# **Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter**

## Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

It is finally here! Amidst a huge cloud of tinsel, glitter and nativity costumes, we have reached the end of a very busy term! Here are some of our highlights from the last week:







## PTA Thank you!

Thank you to the PTA who have and continue to provide us with a huge amount of financial support to make our school an even better place for your child. During my time as headteacher here the PTA have paid for the school to be decorated, new mats for the children to sit on, new chairs and tables for the whole school, nativity costumes, resources for the curriculum including a wealth of new books for our Talk for Writing curriculum, forest school equipment, subsidising trips and much much more. A huge thank you to all of those involved, you make such a difference to our children! In order for the PTA to continue to be as successful in fund raising, we really do need your help and support and we will be contacting you all in the new year to look at how we can all play our part in being involved in the PTA.

#### **House News**

Congratulations to Gadbury (again!) who received the most house points in the second half term. Your reward day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January and as you decided in your meeting, you can bring your teddy to school with you for the day.

## Thank you!

Thank you for all the generous gifts, cards and kind words. The staff are all very grateful and the sight of biscuits and chocolate in the staff room have kept us going this week!

Miss Firth and I would like to thank the Year 3 & 4 parents for their joint gift of a wellie rack for the children, such a thoughtful and very useful gift.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, may I wish you all a very merry, healthy and enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Thank you all for your continued support of the school!

Louise Long Headteacher



## Gifts for Baby Jesus

We have found out that the Wise men gave gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to Baby Jesus. Gold because he was a King, Frankincense because he was Holy and Myrrh because he would suffer for us. We asked the children to think about what gift they would give to Baby Jesus...

A crown because he is the King of the World.

A pot of stars because he is the Light of the World

An extra life so that he does not have to die for us.

A pot of stars because he is the Light of the World

A jumper to keep him warm.

Love – Courage – Respect – Community - Perseverance

### Diary Dates - New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2020		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
February 2020		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	All children
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
March 2020		
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Voice in a Million – more info to follow	KS2 only
April 2020		
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
May 2020		
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	All
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term	All children
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff
June 2020		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	Everyone
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	Everyone
July 2020		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21st	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone