

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a very busy week filled with House Council Meetings, training courses for staff and lots of Easter and Mother's Day preparations.

On Tuesday we had a whole school reshuffle, the Year 2 children went to work in Kestrel Class and the Ladybirds went to work with Mrs Hampson in Woodland Class. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy their day. The Woodland Class painted flower pots and planted sunflower seeds and Kestrel Class designed and made fantasy hotels with adventure playgrounds and wildlife areas. Mrs Barrett was very impressed with their creativity!



While the children were working collaboratively together, Mrs Grafham and Ms Lever were on a course learning about physical development and getting some amazing ideas to bring back to school and share with everyone. Mrs Statham, Ms Hearn and I were attending a different course called 'Talk for Writing', we have all come back to school buzzing with ideas and ways we are going to continue to develop writing across the school. I am very lucky as I will be attending the KS2 training with Mrs Barrett at the end of June!

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What have we been learning this week?

The Ladybirds have been looking for patterns in the environment and making repeating patterns. They have been thinking about adjectives to describe characters from the Rainbow Fish. The children have also all enjoyed a spot of gardening. Ms Lever shared some new ideas from her course and the children loved indoor sledge racing!



Woodland Class have been writing some very special poems this week. They are looking forward to reading them out in the church on Sunday! In mathematics, they have been doubling and halving numbers and groups of objects. On Thursday, the children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Aylesbury to meet their school linking buddies. It sounds as though they had the most amazing day making new friends and playing some great team building games.



Kestrel Class have been using the 'Bus Stop' method to divide two and three digit numbers by one digit. In English, they have been writing kennings. They have also been writing prayers to share in the church on Sunday.

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In other news:

Mothers Day Service

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday at 11am.

End of Term - Clarification

We would like to invite all families to our Stations of the Cross walk on the last day of term, Friday 5th April. We will be leaving school just after 9am and making our way down to the church via the woods. During our walk we will be thinking about the Easter Story. On arrival at the church we will have our end of term service. Following the service, we would like to invite you all back to school for a picnic lunch.

If you would like to join us for the whole morning, you are more than welcome to. If you would like to come along for the church service, it will start at roughly 10.30am and if you would just like to join us for the picnic lunch please come to school for 11.45am. You will need to bring your own lunch, the children will still be having their school lunches but we will make it a picnic event!

Easter Gardens

As Easter Day is at the end of the holidays, we would like to set the children the challenge of making an Easter Garden to bring into school on Wednesday 24th April. The Gardens will be judged by an external judging panel and the winners will receive a prize! An ideas sheet will be emailed out on Monday 1st April (and no, that's not an April Fools).

Musical Knowledge!

I would like to apologise for my distinct lack of knowledge when discussing songs from musicals. Last week I wrote that 'I could have danced all night' was from 'Oliver'. Eagle eyed Mr Long, pointed out that in fact it is from 'My Fair Lady'. I am now being educated in musical theatre.

Ibstone Litter Pick

A huge well done to Team Ibstone for joining the village litter pick last Sunday, you worked incredibly hard and persevered to pick up lots of litter! Thank you!

Kites Club Price Increase

Kites Club charges will be increasing from 24th April **2019** (not 2020 as previously stated!) from £4.50 to £5 per session. Well done and thank you to the parent who spotted my mistake! 😊

Kites & Early Birds Booking Forms

Please send your booking forms back before Friday 5th April.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy being looked after!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



Kestrel Points



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2019		
Sun 31 st	Mother's Day – 11am St Nicholas Church	Everyone
April 2019		
Mon 1 st	Kites Disco – EYFS/ KS1	
Mon 1 st	Kites Disco – KS2	
Thurs 4 th	Easter Crafternoon	All children
Fri 5 th	Stations of the Cross Walk	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
Fri 26 th	Celebration Worship	Year 2 families
Sun 28 th	Ibstone Circle – Please note change of date	All children
Tues 30 th	Swimming starts for Kestrel Class	Kestrel Class
May 2019		
Fri 3 rd	Celebration Worship	Year 1 families
Fri 10 th	Celebration Worship	EYFS (Ladybirds) families
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 17 th	Celebration Worship	Year 4 families
Fri 24 th	Celebration Worship	Year 3 families
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
Thurs 6 th	School Trip	All children
Fri 7 th	Celebration Worship	Year 2 families
Mon 10 th	Garsington Day 1 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 13 th	Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 14 th	Celebration Worship	Year 1 families
Mon 17 th	Garsington Day 2 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 20 th	Reserve Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 21 st	Celebration Worship	EYFS families
Fri 28 th	Celebration Worship	Year 3 & 4 families
July 2019		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	All children
Fri 5 th	Celebration Worship	Year 1 & 2 families
Wed 10 th	Opera First - Garsington (evening performance)	More info to follow
Fri 12 th	Reports Out	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Celebration Worship	EYFS families
Wed 24 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone