

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas Fayre last Saturday, a huge well done to the PTA for organising such a successful event! We made a record breaking £1441.48! Well done!

Nativity rehearsals are well underway and we will be popping down to the church next week to practice a bit more! We are looking forward to seeing you at the performances!

Date	Who is in it?	Who can attend?
Wednesday 11 th December – 2pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Class	Everyone
Wednesday 11 th December – 6pm	Kestrel & Osprey Class	Everyone
Friday 13 th December – 2pm	Kestrel & Osprey Class	Everyone
Thursday 12 th December – 6pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Class	Everyone

What have we been learning this week...

The Ladybirds have been writing rhyming strings and adding a new line to Hickory Dickory Dock, they have also been making puppets and learning to sew. They also enjoyed putting on a puppet show! In mathematics, they have been ordering numbers and playing maths games which involved 1 more and 1 less.

Woodland Class have enjoyed learning about Grace Darling this week, they have found out how she became a hero and made stormy sea pictures. They also made their own light houses! On Thursday the children had a special visitor in the classroom. Mrs Hampson brought Stanley the tortoise to school to meet the children. They thoroughly enjoyed writing fact files about Stanley and everyone made a paper plate model of Stanley to take home.



Kestrel Class have finished their Canal stories and have edited them before re drafting them. Miss Firth has been wowed by the amazing vocabulary some of the children have used. In mathematics they have been using money to find change from different amounts.

This week Osprey Class have been writing newspaper articles about the first day of the Blitz. They have acted like reporters finding out what happened, they have listened to eye witness accounts and used them to include quotes in their articles. In mathematics they have been solving problems using factors and common factors. They have used their knowledge of prime and square numbers to solve problems and have investigated and made cubed numbers!

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Forest School

It was a little WET in Forest School this week. All of the groups discovered how the school grounds change in the rain and found that mud is a little messy!

Year 1 sheltered from the weather under the fir tree and made tree faces using clay. Year 2 also enjoyed tree painting and playing with the clay. There was plenty of natural mud 'paint'! They also showed some great teamwork making dens, including a natural den with the branches from the bottom of the hill.



Year 5/6 faced possibly the wettest weather of the day but made good use of the small streams that flowed down the hill into basecamp.... they channelled the water, dug out collection pools, rigged up bucket pulley systems and explored how the water flowed downhill.... before enjoying some big splashes!



In other news...

PTA film night

Please remember to send your forms back as soon as you can so that we can confirm numbers for snacks and popcorn. ☺

KS2 Nativity

You have all hopefully received emails about performances, timings and costumes. Please contact the office if you have not had an email. The evening performance will be on **Wednesday 11th December at 6pm** and the afternoon performance on **Friday 13th December at 2pm**.

KS2 Christmas Forest School

We will be sending home a letter about this next week, however all KS2 children will need their Forest School clothes with them on Monday 16th December.

Gadbury Reward Day

Congratulations to Gadbury (The Green Team), they had the most house points last term and their reward day is: 'Wear your pyjamas to school!' We are inviting the children in Gadbury to wear their pyjamas to school on Wednesday 4th December.

Don't forget...

Lunches

Please remember to send in named lunch containers for jacket potato days and pasta days. Please provide cutlery as we are no longer providing plastic cutlery.

Tissues

If you are shopping at the weekend please pop a box of tissues in your basket for us, we have had quite a few runny noses and the tissue cupboard is now empty!

Ibstone Circle

For those of you who like a challenge, Ibstone Circle registration is now open!

<https://www.racedirector.co.uk/events/ibstone-circle-2020>

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Headteacher's Awards



Diary Dates - New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2019		
Mon 2 nd	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Mon 2nd	Christmas Crafternoon 3.15pm – 4.45pm	Everyone
Thurs 5 th	Wreath Making	Grown ups
Fri 6 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
Fri 6th	Christmas Market – 6.30pm-9pm	Grown Ups
Mon 9th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Wed 11 th	Nativity Performance 2pm – St Nicholas Church	Y R/1/2 children & families
Wed 11th	Nativity Performance KS2 6pm – St Nicholas Church	Y 3/4/5/6 families
Thurs 12 th	School CLOSED – Polling Station	Everyone
Thurs 12 th	Nativity Performance 6pm – St Nicholas Church	Y R/1/2 children & families
Fri 13 th	Norden Farm Trip	Y R/1/2 children
Fri 13th	Nativity Performance KS2 2pm – St Nicholas Church	Y 3/4/5/6 families
Mon 16th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Mon 16th	Forest School Christmas Session – see main newsletter	KS2
Mon 16 th	Film Night – end of school – 5.15pm	Everyone
Tues 17 th	Shortenills Trip – Magical Nativity	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
Mon 13th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Mon 20th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
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		
Fri 8 th	Bank Holiday	All
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