

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed reading the Ofsted report at the beginning of the week. As a well done for their outstanding behaviour, excellent manners and general brilliance, I have decided that the children (and staff) will all have a treat day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and in the afternoon the 'Ibstone Cinema' will have a special matinee show with popcorn for all.

## What have we been learning this week?

The Ladybirds have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new learning space and are already very much at home in the Ark. They have launched into their first topic of the Spring term 'Colour' and have enjoyed listening to the story of Elmer. They have painted a very colourful range of Elmers for their own elephant parade. In mathematics, they have been learning about subtraction and have started to look at ways to record their subtraction stories.

Woodland Class have been very busy, they have made maps and used positional and directional language in mathematics. They have also been using Bee Bots in ICT and have programmed them to travel a route on a map.



The children also designed and made their houses ready for the 'Great Fire of Ibstone'. This morning they enjoyed being firefighters and attempted to put the fire out using buckets and squirts (the equipment that was available in 1666) and then they all had the opportunity to use a fire extinguisher. Can you guess which was more effective in putting the fire out?



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Kestrel Class have also enjoyed settling into their new learning environment. They have all thought of prayers to bless the new building, thank the builders for such a wonderful learning space and to ask God to help them be the best learners they can be! Here are a few thoughts from the Kestrel Class about their new learning environment:

I like the colour of the chairs because it makes me happy and reminds me of the rising sun.

I like wearing slippers because it feels homely.

The view is amazing and it's lovely to hear the sound of the birds while we are learning.

In English the children have been focussing on their comprehension skills and have really had to use their inference skills to answer some tricky questions. In mathematics they have been adding and subtracting three digit numbers. They have also started their new science topic and they have been learning about the classification of animals and birds.

#### **In other news:**

#### **Celebration Worship**

BB (Before the Build), we used to invite parents in to school to join us for **Celebration Worship** at 2.30pm on Fridays. Now we have the hall back, we would love to invite you back in to join us again. In order to make this manageable for you and for us, there will be a rota system in place (please see the Diary Dates for this information). The families of our Year 4 children are invited to join us on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30pm, Year 3 families are invited on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Year 2 families are invited on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Year 1 families are invited on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and our Early Years families are invited to join us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please attend if you can, there is no obligation to attend but it would be lovely to see you. The rota will run all year so there will be plenty of opportunities to join us.

During this Worship some children will receive certificates, celebrate birthdays and have achievements from outside of school recognised through the '**Golden Post Box**'. The Golden Post Box is a way of us celebrating children's achievements outside of school. Parents are invited to write a short letter/note/email informing us of the children's achievements such as learning to ride a bike, getting a swimming certificate, being voted player of the week at football etc. These letters can then be handed to a member of staff and each week they will be shared in Worship and recorded in the 'Golden Book'.

#### **World Book Day**

Please remember that it is World Book Day on Thursday, the children should come to school dressed as their favourite character. It would be lovely if they also brought in a copy of the book they are from (if you have it).

#### **Comic Relief**

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March by having a mufti day and wearing red noses (available from Sainsbury's) if you have one. Please send your child in with a donation on the day.

The 'Ibstone's Got Talent' entry forms are coming home tonight! The children can enter on their own, in pairs or groups (no more than 5) to showcase their talents. This year we are asking for a 50p per child to enter. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Stay and Play**

The Ladybirds are looking forward to welcoming their parents to 'Stay and Play' at 9am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure you wear warm socks or bring a pair of indoor shoes/slippers with you!

Louise Long  
Headteacher



# Headteacher's Awards



# Playground Friends



# Keeping safe online

Following on from my email this week about being vigilant whilst being online. Below are a few links to online safety advice sites:

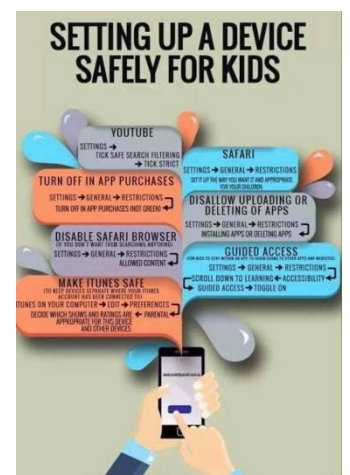
<http://www.ibstoneschool.org.uk/safeguarding>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting.html>



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>March 2019</b>		
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Family Disco 6.30pm-8.30pm	Everyone
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – favourite book character	Everyone
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm	All Governors
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief & Ibstone’s Got Talent	Everyone
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mother’s Day – more info to follow	Everyone
<b>April 2019</b>		
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Church service 1pm	Everyone
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kites Holiday Club	Everyone
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day	Everyone
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle – Please note change of date	All children
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts for Kestrel Class	Kestrel Class
<b>May 2019</b>		
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>NO POLLING DAY – SCHOOL AS NORMAL</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	May Fayre 10am-5pm	Everyone
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Resources Committee 6.30pm	Resources Governors
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
<b>June 2019</b>		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day	Everyone
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Garsington Day 1 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Garsington Day 2 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>July 2019</b>		
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transition Day	All children
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Opera First - Garsington (evening performance)	More info to follow
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reports Out	Everyone
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone