

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting on Monday afternoon. If you were not able to attend, a set of the notes will be sent home in your child's bag.

A huge well done to the PTA and their successes at May Fayre, they have raised a whopping £1200! Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to bake, set up, serve, support and pack down. These fundraisers have such a huge impact on our children and the school. Thank you all again!

The front and back gardens have started their transformations this week. The front garden was looking tired and weary and after some advice and looking at the condition of the beds, we made the decision to remove the raised beds from the front garden. Obviously, this could not start until the Ladybirds had picked the rhubarb.



The rhubarb has been planted in a tyre by the front door and we are working on the rest of the garden to make it a story telling space for all children to use as part of their lessons and as a quiet space at lunchtime. If anyone has any left over turf, we will happily accept donations!



In the back garden, we have continued to put up the hazel hurdles which have been kindly donated to the school. A massive thank you to Nathan, for giving up his time to come and put them up for us. Nathan has also very kindly made our dreams come true by making a bespoke mud kitchen which is now sitting proudly in place in the back garden. Thank you SO much Nathan!



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What have we been learning this week?

Ladybirds have been looking at images of the moon and have written a description. They have also been using their imagination to pretend they have discovered a new planet. They had to think about what the planet would look like and what activities they would like to do on the new planet, the children came up with ideas such as 'eat marshmallows all day' and 'taking their dog for a walk'. The children have also been working together to make a poster to help people understand how to care for our world. They have also enjoyed using the bee-bots and programming them to move around a map!

Woodland Class have been working on their comprehension skills this week and have wowed us all with their ability to answer some very tricky questions. In mathematics, they have been revisiting multiplication, division and time! In science they have talked about and looked at a wide range of wild flowers and types of tree. They are looking forward to being out in the woods next week to identify the flowers and trees in our local environment.



Kestrel Class have been very busy this week and have enjoyed trying out their prototype kites. In mathematics, they have continued to solve 1 and 2 step word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In French, they have revisited greetings, numbers to 30 and have been playing colour bingo!

During circle time, the children have been thinking about what makes them special and how and why it is important to make others feel valued.



The children have continued to make great progress in their swimming lessons. One group is focussing on legs and concentrating on their kicking skills and attempting backstroke. Our other group are focussing on arms and perfecting the way their hands enter the water.

In other news...

Friday Morning Mile

We have completed our second Friday morning mile today and already the children have picked up the pace. Last week we completed the walk in 22minutes 45 seconds. This morning we set a new record to beat... 20 minutes and 20 seconds. This time includes road crossings and getting over the stile! I am hoping that by the end of the year we are closer to 15 minutes ... although the stile is a bit of a bottle neck!



Den Building – Friday 24th May

The whole school will be den building next Friday. All children can come to school in mufti (old clothes please) but they **must wear long sleeves and long trousers/leggings and wellies**. We are all looking forward to our brisk Friday mile walk and then we will be having some fun in the woods. Due to den building and other commitments, we will not be having celebration worship. Year 3 families will be invited to join worship on Friday 7th June at 2.30pm.

Photograph Reminder

If you havent already ordered your photos, the deadline is approaching! You can still take advantage of your early bird discount until Tuesday 21st May!

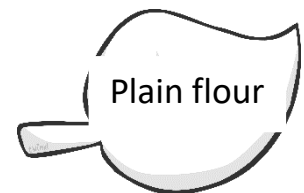
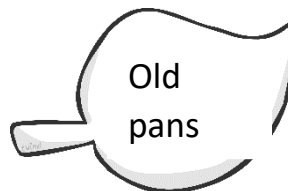
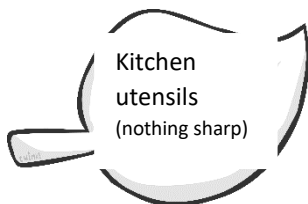
Garsington Opera Opportunity

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. **Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. Please make sure any remaining forms are returned by Monday 20th May.**

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



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2019		
Thurs 23 rd	Polling Day – School Closed to pupils	All pupils
Fri 24th	Den Building – please wear OLD clothes	All children
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	Pre-school workshop 2-3pm (booking required)	Prospective families
Fri 7th	Mobile Planetarium – information sent 17/05/19	All children
Fri 7th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 & 3 families
Mon 10th	Garsington Day 1 – information sent 17/05/19	Woodland Class
Thurs 13 th	Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 14 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 1 families
Fri 14 th	Teddy Bear's Picnic – After school PTA event	All families
Mon 17 th	Garsington Day 2	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