

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A HUGE thank you to all of you for the amazing array of costumes the children wore on World Book Day. The children loved dressing up and sharing their stories with each other.



We have set Kestrel Class the challenge of reading in unusual places. They are going to bring in or send in their photographs next week! If anyone would like to join the challenge, we would love to see the most unusual places you can read a book!

What we have been learning this week...

Ladybirds have listened to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been using their imaginations to think of things that Jack might find at the top of another beanstalk, Dragon Land and Chocolate Land sound very exciting. In mathematics they have been estimating how many beans they could hold in their hand and how many beans a giant could hold. They have also been measuring their feet and giant footprints using unifix cubes. They all enjoyed planting their own beans and setting up their bean experiment!

Woodland Class have listened to the beginning of their new story 'Lost & Found', they have been acting out the story in drama and have made their story map to help them learn the story. In mathematics they have been focussing on addition, with some children solving word problems, others have been partitioning numbers, using column addition and some children have been investigating reasoning about addition. In geography they have enjoyed looking at maps and have made maps of the classroom, they are looking forward to seeing the drone photos of school site next week!

Kestrel Class have continued to learn their Lazy Jack story, they have mimed the scenes, sequenced the events, drawn scenes from the story and summarised the paragraph. They have also answered comprehension questions about the story. In mathematics they have been ordering fractions on a numberline and looking at fractions greater than 1. In science they have been investigating wonderful water and investigating how water changes state, they have been finding out about evaporation, condensation, freezing and melting.

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Osprey Class have finished their class book 'Floodland' and were all very pleased with the happy ending! They have continued to write the story from Zoe's dad's perspective, concentrating on creating effective descriptions of people using expanded noun phrases. In mathematics they have continued to learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. They have taken time to learn how to round decimals with 3 decimal places! In science they have been looking at the parts of a flower and discussed how flowers reproduce and are pollinated. In geography they have continued to think about climate change and how this has affected the lives of people in The Gambia. They have discussed how climate change has caused drought.

Forest School News

Year 1 enjoyed 'Log Dogs' this week and some of the children decided to take their natural pet on an exploratory walk around the school grounds. The children also enjoyed using the hammock and weaving frames. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the large muddy puddle at the bottom of the hill!

Year 2 continued their discussion about dinosaurs from the previous session and had the opportunity to examine some fossils and make natural clay fossils for themselves. They worked well together to make a Christmas tree den with fairy area and secret tunnels!

Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to work with tools this week, some chose to whittle sticks whilst others honed their bow saw skills to cut their own tree cookies. They are continuing (as is Mrs Bridgen) to seek ways to successfully cook popcorn on the open fire! Mrs Bridgen has shared that this is her Goliath, keep persevering Mrs Bridgen, we know you will succeed!

Everyone enjoyed observing the frog spawn that Mrs Hunt had brought in from her pond.

Don't forget!

Sport Relief

We are very excited to be welcoming Jake Wightman to school next Thursday. Jake will be setting us a Sport Relief challenge for Friday. Please make sure that all children have their PE kites in school everyday next week. Friday 13th will be a muftiday in exchange for a donation to Sport Relief.

Village Litter Pick

This year's village litter pick will be held on Sunday 29th March at 11am. Please email the school office if you are able to help. It normally takes an hour at the most and is a lovely way to show our support for the community. The children love the challenge of collecting the most litter and the challenge of using the litter grabbers!



Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



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Diary Dates - New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2020		
Mon 9 th	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 13 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 3 families
Fri 13th	Footprints Service – information attached to email	
Mon 16th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Tues 17 th	Voice in a Million – more info to follow	KS2 only
Fri 20 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families
Fri 27 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year R & 1 families
Fri 27 th	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 7 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – POLLING DAY	ALL
Fri 8 th	Bank Holiday	All
Sat 9 th	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 5 th	Cricket starts for 7 weeks	KS1 & KS2 children
Thurs 18 th	Sports Day	Everyone
Mon 22 nd	Opera First – more information to follow	KS1 & KS2 children
Thurs 25 th	Reserve Sports Day	Everyone
July 2020		
Fri 3 rd	Reports Out	Everyone
Tues 7 th	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21 st	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone