

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I would like to start my newsletter this week by welcoming Reverend Mark Ackford to the Parish. I was fortunate enough to be invited to his installation service at St Peter & St Paul's in Stokenchurch last night. We are looking forward to Reverend Mark being part of our school community moving forward.

It has been another busy week on the Ladybirds Building Site, there has been the most wonderful role play going on. The site office has been very busy taking deliveries and getting new orders for more houses to be built. The topic has been enhanced by the building going on at the bottom of the garden and there was great excitement on Tuesday when the crane arrived to lift the roof trusses.



The Ladybirds have also been tasked with helping the Three Billy Goats Gruff as their bridge was deemed by Health & Safety to be unsafe. The children had to work together to make a bridge strong & safe enough for the goats to cross. They have also re-told the story using percussion instruments and performed it to the adults. Well done Ladybirds! The children have also been learning about 3D shapes and their properties, I was very impressed to hear them using vocabulary such as faces, vertices and edges to describe the shapes.

Woodland Class have been busy comparing numbers this week. They have been using more than, less than and equal to symbols to compare numbers. In Literacy, they have continued to focus on Jack & the Beanstalk and have written character descriptions. They have been practising their Harvest offering for the service on Sunday. In science they have been investigating absorbency and I am keen to find out which paper towel is the most absorbent before I go shopping again!

Kestrel Class have been finding out more about Roald Dahl's life and the children were very excited to find out that Roald's school used to be a chocolate tasting school! They all thought I should look into this as an option for us! They have been using prepositions to describe where things are and when things happened. In mathematics, they have been learning about statistics and bar charts, Mrs Barrett challenged the children to compare data and find information from bar charts. In DT the children have been making Viking Long Ships.

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The whole school enjoyed working together to make and bake our Harvest Loaf ready for the service on Sunday. We also enjoyed sharing a loaf of bread during worship this afternoon and discussed how bread and wine are used in church as part of Communion. The children were able to link this to the Last Supper where Jesus broke the bread and gave the disciples wine.



In other news...

Build Update

The classroom build is continuing to change on a daily basis and we have ended the week with a water tight building!



Lunches

We have noticed a huge increase in the number of unhealthy snacks and lunch box items coming into school. Please take a moment to look at the websites below for some ideas:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>

We will be sending a leaflet home next week about healthy lunch boxes.

Waddesdon

We have been invited to take part in the Waddesdon Christmas Carnival again this year and the children will be making their lightbox image next week. We will be visiting Waddesdon on Friday 30th November to see our creation in situ. You will receive more information about this nearer the time.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle in to school every day. If they have forgotten it, please do not worry, you do not need to make an extra journey to bring it to school, we have purchased some new water cups for each classroom and the children are able to use these if they do not have their water bottles in school.

Parents' Evening

Thank you for all returning your forms so quickly. If you need your child to go to Kites during Parents' evening, please email Mrs Robertson to let her know they will be attending. There is no charge for using Kites during your appointment.

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Diamond Power Challenge

The children have really risen to the Diamond Challenges in school and we are now setting a whole school challenge (it involves parents too!). We would like the children to earn diamonds for being independent before and after school.

Whole School Diamond Power Challenge

To be responsible for your own belongings as you come into the school grounds and as you leave. This means that children will need to carry their own bags, water bottles and other belongings on to the playground. The children are to be responsible for them and put them by the wall while they play and then pick them up and bring them into school. A diamond can only be earned if ALL children in the class are doing this.

Harvest Service

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Harvest Service on Sunday at 10am. As in previous years, we will be collecting for the One Can Trust. Please see the most up to date One Can Trust Shopping List. 



UHT milk
Tinned ham / corned beef
Tinned potatoes
Tinned veg / peas / sweetcorn
Tinned meatballs / Hot Dogs
Tinned meat meals
Round pies
Pasta sauce
Jam
Jelly / Angel Delight
Tinned fruit
Soap
Shampoo / shower gel
Toothbrushes

Bonfire Night

The annual Ibstone Bonfire & Fireworks Night is being held on the common on Saturday 3rd November. The bar and BBQ will open at 5.30pm and the bonfire will be lit at 5.45pm. We will be making the Guy to go on top of the bonfire, if anyone has an old pair of trousers, shirt, jumper/jacket they would like to donate, please email the office. We like him to look presentable!

Remembrance Day Commemoration on the Common

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the email, we will begin practising our offering after half term. Please could children wear school uniform to the ceremony and a poppy!

Speed Limit

There have been a number of cars zooming through the village, whilst these speeding cars may not be parents or visitors to the school, please make sure you are sticking to the speed limit as you drive in/out and through the village.

PTA

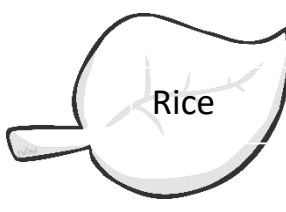
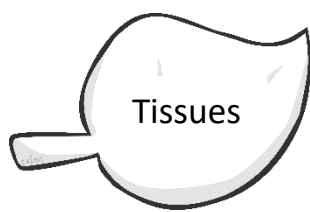
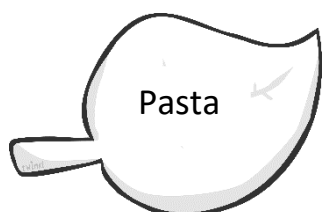
It was lovely to see so many of you at the PTA meeting this morning. The next meeting will be on Friday 16th November at 9am in the school hall, there will be coffee and cake again! Please let Bex know if you can attend. There is a mufti day on Friday 19th October in return for bottles for the tombola. Any bottle, unopened and in date will be gratefully received. **We will also be having a mufti day for gifts for the Secrets Room on Friday 2nd November.**

Secrets Room

These gifts should be new/unwanted gifts such as smellies, scarves, socks, ties, candles etc. The Secrets Room is only for children to access and they go in to buy you a gift for Christmas. They are helped by two trained gift pickers & wrapped with love! There is also a pet section for the extra members of your family.

Our Wish Tree

Thank you for your kind donations last week



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I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!
Louise Long
Headteacher



Headteacher Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2018		
Sun 14 th	Harvest Service – 10am St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	Everyone
Mon 15 th	Kestrel Class Trip- Saxon Day	Kestrel Class
Tues 16 th	Parents' Evening – more information sent today	All
Thurs 18 th	Parents' Evening – more information sent today	Woodland Class
Fri 19 th	Mufti day in return for bottles for the tombola	All
Fri 19 th	End of term 3.15pm/3.25pm	Whole School
Fri 19 th	End of Term Disco – End of school – 4.30pm	Whole School
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	Kites Holiday Club – booking forms are also available on the school website.	Everyone
November 2018		
Fri 2nd	Mufti day in return for Secrets Room gifts	Everyone
Sat 3rd	Bonfire Night – Ibstone Common	Everyone
Fri 9 th	Remembrance Service – St Nicholas 9.15am	Everyone
Sun 11 th	WW1 stone Commemoration on Ibstone Common – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 19 th	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am	Prospective parents
Fri 16 th	Children in Need	Everyone
Fri 16th	PTA Meeting 9am	All parents
Fri 16 th	Pop Up Café – After school in Woodland Class	Everyone
Sat 24 th	Christmas Fayre 12-3pm at Lane End Village Hall (due to building works at the school we have moved venue this year).	Everyone & friends
Fri 30th	Whole school trip to Waddesdon	Whole School
December 2018		
Wed 12 th	Nativity Performance 2pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Parents
Wed 12 th	Kestrel Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm	Kestrel Class
Thurs 13 th	Nativity Performance 6pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Families
Fri 14 th	Norden Farm	Whole School
Mon 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Mon 17 th	Kites Christmas Disco	Whole School
Wed 19 th	End of Term – 1.30pm finish	Whole School

In your child's folder today:

Information coming home:	Who?
Sealife Voucher	All

Ibstone CE Primary School
Term dates and school holidays in Buckinghamshire
This School Year (2018-19)

Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts	Thursday 6 September
Half Term	22 October – 26 October
Term Ends at 1.30pm	Wednesday 19 December

Spring term 2019

Term Starts	Thursday 3 January
Half Term	18 February – 22 February
Term Ends at 1.30pm	Friday 5 April

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts	Wednesday 24 April
Half Term	27 May – 31 May
Term Ends at 1.30pm	Wednesday 24 July

In-service training days for teachers:

- Wednesday 5 September 2018
- Wednesday 2 January 2019
- Friday 15th February 2019
- Tuesday 23rd April 2019
- Monday 3rd June 2019

Transition date: Tuesday 2 July 2019

Meet the Governors



Hi, I'm Guy Prince, the Chair of the Resources Committee.

I have been a Governor for over ten years and both my children went to Ibstone School which has given them the most brilliant start to their education. Even though they are now at secondary school, the unique attributes and values of the school continue to be important to them every day.

Being a Governor gives me the opportunity to contribute in a very meaningful and practical way and ensure the ongoing success of the school for other children and families.

My background is in sales, business management and finance, so where possible I hope that my skills can make an ongoing contribution to ensure that the school continues to thrive and grow. Although I am no longer on the playground each day, I do live in the village and so have regular contact with what goes on.