

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back! We have started the term running this week and the children have been so engaged in our work on the school's vision and associated values.

In 2017, the school community (children, staff, parents and governors) spent time working together to develop the vision for our school, this is regularly reviewed to ensure that it still reflects what we are aiming to achieve for our community.

Our Vision

Our vision is to nurture our community enabling everyone to grow through our Christian values. We inspire our children to be resilient, confident and courageous whilst developing a lasting love of learning.

This is underpinned with the Bible verse:

'Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am'
Philippians 4:13

Our Values

Love, Courage, Respect, Community & Perseverance

Our Strapline

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During our RE day on Tuesday, the children discussed what our vision and Bible verse means and discussed the Bible stories that they felt would uphold and exemplify our vision and associated values.

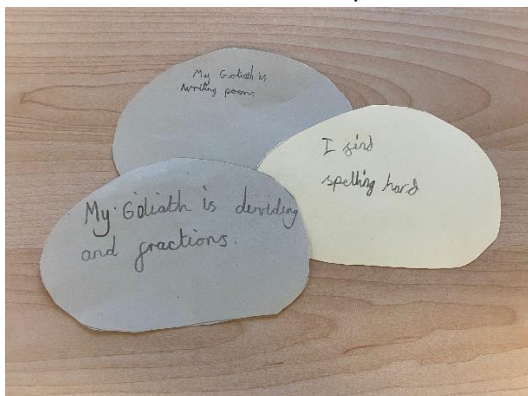
Overwhelming the children felt that the story of David & Goliath would demonstrate this most effectively. They acted out the story and thought about how it linked to the vision and values. At the end of Worship, the school community were all invited to take a pebble to carry with them so that they would remember David's strength and courage and his trust in God when he felt worried or scared. During the day the children worked in their houses to make prayer tree cookies, write prayers, decorate stones to display our values, collage large Goliath's to display around the school, make their own pebbles to share their Goliath's and create themselves as David.



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As a school we talked about our own personal struggles, things we found hard or difficult and all the children and staff thought of their own Goliaths, these were written on pebble shaped cards and they will be kept in the classroom, once the Goliath has been defeated then the pebble will be put in a special bag in each classroom. If the owner of the pebble would like it shared in Worship as a celebration of overcoming their Goliath, these will be shared in Celebration Worship.



Examples of our Goliaths



Us as David



Goliath

We would like to invite you all to have a pebble and will be sending these home next week. If you overcome your Goliath and would like to share it, please send it back in and it will be shared in Celebration Worship.

Our RE Day finished with pancake races and a chance to eat a pancake! We are encouraging the children to take something on for Lent this year. A few of the children suggested they could take on the challenge of overcoming their Goliath!



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In other news...

House News

Congratulations to Allnutt who received the most house points in the first half of the Spring term. Your reward day is on Friday 6th March and as you decided in the meeting, you will have a movie afternoon and popcorn.

Kites Gate

There are a few parents who are still trying to let themselves in through the Kites' gate after school. Please use the intercom system to let Denise know you are there to collect. The intercom system is there to safeguard everyone, please wait by the gate for Denise to let you in.

Early Birds' Breakfast Club Bookings

A gentle reminder that all Early Birds' bookings should be made in advance. We are happy to take late bookings but you **must** email the school office in advance. Children coming to Early Birds need to be in the hall by 8.30am if they require breakfast.

Parking

Please make sure you park considerately in front of the school, the disabled space is only for Blue Badge holders to use and parents should not park on the white line right outside the school entrance as this should be kept clear for everyone's safety.

PTA meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting this morning, it was a quick but very useful meeting to discuss upcoming events to raise funds for our school. The PTA newsletter will be coming home next week.

PTA Bingo Night

You will find a flyer about Bingo in your child's bag this evening. I am already looking forward to dusting off the dobbers and have been practising shouting 'House'

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. If you haven't sent the form back yet, please do so on Monday 2nd March in order for us to finalise times.

Don't forget!

World Book Day

The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 5th March. We would also like them to bring a copy of the book with them if possible. During the day there will be a number of opportunities for the children to share their books, listen to stories and share their love of reading.

Pasta Pots

There has been a significant drop in the number of children bringing pots and cutlery in on pasta and potato days. Please remember to send them in Tuesday-Friday.

Ibstone Circle

Please make sure you send Ibstone Circle forms back as soon as possible, we need your help!

Run In Colour

Don't forget to sign your child up to Run in Colour, it is set to be a great event!

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



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Diary Dates - New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2020		
Mon 2nd	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day	Everyone
Fri 6th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 4,5 & 6 families
Mon 9th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Mon 9 th	Governors Meeting 7pm	Governors
Tues 10 th	Parents Evening – all classes	Everyone
Thurs 12 th	Parents Evening – Woodland & Kestrel	Woodland & Kestrel families
Fri 13 th	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 13th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 3 families
Tues 17 th	Voice in a Million – more info to follow	KS2 only
Fri 20th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families
Fri 27th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year R & 1 families
Fri 27th	Family Bingo 6.30pm-8.30pm – Flyer in bags tonight	All
Sat 28 th	Lent Lunch in the school hall	All
April 2020		
Fri 3 rd	Three Churches Easter Pilgrimage 9.30-12.30 – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 3 rd	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
Mon 6 th - Thurs 9 th	Kites Easter Holiday Club	All Children
Mon 20 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Tues 21 st	Chance to Shine Cricket assembly	All children
Sun 26 th	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
May 2020		
Thurs 7th	SCHOOL CLOSED – POLLING DAY	ALL
Fri 8 th	Bank Holiday	All
Sat 9th	Marlow May Fayre – Please speak to Bex if you can help!	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
Fri 5th	Cricket starts for 7 weeks	KS1 & KS2 children
Thurs 18 th	Sports Day	Everyone
Mon 22nd	Opera First – more information to follow	KS1 & KS2 children
Thurs 25 th	Reserve Sports Day	Everyone
July 2020		
Fri 3rd	Reports Out	Everyone
Tues 7 th	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21 st	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone