

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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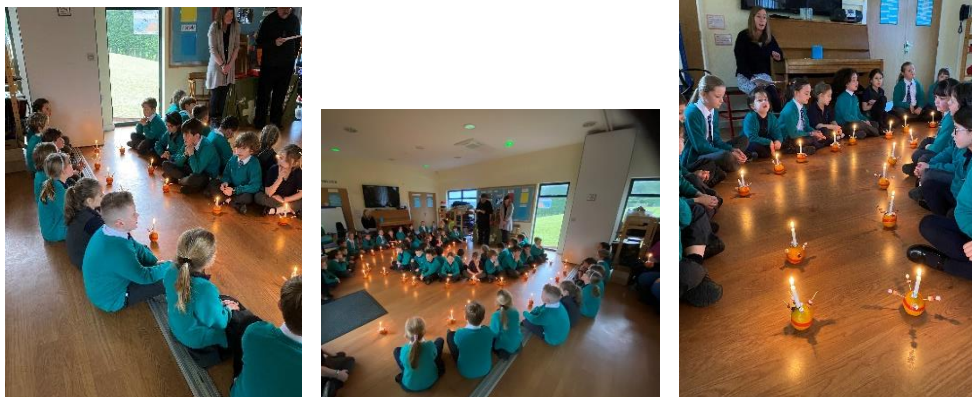
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Dear Families,

It has been another busy week here at Ibstone, it is so lovely to see all of the children are so eager and keen to learn! The whole school enjoyed a brisk Friday Mile this morning and enjoyed seeing the snow drops out in full bloom, Mrs Bridgen had been researching the beautiful yellow flowers we found on our last walk and has been able to identify them as 'Winter Aconites'.



The children worked together in their houses to make their Christingles for the service. It was wonderful to watch them all helping and supporting each other. Thank you to Rev Mark for coming to lead this service for us and thank you to everyone who was able to come and join us.



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What have we been learning this week...

Ladybirds have been learning about Cinderella and have written invitations to the Prince's Ball. They have also been writing spells for the Fairy Godmother and have tried their hand at wand making! They have really enjoyed acting out the story and have spent time discussing Cinderella's feelings at different points of the story. In mathematics they have been using a number line to help them solve subtraction word problems.



Woodland Class have been planning their Traction Man stories and have been thinking carefully about which elements they will keep the same and which they will change. They have focussed on spelling, punctuation and grammar skills this week to enhance their stories! The children have also enjoyed making Traction Man Top Trumps. In mathematics they have been learning about fractions and have been finding fractions of shapes and numbers.

Kestrel Class have written their own versions of Adventure at Sandy Cove. They all had fantastic ideas and their adventures are set in some very exciting settings such as the jungle, near a waterfall, bluebell woods and forests. They have also written a diary entry from the point of view of the villain in their story and have thought carefully about the villain's back story. In mathematics they have been measuring in m, cm and mm. They had to decide which units were the most appropriate to use for a range of objects. Once they had accurately measured their objects, they had to convert the measurements from cm to m and mm to cm.

Osprey Class have worked incredibly hard to make their 'Endangered' display which has now been entered into the competition. Good luck! They have also continued reading 'Floodlands' and have been focussing on using the text to describe and analyse the characters as they are introduced in the book. In mathematics they have been revising equivalent fractions, mixed number fractions and improper fractions before they started adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions!

Kestrel and Osprey Class have been working together to think about internet safety, they have discussed how to make passwords safe and secure. They are in the process of making posters to be displayed around the school informing everyone how they can stay safe online.



Forest School

This week in Forest School the children set up and tested out a new hammock in the conifer tree!

Year 1 enjoyed swinging each other in the hammock, as well as climbing in the tree. They honed their observational skills and explored the different textures of wood in the school grounds. They all enjoyed going on a worm hunt and were fascinated by their finds.

Some of the Year 2s chose to play in the hammock whilst others created homes and stories for the 'pebble pals' that came into Forest School this week! One of the homes came complete with a zip wire!

Year 5 and 6 children were not deterred by the torrential rain! They were all keen to channel the multiple streams of water that were flowing rapidly through the Forest School area. They also enjoyed the hammock, cleverly rigging a tarp shelter above it to keep them dry while they relaxed!



In other news...

Kites Holiday Club

Kites Holiday Club is running everyday in February half term. Denise has lots of exciting activities planned for the children. If you need holiday cover and haven't yet booked your child's space, please contact the school office. Alternatively, the booking form is on the notice board on the front page of the website.

Requests

It's that time of year when our **tissue stocks** are running low, please send in a box or two as and when you can.

Woodland Class will be making their Traction Man vehicles over the next few weeks and would like donations of **cereal boxes, empty tissue boxes, any small boxes and small plastic bottles** (clean).

Louise Long
Headteacher

App of the Week

Our recommended App of the Week is:



Duolingo – Free (offers in-app purchases)

If you fancy learning a new language or want to practise at home, Duolingo is a fun way to learn another language. It is also free to access on your computer at <https://www.duolingo.com/>

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Headteacher's Awards



House Points Certificate



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Diary Dates - New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2020		
Mon 3 rd	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Thurs 6th	Governors Meeting 7pm	Governors
Fri 7 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 Families
Mon 10 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Mon 10th	Valentines Disco	All children
Fri 14 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year R & 1 Families
Fri 14 th	End of Term	All children
Mon 17th – Fri 21st	Kites Holiday Club	All Children
Mon 24 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Mon 24th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
March 2020		
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 9 th	Governors Meeting 7pm	Governors
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 3rd	Three Churches Easter Pilgrimage 9.30-12.30 – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 3 rd	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
Mon 6th- Fri 9th	Kites Easter Holiday Club	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