

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your generous donations for Jeans for Genes. We raised £85.35 for this great charity! This is a bumper edition of the newsletter with A LOT of information, you may need a cup of tea or a glass in your hand!

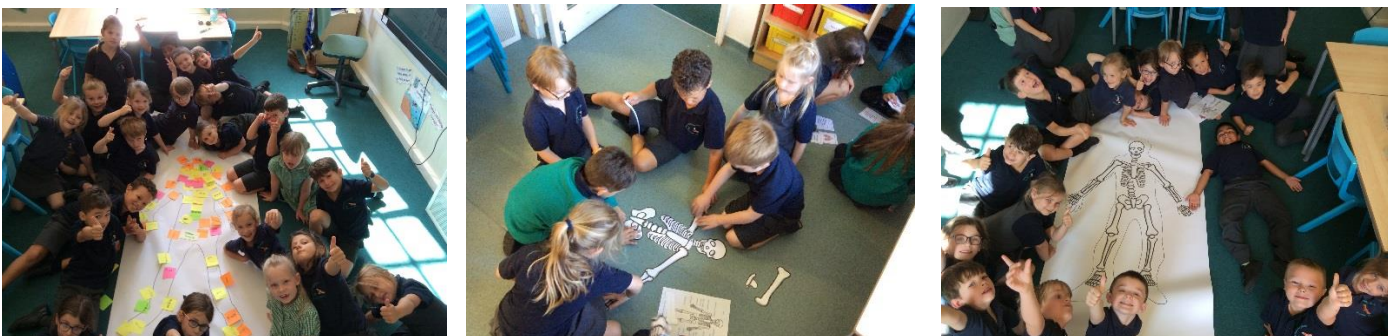
What have we been learning this week...

The Ladybirds have been thinking about their bodies and have written about what they are really good at and what their bodies can do. In mathematics they have been measuring themselves and using the mathematical language of longer and shorter to compare lengths. They have set up a Teddy Bear Hospital in their role play area and have made lots of get well soon cards to give to patients attending the hospital.

The children have all enjoyed their 'loose parts' play and have made cars, ambulances and a whole host of other imaginative vehicles! Loose parts play is fantastic for team building, imaginative play and developing a whole host of skills.



Woodland Class have started their 'Our Bodies' topic and have been identifying parts of the body (parts you can see and parts you can't see!). They enjoyed building a skeleton and discussing bones found in the body. They have been writing about what different parts of the body can do. In mathematics they have been looking for patterns when adding 1 & 10 to given numbers. They have also been learning number bonds to 10, 20 and even 100. In art they have been learning about Wassily Kandinsky.



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Kestrel Class have been looking at Greek Mythology and have enjoyed listening to King Midas. They have explored lots of new vocabulary, written to the God in the role of King Midas sharing their wishes, given their opinions of the text and learnt the story using a text map. You will find part of their performance on our Twitter feed! In mathematics they have been adding and subtracting 1, 10 & 100 from given numbers and comparing and ordering numbers. In science the children have been analysing the hockey team's food diaries and working out their sugar intake and portions of fruit and vegetables. They have all been given a food diary to complete ready for next Thursday.

Osprey Class have been writing their own version of 'The Highwayman', they have called it 'The Space Pirate'. Hop over to our Twitter account to hear one version! In mathematics, the children have been mentally subtracting 9, 11, 19 & 21 by rounding to the nearest 10 and then using the pay back method. They have also been multiplying and dividing by 10 & 100 to two decimal places.

In science they have been investigating how salt, sugar, flour and coffee react when added to cold water. They discussed the solutions and saturation points of all solutes. In geography they have been finding out how volcanoes are formed. Did you know... Snowdon, Ben Nevis, Castle Hill in Edinburgh and the Giants Causeway are all extinct volcanoes!

Forest School

All of our children have now enjoyed their first forest school sessions, these have been a huge success and the children are very keen to get back out to Mrs Bridgen on Monday!



Forest School now have their own learning space in the outside classroom, we are looking to kit it out with some useful storage. If you have any ikea trofast or kallax units you no longer need, please let us know as we would love them!

Finally, please do check you have the right kit in your bags as there are a number of items that have been left in school and that have gone missing from other peoples bags!

In other news...

Osprey Class Update

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Hartigan will be joining the Ibstone Team on Monday 30th September to teach Osprey Class in the mornings. Mrs Hartigan has recently relocated to the area and has a huge wealth of experience working across the primary age phase. I know you will join me in making her feel welcome and part of the Ibstone family. Mrs Hartigan has already been in to meet with Miss Firth and Mrs Barrett and will be in school again next week to meet the children to ensure that there is a seamless hand over!

KS2 Cross Country Running Club – CLARIFICATION

This club is for our KS2 children not parents! However, we are looking for a few adult volunteers who can help us weekly/fortnightly.

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KS2 Homework Diaries

Please ensure that you look at your child's homework diary and sign to say you have seen it, there were a large number of Kestrel Class diaries unsigned this week.

KS1 Spellings

The children will be bringing home weekly spellings from Monday, they will link in with the phonics sessions over the course of the week. Woodland Class will have their spellings tested on a Monday.

KS2 Spellings

Kestrel Class will be bringing home their spellings next week too. The focus for their spelling lists will be linked to topics and common words at an age appropriate level.

Lunch plea

In an attempt to cut down on the amount of rubbish we are sending to land fill and to cut down on the number of single use plastics we use as a school, I am asking all parents to help in attempt to make our school lunches more environmentally friendly!

I have spoken to the staff about how this can be achieved and we would like to ask all parents to send their child in with a named plastic container and a fork on pasta days (Wednesdays/Fridays). The pasta can then be served straight into the pots you have provided and eaten. Once the children have finished they can put their forks back in their plastic containers and bring them home. We will have spare containers and forks in school in case, so please don't panic if you forget. If you are able to send in a spoon for yoghurts on these days too, that would be amazing!

Eco Party pack

Don't forget, we have the Ibstone School Eco Party Pack available for hire for all your party needs! The pack contains reusable bowls, platters, jugs, plates, cups, small bowls and cutlery. It comes ready to use in its own lidded box. In return, we ask for a £10 donation and that you return it clean!



Loose Parts Play

You will have seen the marvellous creations the Ladybirds have created in their loose parts play this week. If you are cleaning out your cupboards/sheds and have any bits that you think would be useful for their loose parts trolley, please do bring them in. Any tyres have to be new and unused as used tyres can contain asbestos and cannot be used in school.

Macmillan Cake Sale

We will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 27th September to raise funds for Macmillan. If you are able to bake (or buy) some cakes to donate, please bring them in on Friday morning. Also, don't forget to bring some money at the end of the day to buy some more delicious cakes!

PTA Information

You should all have received the PTA newsletter in bags today. Please do come along to the meeting on Monday 7th October. The PTA funds make a huge difference to all of our children and without your support the PTA cannot organise such successful events!

Pop Up Café

The PTA will be hosting a pop up café that will open at **2pm on Friday 4th October** in the school hall, this is a great time for parents to meet up and have a chat and get to know each other before the children come home.

Friday Celebration Worship

On Friday afternoons we have Celebration Worship, this is a time where we come together as a school community to celebrate the children's achievements. Each week we invite the parents, friends and families of a particular year group to join us for worship. We would like to invite the parents/ families of **Years 4, 5 & 6 to worship on Friday 27th September**. The dates for worship are shared in the diary dates below. Please note that there will not be worship on Friday 4th October.

Library

Library will run fortnightly for all children this year. Ladybirds and Woodland Class visited the library this Friday, Kestrel Class and Osprey Class will be visiting next Friday (27th).

Friday Mile

The children have all been asking when we can start the Friday Mile again! We have decided to start next Friday morning and this will take place every Friday moving forward (except 4th October). Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school as we head out whatever the weather.

Phew! We got there in the end! Hope you are still with me! Enjoy the weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2019		
Mon 23 rd	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y ½/5/6
Wed 25 th	Individual School Photos – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	All children
Fri 27th	Friday Mile Starts – 9am	All children
Fri 27th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y4, 5 & 6 families
Fri 27th	After school cake sale for Macmillan – 3.15pm	Everyone
Mon 30 th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
October 2019		
Fri 4th	Pop up café – School Hall – 2pm	Parents
Mon 7th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2 & 5/6
Mon 7th	PTA Meeting – Hall 7.30pm	All adults
Fri 11th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y3 families
Sun 13 th	Harvest Service 11am – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Mon 14th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Fri 18th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y2 families
Wed 23 rd	Kites Disco – more information to follow	All children
Thurs 24 th	Mufti day – Bring a bottle – more information to follow	Everyone
Thurs 24 th	End of Term	All children
Fri 25 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 28th – Fri 1st	Kites Holiday Club	All children
November 2019		
Mon 4 th	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
Fri 8th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
Tues 12 th	Full Governing Body Meeting	All Governors
Fri 15th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y 4, 5 & 6 families
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
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

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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