

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! It has been very moving to watch our old children race back onto the playground in the mornings to greet old friends and to welcome our new families.

A very special Ibstone welcome to all of our new children, we hope you will be incredibly happy being part of the Ibstone family.

Our new Ladybirds have very quickly settled in and have been enjoying exploring their new classroom and the school grounds. I am very impressed with their mud casserole recipes already, it was very tasty!



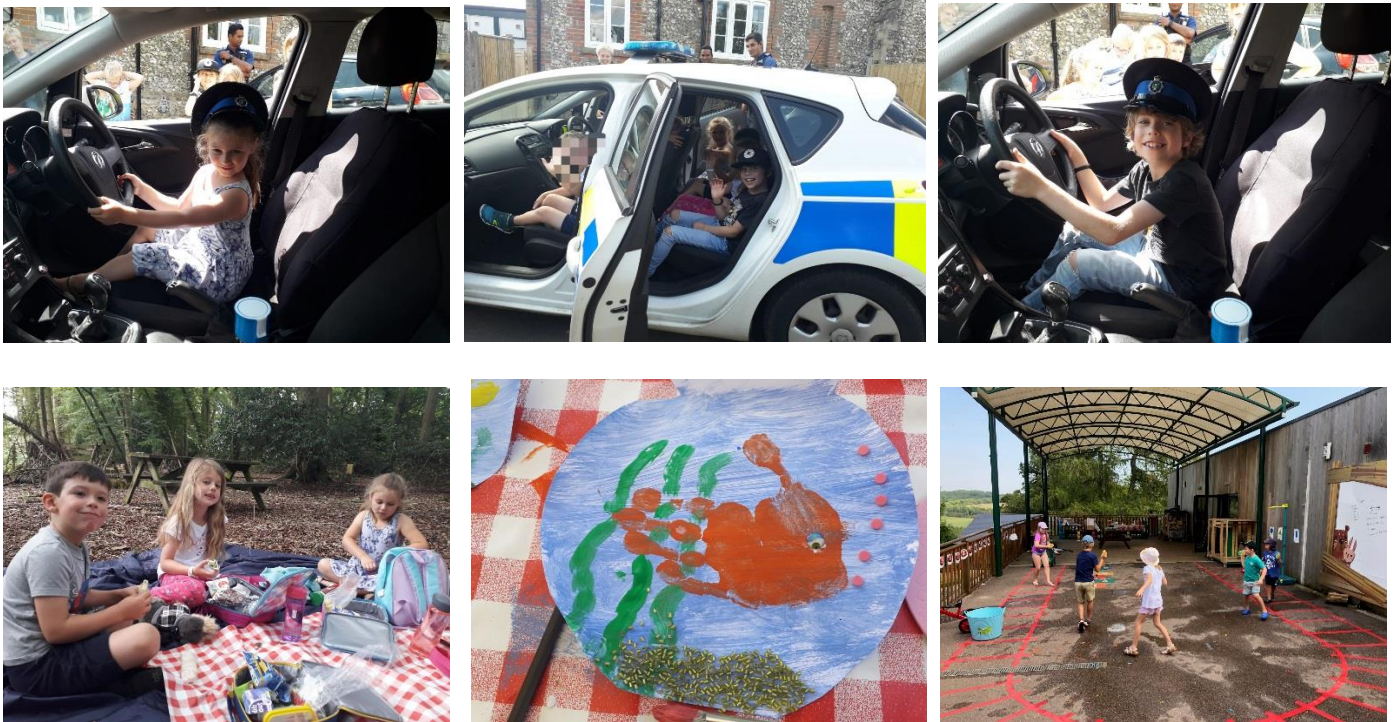
I am sure you have all noticed the amazing transformation that has happened in the front garden, a huge thank you to Javier (Leonardo's dad)! He has removed the raised beds, landscaped the garden and laid new turf. The garden looks amazing and I am hoping that in time this area will gain a story telling chair and bespoke benches to make a special teaching space for us all to use.



The back garden has also received some attention and the grass is beginning to grow nicely, thank you to Kites Holiday Club for watering it for me over the summer!

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The children had lots of fun in Kites Holiday Club, they had a visit from the local policing team, they picnicked in the woods, had fun with water balloons on very hot days and enjoyed a variety of craft and sport activities.



Mrs Bridgen has been working incredibly hard to set up our Forest School area ready for the first sessions on Monday! I will aim to include Forest School dates in the calendar at the end of each newsletter!

During the staff training days on Monday and Tuesday, the staff and I spent time looking at our Vision and Values and have thought about how these could be woven into a set of school Golden Rules. Our Gwhole school Golden Time which starts next week.

Golden Time will take place every Friday afternoon from 2pm until 2.25pm. The children will be able to choose an activity from a list for example, Lego, board games, bikes and scooters, mud kitchen etc.

As we know from our recent Ofsted inspection, our high expectations of our children lead to pupils' behaviour being outstanding. In the unlikely event that a child does not keep the Golden Rules, they will be given a warning, after three warnings they will have to miss 5 minutes of Golden Time. During my time at Ibstone, I can count on one hand the number of children who have lost some of their Golden Time.

For those who have lost some Golden Time, they will be able to work hard to improve their behaviour and redeem it over the course of the week. Please take a few minutes to look at our Golden Rules, our Vision and Values and discuss them with your children.

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Our Golden Rules

Be kind

Always think about other people's feelings, be a good friend to everyone and be loving.

(Love, Community)

Be respectful

Always be polite, listen to others and take care of property.

(Respect, Community)

Be resilient

Always try your best and don't give up!

(Courage)

Be the best you can be

Persevere and always do your best in everything you do!

(Perseverance)

Do to others what you want them to do to you

Matthew 7:12

Our School Vision

Our vision is to nurture our community enabling everyone to grow through our Christian values. We inspire our children to be resilient, confident and courageous whilst developing a lasting love of learning.

This vision is underpinned by our Christian values:

- Love
- Courage
- Respect
- Community
- Perseverance

Over the next few weeks we will be working with the children to write a school prayer which enhances our schools vision and supporting values. Please do email in any ideas you may have as a family.

Enjoy your weekend, I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2019		
Mon 2 nd	INSET	Staff only
Tues 3 rd	INSET	Staff only
Wed 4 th	School starts for all children 8.50am	All children
Mon 9 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Mon 16 th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Thurs 19 th	Governing Body Meeting	All Govenors
Fri 20 th	Jeans for Genes Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 23 rd	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y ½/5/6
Thurs 26 th	Individual School Photos	All children
Mon 30 th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
October 2019		
Sun 13 th	Harvest Service 11am – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Thurs 24 th	End of Term	All children
Fri 25 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
November 2019		
Mon 4 th	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
Tues 12 th	Full Governing Body Meeting	All Governors
Fri 15 th	Children in Need – more info to follow	Everyone
December 2019		
Wed 11 th	Nativity Performance 2pm	Y R/1/2 children & families
Thurs 12 th	Nativity Performance 6pm	Y R/1/2 children & families
Fri 13 th	Norden Farm Trip	Y R/1/2 children
Tues 17 th	KS2 Carols by Candlelight 6pm	All KS2 children and families
Thurs 19 th	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
January 2020		
Mon 6 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7 th	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
February 2020		
Fri 14 th	End of Term	All children
Mon 24 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
March 2020		
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 13 th	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
April 2020		
Fri 3 rd	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
Mon 20 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 26 th	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
May 2020		
Thurs 21 st	End of Term	All children
Fri 22 nd	INSET DAY	Staff
June 2020		
Mon 1 st	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Thurs 18 th	Sports Day	Everyone
Thurs 25 th	Reserve Sports Day	Everyone
July 2020		
Tues 7 th	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21 st	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone

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