

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who attended the Year 2 SATs meeting on Tuesday afternoon. If you were not able to attend, a set of the notes will be sent home in your child's bag.

We are keeping everything crossed that the weather improves for tomorrow's May Fayre in Marlow. If you are able to help before, during or after, please do let Bex know. This is another huge fundraiser for the school and your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Last week, Danny kindly came into school to take some photos of our new classrooms and our children working in their new learning environments. We are going to be using these images on our website, social media pages and other promotional materials moving forward. A huge thank you to Danny Higgins Photography for supporting us.



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What have we been learning this week?

Ladybirds have continued to enjoy retelling the story of 'Whatever Next' and have been writing their own version of the story where they zoom off to Mars! The children have all had a go at writing their stories independently and have wowed us with their writing skills! Keep up the good work Ladybirds!

In mathematics, they have been estimating and measuring how much different objects weigh and comparing them using vocabulary such as heavier, lighter, heaviest and lightest. The children have also enjoyed making a spaceship using reclaimed materials and using the computers to make space pictures.

Woodland Class have continued their Unicorn and Dragon stories and have been using their Talk for Writing skills to rehearse their descriptions and improve their ideas before writing them. In mathematics they have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 2, 5 & 10, solving word problems and two step problems. Woodland Class are really enjoying their cricket sessions with the England Cricket Board through their Chance to Shine programme.

Kestrel Class have been writing newspaper reports about an alien visiting Ibstone. In mathematics they have been focussing on subtraction and have been using the trading method to subtract up to 4 digit numbers. They have also been solving word problems. In science, the children have been learning about gravity, air resistance and friction. They have designed a parachute that could slow down the rate of an egg falling to earth so that it will not break, I shall look forward to sharing the photos of the experiment next week.

In other news...

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.

Kites Holiday Club

Thank you to those of you who have returned your holiday club booking forms already. Please send them back as soon as you can as it helps us plan the activities.

Kites After School Club, Disco & Early Birds Booking

You should all receive the Kites and Early Birds booking forms for the summer term today. These are also available on the school website if you need another copy.

Garsington Opera Opportunity

We have been given the amazing opportunity to work with Garsington again this year. Children aged between 5 & 8 will have a letter in their bags. If any of our 9 year olds would like to be part of the youth opera, we are happy to find our more information for you. Please read the letter carefully as the commitment to the project is vital and is in the first week of the summer holidays. We have already organised chaperones for the children, so you are able to leave the children at the rehearsals.

Staffing News

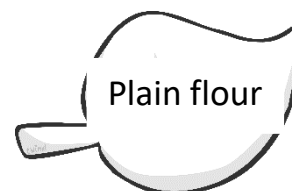
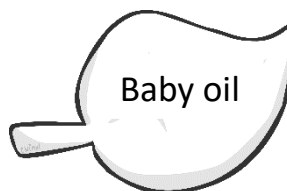
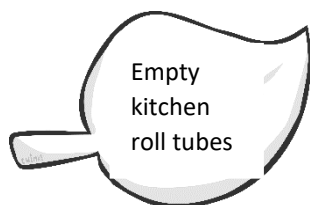
We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Katharine Firth as our upper KS2 teacher from September 2019. Miss Firth has been teaching Years 5 & 6 for several years and is very excited to be joining the team at such an important time in the schools journey. The Kestrel Class have already been fortunate enough to meet Miss Firth and I know that you will join me in making her feel part of the Ibstone family.

We look forward to seeing you at the May Fayre in Marlow on Saturday.

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



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House News

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**.

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2019		
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 24th	Celebration Worship – 9am (please note change of time)	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 6th	Pre school workshop 2-3pm (booking required)	Prospective families
Fri 7th	Mobile Planetarium	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
Fri 14th	Teddy Bear's Picnic – After school PTA event	All 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