

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! It has been lovely hearing the children sharing their holiday news, it sounds as though they have all had a good break. They have certainly come back eager and ready to learn!

On behalf of the staff, thank you all again for your kind words and gifts at the end of last term!

What have we been learning this week...

Ladybirds have been enjoying learning the story of The Three Little Pigs, they have been using puppets and small world play as well as re-enacting the story outside using a variety of building materials. In mathematics they have been ordering and sequencing numbers, making number games and writing numbers. The children have also enjoyed using a range of instruments to make a musical score to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs.

Woodland Class enjoyed sharing their holiday news and have already started their 'Toys' topic. They have started to look at toys from the past and are comparing them to toys' today. In mathematics they have been learning about money, recognising coins, and using coins to make different amounts. They have enjoyed using money in practical situations in the 'Ibstone Shop'. The children all enjoyed their first Polish lesson with Natasha this afternoon. Well done to Natasha for becoming a teacher!

Kestrel Class have started looking at a new story called 'Adventure at Sandy Cove', they have enjoyed role playing the story and have they have started to explore the characters in the story. In mathematics they have been using their knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems and to spot patterns in their work such as $2 \times 6 = 12$ so $2 \times 60 = 120$. The children have shared their amazing Roman home learning and nearly finished their mosaics. The children will be learning about how to stay safe online, we will share our posters and useful websites with you over the next few weeks.



Osprey Class have continued reading 'Fireweed' and have made predictions about how the story will conclude. The whole class have also spent some time thinking carefully about how they can improve their spellings in their everyday writing, from these discussions they have set up spelling journals and are trying out a variety of strategies to help them learn and remember new spellings.

In mathematics they have been working on multiplying two and three (and more) digit numbers by a two digit number. They have spent time deepening their understanding of place value using area models to ensure they fully understand what they are doing and why, before moving on to compact methods.

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Forest School

A huge thank you for the Christmas Tree donations, the children will be using them for a variety of tasks, they will make tree cookies, practice their sawing skills, cut and use branches for weaving and den building... the opportunities are endless.

Don't forget, Forest School starts again on Monday, it's a Yellow Week so Year 1, 2, 5 & 6 will need their kit. It is still very chilly outside so do pack lots of layers, a hat, gloves and extra socks!

Please make sure your child has their kit in on the morning of their session.

Date	Who
13.01.20	Yellow – Years 1,2,5 & 6 (Woodland & Osprey)
20.01.20	Green – Years R, 3 & 4 (Ladybirds & Kestrel)
27.01.20	Yellow
03.02.20	Green
10.02.20	Yellow
17.02.20	Half Term
24.02.20	Green

Have a super weekend,

Louise Long
Headteacher

As promised, a new feature to the newsletter...

App of the Week

Our first recommended App of the Week is:



Scratch Jr

This app is great for getting the children coding. It is designed for children aged 5-7 but can be accessed by everyone, it is great fun. Scratch Jr and Scratch online are great ways to start the children learning how to write a program and the best news is... it's free! We use it in school and if you don't have a tablet, you can use the online version which can be found here:

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

There are tutorials for parents and children or you can just start creating.

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Headteacher's Awards



Worship Leaders



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Diary Dates - New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2020		
Mon 13 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Fri 17th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 4, 5, & 6 Families
Mon 20 th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Mon 27 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Fri 31 st	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 3 Families
February 2020		
Mon 3 rd	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Fri 7 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 Families
Mon 10 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Fri 14 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year R & 1 Families
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
Tues 17 th	Voice in a Million – more info to follow	KS2 only
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