

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A huge thank you to everyone for their cake donations, time, sponsorship and support before, during and after the Ibstone Circle on Sunday. We are pleased to announce that the event was a great success and raised over £3000 for the school. We are already planning Ibstone Circle 2020, so please save the date now – Sunday 26th April 2020. If you, or anyone you know or work for would be interested in sponsoring the event, please get in touch now as there are many exciting opportunities for sponsors.



What have we been learning this week?

Ladybirds have been reading 'Whatever Next' and have been role playing and sequencing the story. In mathematics, they have been exploring 3D shapes and making them into rockets, they have been counting 3D shapes in the environment, tallying to help them count and then recording their findings in a block graph!

To launch even further into their space topic the children have painted their feet to make rockets and have started to think about the planets in the solar system. They have also been making moon sand for their space exploration. All the children enjoyed their first tennis session with

Coach
Chris.



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Woodland class have been writing descriptions of dragons and unicorns and I was amazing by some of the their descriptions...

...sapphire eyes that sparkle like sprinkles.

...his tail swings like a twisty lasso.

...as scary as a sabretooth tiger or a T-Rex.

In mathematics, they have been adding and subtracting 10. The Year 2 children have been using column addition and subtraction using regrouping. The Year 1 children have been using partitioning to help them add and subtract.

Kestrel Class found an alien egg with a letter explaining what it was and what it would need once it had hatched. The children had to write their own instructions to explain how to hatch the egg. They made Lego models of what the alien might look like. In mathematics, the children have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 to make tenths and hundredths. For example: $6 \div 10 = 0.6$ and $6 \times 100 = 600$. The children have also been rounding to the nearest 10 or 100. They have been practising a ditty to help them to remember which way to round (up or down)

5 to 9, climb the vine! 0 to 4, slide to the floor!

In science they have made moving models to help them understand how the Earth rotates on its axis.

In other news...

Swimming

I was incredibly proud of all the children in Kestrel Class this week, their behaviour and conduct at the swimming pool and their listening skills during their swimming lesson was amazing. The staff at the sports centre commented on how wonderful Ibstone children are! Well done everyone!



Furry visitors

We have had a new family move into the school grounds. As you all know we normally welcome new visitors to the school with open arms, however, as this family are small, furry and have tails we have decided not to welcome them to the Ibstone family. We have an ongoing maintenance agreement with 'Chiltern Pest Solutions' and Phil has already been onsite to help evict our visitors and ensure that we have the situation under control. Phil is well known to the school as he also helps control the wasps and ladybirds. If you need any pest control, from ladybirds to glis glis, mice to squirrels then Phil is your man! I'm sure if you mention the school when you call him, he will give you a discount! Phil's number is **07947 819554**.

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After school sports activities

Following a spate of missing uniform and PE kits, we have made the decision to stop using school PE kits for after school clubs. From Tuesday 7th May, children attending any sports club after school will need to bring in a separate change of clothes with trainers to use. If they do not have a spare kit in school they can still take part but will need to participate in their school uniform.

Kites Hoiliday Club

We have sent home the booking forms for May half term Holiday Club and the Summer Holiday Club. Please send these back in as soon as possible.

KS1 SATs Meeting

We will be holding a KS1 SATs meeting for Year 2 parents on Tuesday 7th May at 3.20pm. The meeting will last approximately 30mins and we will explain the way KS1 SATs are delivered, the format of the papers and how the information is reported to you in the summer. Your children can go to Kites free of charge while you are at the meeting. Please could you email the office to let us know if you are planning on attending so we can have an idea of numbers.

KS1 Phonics Meeting

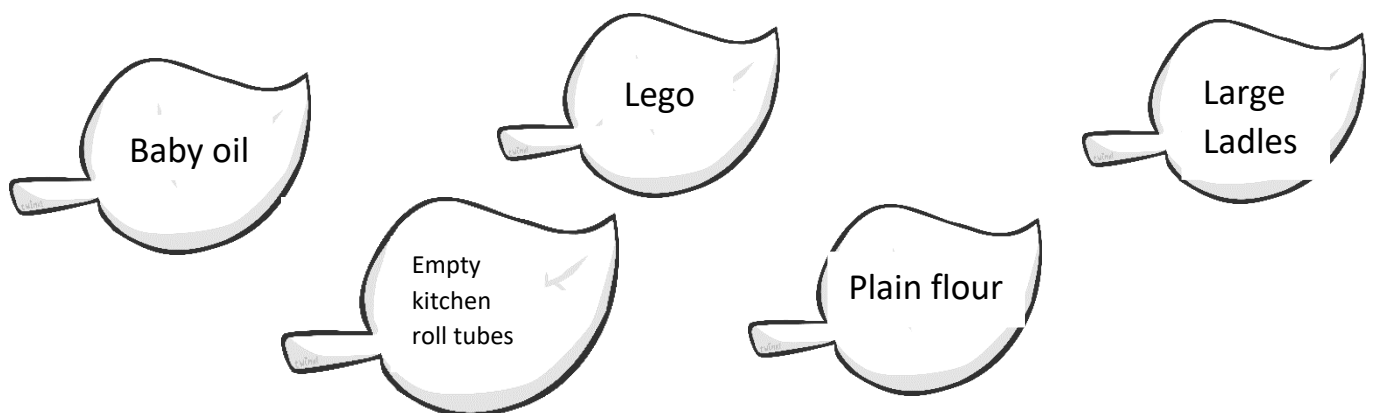
Children in Year 1 will be taking the Phonics Screening Check in June. We are holding an information session about what the Phonics Screening Check is and what it entails on Monday 13th May at 3.20pm. The meeting will last approximately 30mins. Your children can go to Kites free of charge while you are at the meeting. Please could you email the office to let us know if you are planning on attending so we can have an idea of numbers.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Wish Tree

We are often asked if there are bits people can buy for the school to help us out. We have decided to try out our wish tree which are the things that we are running low on in school or things that would enhance our curriculum. If you would like to pop one of these in your shopping trolley or have any spare at home, we would be very grateful for your help.



Headteacher's Awards



Kestrel Points



House News

Congratulations to **Allnutt** who received the most house points in the first half of the Spring term. Your reward day is on **Friday 10th May** and as you decided in your meeting, you can come to school **in your own clothes with Crazy Hair!**

Congratulations to **Gadbury** who received the most house points in the second half of the Spring term. Your reward day is on **Friday 17th May** and as you decided in your meeting, you can come to school **in your own clothes with your Teddy Bear.**

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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2019		
Fri 3 rd	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 1 families
Sat 4 th	Bluebell photos – book now	Everyone
Tues 7 th	KS1 SATs meeting 3.20pm	Year 2 parents only
Fri 10 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	EYFS (Ladybirds) families
Sat 11 th	May Fayre 10am-5pm	Everyone
Mon 13th	Phonics Meeting 3.20pm	Year 1 parents
Mon 13 th	Resources Committee 6.30pm	Resources Governors
Wed 15 th	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
Fri 17 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 4 families
Thurs 23 rd	Polling Day – School Closed to pupils	All pupils
Fri 24 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	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
Fri 7 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	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 – 2.30pm	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 – 2.30pm	EYFS families
Fri 28 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 3 & 4 families
July 2019		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	All children
Fri 5 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	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 – 2.30pm	EYFS families
Wed 24 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone