

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a very busy week here in school, the children have settled into their new classes well and are demonstrating their eagerness to learn! The classrooms are looking incredible with their smart new tables and chairs. A huge thank you to the PTA for funding all of our new tables and chairs over the last 18 months, your fundraising means a lot to us!

What have we been learning this week...

The Ladybirds have started their 'Ourselves' topic and have listened to the Titch stories, been writing their names and using their senses to explore the school grounds. In mathematics they have been counting sets of objects and practising their number formation. They enjoyed painting their self portraits and have made a wonderful display of information about themselves and their paintings.



Woodland Class have been learning about their senses, they have written about each of their 5 senses. In mathematics they have been learning about place value, they have been looking at what each digit in a two digit number represents, some of the Year 2 children have been investigating place value in numbers to 100. They have enjoyed finding out about 'People Who Help Us' and can name the three emergency services and know to dial 999 for the emergency services.

It is Roald Dahl Day today and the Woodland Class enjoyed listening to a few chapters of The Giraffe, The Pelly & Me this morning before they had to step inside the Pelicans beak! They had to use their senses to think about what they might feel, hear, smell, see and taste as they stepped in!

There was a lot of squelchy slime, stringy goo and frothy foam to see and feel. They could hear the brittle fish bones crunching and there was a nasty smell of rotten eggs! Sounds pleasant!

Kestrel Class have been describing characters and settings. In mathematics they have been learning about place value counting in 100's to 100 and beyond. They have been using dienes to represent numbers and have been writing numbers in numerals and in words. Kestrel Class have also started to find out about the Romans and are looking forward to learning more next week. In science they have been asked to become personal trainers to help a hockey team develop their team by working on fitness and nutrition. The children will be making group Powerpoint presentations to share their vision as personal trainers.

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Osprey Class have been reading *The Highwayman* and looking at the structure of the poem, analysing and annotating it verse by verse. They have chosen a character to be from the poem and are writing a narrative from their point of view. In mathematics they have also been learning about place value and have been exploring numbers into and over tens of thousands. In science they have been investigating the properties of materials and have been looking at whether they are magnetic, permeable and whether they conduct electricity.

In other news

PE Kits

As some of you will have noticed at the beginning of the week, our playground is quite chilly! Please could you ensure that your child has a t-shirt, shorts and a PE tracksuit (hoodie and joggers for Ladybirds & Woodland and tracksuit for KS2) in their PE bags at all times.

Toys in school

A gentle reminder that children should not bring toys to school with them in case they get lost or broken. Ladybirds are invited to bring in toys on a Monday for Show and Tell.

Lunches

Please could you all check the products you pack in your child's lunch box as there are a number of lunch bars that now contain nuts (and are not necessarily clearly marked). We are a nut free zone as we do have children in school with nut allergies.

KS2 Cross Country Running Club

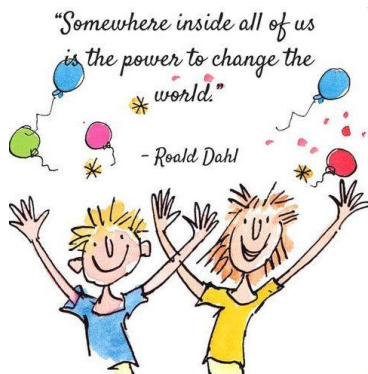
We would love to start a KS2 Cross Country Running Club on a Thursday lunchtime (12pm – 12.30pm), we already have a keen volunteer who is happy to set it up and organise the routes etc. However, in order for this to be a success we do need some willing volunteers to join the team. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch via the office email, it would be good training for this years Ibstone Circle (Sunday 26th April 2020).

Good News

Last week, one of our children made an amazing moving windmill during Golden Time, I shared a tweet of his achievements, Polydron, the company who make the construction kits loved our tweet and have sent us a class pack of Polydron for all our children to enjoy!



As it is Roald Dahl Day I thought I would share three of my favourite Roald Dahl quotes. I wonder if your family have any favourites?



Enjoy the weekend!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



Playground Friends



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Worship Leaders



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2019		
Mon 16 th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Thurs 19 th	Governing Body Meeting	All Governors
Fri 20 th	Jeans for Genes Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 23 rd	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y ½/5/6
Wed 25th	Individual School Photos – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	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

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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