

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a busy week it has been, it's hard to believe we have only been back just over three weeks! I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Barrett all the best as she leaves us today to head off to her new adventures in Wales. I know that we will all miss her and will look forward to hearing from her once she is settled in her new home.

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

The Ladybirds have been learning about 'Pets'. They have listened to the story 'The Perfect Pet' and have written their own ending to the story. They have also been thinking about what would make a perfect pet and have made their pets from recycled materials. The children have all written their own labels for their recycled materials' pets.



In mathematics they have set up a pet shop and have enjoyed shopping using various coins to pay for pet food, accessories and pet toys. The children made a graph on the interactive whiteboard to show their favourite pet, it was close but the most popular pet was a fish!

Woodland Class have been using their ears to listen very carefully to sounds they can hear. They have worked together to write a class poem. They have rehearsed it, thought of actions and performed it before having a go at writing it! Well done Woodland Class, it is a super poem! You can see it on our Twitter feed.

In mathematics they have continued to work on place value and have been partitioning numbers, some children have done this very practically and have been using straw bundles, numicon and money to represent 10's and 1's. Others have been using their place value knowledge to work out addition problems and have been writing numbers in words and reading numbers in words and transferring them back into numeric form!

In art, they have continued to learn about Kandinsky and have been mixing and using a range of colours to create expressionist paintings to music.

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Kestrel Class have been using time conjunctions and have been making a tool kit to help them describe characters. They looked at the way characters were described in King Midas and have magpied the ideas they like, this will form part of their working wall and help them in their writing across the year. In mathematics they have been adding and subtracting 1's and multiples of 10's from 3 digit numbers.

The children have made timelines and have listened to the story of Romulus and Remus. They enjoyed acting out the story and can explain how Rome and the Roman empire was formed. In science they have looked at their own weekly food diary and worked out their daily sugar and fruit and vegetable intake!

Osprey Class have been learning about modal verbs this week. They have used them in sentences to describe what might happen in certain circumstances and scenarios. They used modal verbs to write about their future and what it might be like when they are 30 years old!

In mathematics they have been looking at numbers with two decimal places and have used a number line to find the difference between amounts. Some children have been investigating numbers up to three decimal places. They have all been using the coloumn method to solve addition and subtraction problems by carrying numbers and borrowing!

In science they have been separating materials such as flour and raisins, rice and paperclips, salt and water and finally sand and water. The children had to predict which method would be the most successful to use when separating the materials and then they used evaporation, filtering and sieving to test their predicitions.

### Forest School

Yellow Team had great fun during their forest school sessions this week. The activities were wide and varied, from making Forest School music and songs, sewing leaves with twine and sticks to chalk carvings, the opportunities were endless!



A huge thank you to the PTA and kind generosity of local people who have given and donated furniture and money to help us develop our new outside classroom. Welll done to Mrs Bridgen who has transformed the space in a matter of days! We haven't finished yet but WOW, what a difference this will make to all our children!



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## In other news...

### Friday Mile

The children were so excited about the Friday Mile starting again. This week we took time to look at how the woodland has changed since the summer and found lots of interesting things to look at, including a lonely snail who ended up coming back to school with us. Mrs Statham named it Norris! Norris is now living at the bottom of the garden!



### School Ukuleles

We have just purchased a class set of ukuleles from Westmount Music Services in Marlow Bottom, the children will be learning to play the ukuleles in their music lessons and we are hoping to set up a ukulele band at lunch time. Thank you to the PTA who have made this purchase possible!

### PTA Meeting

Please let us know if you are coming to the meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. The PTA is for everyone and the fund raising from the PTA has a huge impact on all of our children!

### Lunches

Thank you so much for sending in your reusable plastic containers and cutlery on Wednesday and Friday, we have already cut down on our single plastic usage and the children are very keen to think of more ways for us to reuse and recycle.

### Macmillan Cake Sale

It was lovely to see so many of you at the cake sale after school. Thank you all for your kind donations of cakes, I will update you with the total raised next week.

### Pop Up Café

The PTA will be hosting a pop up café that will open at **2pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Water Bottles

As a school we understand the importance of encouraging children to drink water throughout the day and as a result, children are allowed to bring in water bottles with fresh fruit (such as slices of orange/lemon/lime) in their water bottle. I would like to remind parents that we do not allow squash or carbonated drinks in the children's water bottles

Please make sure your child has their named water bottle in school at all times. As part of our science lessons in Kestrel Class we have been looking at the importance of drinking water to keep us healthy. As a class we have set a challenge to drink more water across the course of the day, however, I would like to extend this challenge to all children, staff and parents! We should all be drinking 1.2 litres of water per day (not through tea/coffee!) I have purchased a water bottle to join the children on this challenge!

### Woodland Class Food Tasting

Hopefully you will have received the letter about food tasting next week. This will be taking place on Wednesday so please make sure you send in your items for Wednesday morning.

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Have a lovely weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

# Headteacher's Awards



# Summer Reading Challenge



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>September 2019</b>		
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
<b>October 2019</b>		
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pop up café – School Hall – 2pm	Parents
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2 & 5/6
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting – Hall 7.30pm	All adults
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y3 families
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service 11am – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Individual and sibling photos</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y2 families
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kites Disco – more information to follow	All children
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti day – Bring a bottle – more information to follow	Everyone
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	All children
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kites Holiday Club	All children
<b>November 2019</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting	All Governors
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y 4, 5 & 6 families
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – more info to follow	Everyone
<b>December 2019</b>		
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance 2pm	Y R/1/2 children & families
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance 6pm	Y R/1/2 children & families
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Norden Farm Trip	Y R/1/2 children
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carols by Candlelight 6pm	All KS2 children and families
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
<b>January 2020</b>		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
<b>February 2020</b>		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	All children
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
<b>March 2020</b>		
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
<b>April 2020</b>		
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
<b>May 2020</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
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	Everyone
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	Everyone

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**July 2020**

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone