

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I am pleased to announce that we have a new event for children at the Ibstone Circle on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April! Run In Colour is as it suggests, a run with lots of colour! Every child will be bringing home a flyer tonight with a sponsorship form. Registration for 'Run In Colour' opens tomorrow (15/2) at 9am!



Don't forget to take advantage of the Early Bird rate! You will also receive a letter about Ibstone Circle and how you can help! This is one of the biggest fundraising events for the school and we can't do it without your help!

Another of our big fundraisers is the Marlow May Fayre tea tent on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May (7am-5pm), if you are able to help out, even for a couple of hours please let us know via the office email.

We would like to invite all parents, grandparents and any other family member who would like to be part of the PTA to our next PTA meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the school hall.

## **What have we been learning this week...**

Ladybirds have been retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They have also thought of some superb adjectives to describe the wolf and written Grandma's shopping list! In mathematics they have been playing What's the Time Mr Wolf and learning to tell the time using o'clock. They have thought about the seasons, named the months of the year and have helped put the days of the week in order. The children have enjoyed developing their mapping skills to look at the route the wolf might have taken in our school grounds.

Woodland Class have finished their Traction Man stories and have wowed us all with their imagination and story writing skills! Well done Woodland Class! In mathematics they have been finding missing numbers and have had to use their knowledge of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables to help them solve the problems! The children have worked hard to finish their Traction Man vehicles which they will be bringing home after half term!

Kestrel Class have been learning about common, proper, abstract and collective nouns! They have also used pronouns to replace repetitive nouns. The children have also been learning about homophones such as there, their, they're **and** they have been using apostrophes for possession. In mathematics they have been measuring the perimeter of rectangular and rectilinear shapes by adding the lengths of all the sides together. In science the children had to investigate the weight of gasses and found out that fizzy drinks contain carbon dioxide, they also found out that carbon dioxide is a heavy gas and so a fizzy drink weighs less when it is flat!

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Osprey Class have written part of the 'Floodland' story from another perspective to show what happened to Zoe's father when they were separated. They had to think very carefully about the words they were using to ensure they achieved the maximum impact on the reader. In mathematics they continued to work on fractions and have learnt how to subtract fractions with different denominators, they have also learnt how to multiply unit fractions by an interger. In science they have been investigating how the size of shadows can be changed by moving objects closer or further away from the light source . The children enjoyed their art day and explored a range of mark making using natural and manmade materials, they explored a variety of sketching pencils and have learnt how to draw a face!



### Forest School

Everyone was very relieved to find that Forest School had survived Storm Ciara and that it was safe for everyone to enjoy their Forest School sessions. The Year 1 children found the Pebble Pets this week and quickly got busy making them shelters. They enjoyed using loppers to cut branches from the Christmas trees and used these branches for shelter building and natural weaving.

Year 2 made a large shelter using all the Christmas trees! They also set up the hammock and enjoyed working together to get in and out of the hammock.

Year 5 & 6 listened to a poem called ' Storm Dragon', this inspired them to use the loppers to cut some green hazel sticks before using knives to whittle a wand shape!



### In other news...

#### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm – 7pm for all classes and on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm – 5pm for Woodland and Kestrel class. Booking forms will be sent home after half term.

#### KS2 Pencil Cases

There are a number of children who are missing writing pencils, glue or a ruler in their pencil cases, please could you take the time to check that your child has the right equipment in their pencil case.

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### World Book Day

We will be asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate World Book Day. I know that Aldi have book character costumes on offer from 13<sup>th</sup> February if you don't have anything at home! Alternatively, homemade costumes are always well received.

### Ladybirds and Kestrel Slippers

We will be sending the children's indoor shoes home today so you can check their fit over the holidays. Moving forward we will be asking for indoor shoes to be plimsols (as and when you replace them) as we have found that in the event of an evacuation (fire practice) slippers are not the most practical solution.

Have a wonderful half term holiday!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

## App of the Week

Our recommended App of the Week is:



Free Flow – Free

This is a simple puzzle app which is great fun and helps children develop their spatial awareness and motor skills.

## Headteacher's Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>February 2020</b>		
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kites Holiday Club	All Children
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reception &amp; Year 6 Heights &amp; Weights – School Nurse</b>	<b>Y R &amp; Y6</b>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Football Training starts (after school)</b>	<b>Yr 2 upwards</b>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	RE Day	All children
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting – 9am	All parents welcome
<b>March 2020</b>		
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Governors Meeting 7pm	Governors
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parents Evening – all classes (booking forms will be sent out after half term)</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parents Evening – Woodland &amp; Kestrel</b>	<b>Woodland &amp; Kestrel families</b>
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
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Bingo 6.30pm-8.30pm – more info to follow</b>	<b>All</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lent Lunch in the school hall – more info to follow</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>April 2020</b>		
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Three Churches Easter Pilgrimage 9.30-12.30 – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kites Easter Holiday Club	All Children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Chance to Shine Cricket assembly</b>	<b>All children</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
<b>May 2020</b>		
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – POLLING DAY</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	All
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Marlow May Fayre – Please speak to Bex if you can help!</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term	All children
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff
<b>June 2020</b>		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cricket starts for 7 weeks</b>	<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 children</b>
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	Everyone
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Opera First – more information to follow</b>	<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 children</b>
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	Everyone
<b>July 2020</b>		
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Reports Out</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone