their superb costumes on Roald Dahl Day! My personal favourite had to be Mrs Barrett aka Miss Trunchbull.

The children have been writing instructions for medicines and potions. In mathematics they have been inspired by the BFG and enjoyed investigating if hand size affects the number of sweets in a handful. They have also been thinking about what makes a good learner and how they can be a positive and proactive member of the school community.



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In other news...

A warm welcome

We have welcomed two new volunteers this week, Mrs Harbord and Mrs Faragher who will be volunteering in Kestrel Class on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Diamond Power & Gems

We have been thinking about Dr Tom's Gems as a whole school and the children are being encouraged to work as a class to gain Diamond Power, the staff are also looking for children demonstrating Ruby Power and Emerald Power.

Dr Tom is an educational consultant who works all over the world sharing his passion for teaching and helping people see learning as something that can enhance lives and bring great pleasure.

He visited Ibstone several years ago and talked to us about learning and how every time we learn something our brain forest grows a little bit more. He explained that in order to keep your brain forest growing and surviving you need to get Diamond Power. As adults, we all have a lot of Diamond Power as we are constantly solving problems. Sometimes, adults can take the Diamond Power away from children by doing something for them.

The staff have been talking about 'Diamond Power' with the children and have reintroduced the concept of earning diamond power in school. Each class has set their own Diamond Power challenge, for example, some are currently earning diamonds by keeping the cloakrooms tidy and taking responsibility for making sure that coats etc, are hung up and the wellies are tidy. If the children can do this without an adult intervening, the children earn a diamond for the class pot. If the adults have to pick up a coat etc, then the adults earn the diamond.



As we get further into the term we will set a whole school diamond challenge via the newsletter.

We have also been teaching the children about Emerald and Ruby Power. Emerald Power is about resilience and perseverance. It is important for the children to understand it is ok to struggle and find things difficult and make mistakes. Ruby Power is about supporting each other, being a kind friend, praising others when they have achieved and helping. The teachers will be looking for children demonstrating Emerald and Ruby Power in the classroom and will be presenting some special certificates. If you would like to find out more about Dr. Tom and his Gem Project, please click on the link <http://www.tredu.co.uk/the-gem-project/>

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Safeguarding

During our INSET day, we had our safeguarding refresher training. As part of this we need to ensure that we have up to date contact details for every child. New guidelines instruct us to keep at least two emergency contact numbers for every child. Please ensure that you check the data sheet that is coming home tonight (Woodland & Kestrel Classes) and update any contact details and add additional contacts.

At Ibstone, we have a lanyard system in place to ensure the children are able to identify grownups in our school. The blue lanyards are for staff and have ID cards with a photo, name and position. Governors have black lanyards which they are required to wear when they are in school. Volunteers have green lanyards, the children will know that these are people who have been invited into school to work on a regular basis. Visitors will wear the red lanyards and the children will be taught that these people are allowed to be in our school accompanied by a member of staff. We will be teaching the children to tell a grown up if they see someone in our school without a lanyard. Obviously there will be an increased number of visitors during this exciting time in the school's expansion, this system will continue to ensure that people are easily identified by everyone concerned.



The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Louise Long and the Additional DSL's are Amanda Statham and Cathryn Barrett. Our Safeguarding Governor is Helen France. All four can be contacted through the school office. If you have any concerns regarding child protection please speak to Mrs Long, Mrs Statham or Mrs Barrett.

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2018		
Fri 21st	Individual / Sibling School Photos	All
Fri 28th	Jenes for Genes Day (mufti day) suggested minimum £1 donation	All
Fri 28th	Macmillan Cake Sale – after school on the playground	Everyone
October 2018		
Thurs 4th	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am	Prospective parents
Thurs 4 th	Flu immunisations	Ladybirds & Woodland Children
Thurs 11th	Open Day 9.30am-11.30am & 1.30pm-3.30pm	Prospective parents
Sun 14 th	Harvest Service – 10am St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	Everyone
Mon 15th	Kestrel Class Trip- Saxon Day	Kestrel Class
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
Mon 22nd – Fri 26th	Kites Holiday Club – booking forms are also available on the school website.	Everyone
November 2018		
Fri 9 th	Remembrance Service – St Nicholas 9.15am	Everyone
Mon 19th	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?
Razzamatraz theatre schools taster session	All
Kites October Holiday Club Booking Form	All
Data Collection forms	Woodland & Kestrel Classes

News from the PTA

Dear All,

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Ibstone School. As a parent of a child or children at the school you are automatically members of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Money raised by the PTA is used by the school for activities, outings, equipment, etc. and benefits all the children. The more events that are supported by us, our families and villagers too, the more money we can raise. It's an exciting time for us at Ibstone with the building work and new classrooms going up at great speed and we can look at what resources the school will need in the future!

The first PTA meeting will be held on Monday 17th September at 7.30pm in The Fox at Ibstone, try and come and join us it would be lovely to see you. Any ideas are always welcome via the school office or directly to me; so if you cannot make the meeting you can still put your ideas forward.

A Calendar of 2018/19 events will be sent out next week after the meeting.

Thanks for your support

Bex Willcocks
PTA Chair

Meet the Governors



Hi, I'm Ben Randall, Chair of Governors.

It has been 3 years since we decided to move up to the Chilterns and visited all the local schools in the area, we settled on sending our children to Ibstone, because let's face it there is nothing quite like this school. From the feeling you get when you walk through the door for the first time, to the welcoming nature of the staff and children, there is no other choice. Little did I think I would end up here to help govern the school at such an exciting time. I have been involved in various roles at different schools and charities over the last 6 years and have enjoyed the challenge, although sometimes stressful and time consuming, it is very rewarding and I really enjoy seeing the impact the work we do has. In my limited spare time I enjoy petrol related toys be them 4 wheels, 2 wheels or chainsaws, I love making things and building stuff in my workshop, I also make a mean sloe gin and still listen to vinyl !

My daughter Freya went through Ibstone before moving on to Frieth to start junior school, she loved her time and she has very fond memories of her year here. I am pleased that our move to a primary school means that Ayrton can now finish his primary education here. I work locally in a printing company and you will see me on the playground from time to time when work allows so feel free to grab me and have chat about school life, what we can do to help or ideas that you think may benefit the school. I am looking forward to the bright future this school has as we strive to become an outstanding primary school.

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