

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The Ladybirds have been continuing their 'Ourselves' topic with lots of measuring activities, it would seem that there are quite a few long feet in the class this year! They have also been looking at the Funny Bones stories and have been finding out about skeletons. The children decided to have a hospital as their role play area and enjoyed helping the staff to set it up and resource it. Currently they can only help patients with minor injuries!

The Ladybirds' children have also been thinking about what they would like to learn and find out about this year. This will help Mrs Grafham & Mrs Statham plan the curriculum. Here are a few of their requests...

I want to learn  
to read!

I want to find  
out more about  
Super Heroes

I want to find out  
more about building.

I am interested  
in sea animals.

On Monday afternoon, Woodland Class went on a nature hunt in the woods. They looked for different types of leaves, bugs and discussed what was happening to the trees. They will be visiting the same area of woodland over the course of the year to look and talk about seasonal changes.



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In Literacy, the children have been writing recounts of their walk in the woods with a focus on using time connectives such as next, after that & finally. In mathematics, Woodland Class have continued to work on their addition skills in Mathematics with all the children demonstrating their ability to use a number line and 100 square. They have also been learning their number bonds to 10 & some of the children are working on number bonds to 20. Number bonds are pairs of numbers that make a number eg.  $7+3=10$ ,  $3+7=10$ .

Woodland Class children will begin working in their new phonics' groups from Monday and Spellings will be sent home on Monday and tested the following Monday.

Kestrel Class have started their Viking Topic and have looked at and ordered timelines. They have looked at maps and identified where the Vikings came from and where they settled. The children have had a go at writing their names and messages using runes and noticed that lots of letters we have in today's alphabet are missing! Strangely they had no 'V' at all!

In mathematics they have been counting on from a given number in 1's, 10's and 100's and using 2 times table flip sticks! In RE, they have discussed what a 'Murti' is... see if they can tell you!

#### **In other news...**

##### **PTA**

I am looking forward to seeing you at the first PTA meeting of the year at The Fox Country Inn, Ibstone on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm. Please do let Bex know if you are unable to attend.

The PTA involves everyone and you are all automatically members by having children in the school. Over the past few years the funds raised by the PTA have made our learning environment so much better. The PTA paid for the colourful playground markings you see every day, the new mats that the children sit on in their classrooms, resources for all classrooms, library furniture and much more. The PTA also subsidise the Christmas school trip.

The PTA currently have one big project they are raising money for and a number of smaller wish lists. Last year they organised the Christmas Fayre, Family Discos, Pop Up Café every half term, Camping Night, Ibstone Circle and the tea tent at the Marlow May Fayre.

I would like to thank the PTA on behalf of all the staff for the wonderful fundraising you do for us! Long may it continue!

#### **Houses, House Points & Kestrel Points**

Last year we launched our four Houses (teams) Allnutt, Baker, Gadbury & Merton. Please read a little more about the history of each house name below:

**Allnutt** – Henry Allnutt lived in Ibstone House and inherited an estate in Goring. On his death in 1724 he bequeathed a considerable sum of money that formed a share in the Allnutt & Baker Charity which later became the Goring Heath Charity. It was money from this charity that funded the school, as we know it today, to be built in 1852.

**Baker** – Revd John Baker is the other named founder of the Allnutt & Baker Charity that funded the school building and supported the poor of the parish by paying for their school uniform.

**Gadbury** – this is name of the piece of land that was donated for the school to be built on. John Gadbury had been the Yeoman of Ibstone.

**Merton** – Merton College, Oxford, granted the piece of land (Gadbury) that the school is now built on. Merton College also donated £30 in 1904 to help meet the costs of the school expansion to create an infants' room (which is currently the Kestrel classroom).

All the children have been put into a House and hopefully they will be able to tell you about their house and colour. As we settle into the year we will be looking to our KS2 children to step up to be House Captains.

At the moment, all children can earn house points in school. All members of staff are able to award house points for good work, behaviour, sporting achievements and demonstration of our school values etc.

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In Ladybirds and Woodland Class these are recorded in the form of a counter being put into the House Pot. In Kestrel Class the children are awarded Kestrel Points as they are working towards Kestrel Point Certificates. These points are also transferred to be house points and the children in Kestrel Class record their points on their own personal sheet as well as using a House Pot system. Each half term the counters from each class will be counted and the numbers recorded. At the end of the year the House with the most points will be awarded a trophy.



### Photographs

Danny was in school this morning and was very impressed with the Ibstone smiles! You will find your child's photograph proof in their bags this evening. Please do take time to log on to see all the images Danny took. Please take advantage of the Earlybird Discount if you order online before 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We are very fortunate that the school receives a percentage of the orders!

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher



## Headteacher Awards

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# Library Challenge Awards



## Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

| Date  | Occasion   | Who?                          |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>September 2018</b>                       |  |                               |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>                        | Jeans for Genes Day (mufti day) suggested minimum £1 donation                | All                           |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>                        | Macmillan Cake Sale – after school on the playground                         | Everyone                      |
| <b>October 2018</b>                         |  |                               |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>                       | Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am  | Prospective parents           |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>                       | Flu immunisations  | Ladybirds & Woodland Children |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>                      | Open Day 9.30am-11.30am & 1.30pm-3.30pm                                      | Prospective parents           |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>                        | Harvest Service – 10am St Nicholas Church, Ibstone                           | Everyone                      |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>                        | Kestrel Class Trip- Saxon Day  | Kestrel Class                 |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>                       | Parents' Evening – more information to follow                                | All                           |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>                      | Parents' Evening - more information to follow                                | Woodland Class                |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | End of term 3.15pm/3.25pm  | Whole School                  |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | End of Term Disco - End of school – 4.30pm                                   | Whole School                  |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> | Kites Holiday Club – booking forms are also available on the school website. | Everyone                      |
| <b>November 2018</b>                        |  |                               |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>                         | Remembrance Service – St Nicholas 9.15am                                     | Everyone                      |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am  | Prospective parents           |

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| <b>December 2018</b>   |                                      |                               |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Nativity Performance 2pm             | Ladybirds & Woodland Parents  |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Kestrel Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm | Kestrel Class                 |
| Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> | Nativity Performance 6pm             | Ladybirds & Woodland Families |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Norden Farm                          | Whole School                  |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Christmas Jumper Day                 | Whole School                  |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Kites Christmas Disco                | Whole School                  |
| Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>   | End of Term – 1.30pm finish          | Whole School                  |

## In your child's folder today:

| <b>Information coming home:</b>  | <b>Who?</b>         |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Curriculum letters</b>        | <b>All children</b> |
| <b>Social Media Consent Form</b> | <b>All children</b> |
| <b>Photograph proofs</b>         | <b>All children</b> |
| <b>Photo Consent</b>             | <b>Ladybirds</b>    |