

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

On Monday we had our second open day of the year and enjoyed showing a number of prospective parents around the school. This year we have asked the Osprey children to help lead the tours and this has been well received! Well done children, you were fantastic and shared lots of interesting facts and information about our school! I am looking forward to our next open morning on Thursday 17th October.

What have we been learning this week...

The whole school enjoyed our brisk Friday Mile this morning. It was a little too wet under foot to run across the field so we decided to skip across the field to the woods. As it was World Mental Health Day yesterday, I thought I would share the benefits of skipping with you! Skipping is known to make you smile and feel happy, by skipping your brain releases endorphins which acts as natural pain killers and make you feel happier and less stressed! It is also great for developing co-ordination and balance. So, if you are feeling a bit low, give skipping a go!



The Ladybirds have been retelling the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' using puppets. They have loved using the puppet theatre to perform to each other. They have been finding out what it is like to be an author and illustrator and have written and illustrated their own books sharing what they would eat if they were a caterpillar. In mathematics they have been using 2D shapes to make minibeasts and have been on a shape hunt around the school grounds.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed making papier mache bugs for their display!



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Woodland Class have been using their knowledge of the story of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' to think of their own story. As a class they have decided their title is 'The Elves and the Twin Toymakers', they have all planned their stories and I am looking forward to sharing some of them with you next week!

In mathematics they have been using numicon, number lines and their knowledge of partitioning to help solve some addition problems. The children have enjoyed using their sense of touch to explore textures and materials and they have all made textured collages.

Woodland Class have been very busy this afternoon interviewing two special guests! PC Neal (Gracie's & Faith's dad) came to talk to us about life as a police officer and Natasha (Flint's mum) came to talk to us about working in a hospital. The children were brilliantly behaved and asked lots of relevant questions. They enjoyed trying on the police uniform and testing out the stethoscopes and learning about how the heart pumps blood round the body! They tested the pulse oximeters and saw how their heart rates increased as they exercised! A huge thank you to PC Neal and Natasha for giving up their time.



Kestrel Class have written their own versions of King Midas, Miss Firth has been wowed by their imaginations with ideas such as everything turning to chocolate or silk. They have written Harvest acrostic poems which they are looking forward to sharing with you on Sunday. In mathematics they have been adding and subtracting using the column method with carrying and exchanging.

The children have continued to learn about the Roman Empire and have designed and starting making their own Roman shields. They have also enjoyed taking some time out to create some wonderful Harvest pictures and have tried their hand at observational drawing in their sketch books.



Osprey Class have been working on using a flashback as part of their story about the eruption of Vesuvius. They have been challenged to change their writing from 3rd person to 1st person and then back to 3rd person! They have been using adverbials in their sentences and have been working hard to use the correct punctuation!

In mathematics they have been learning to add and subtract fractions with related denominators and have used their times tables to help them spot factors of various numbers. In science they have designed and made their insulated lunch boxes that would keep food warm, they used their findings from their investigation last week to help them decide which materials would be the most effective.



Forest School

The children have continued to lead their Forest School learning and Year 1 have been exploring 'camouflage' with the Forest School friends. They had to look for patterns and colours to match the soft toys and look for environments that would let them be camouflaged. They also enjoyed a game of noughts and crosses!



Year 2 have continued the Forest School Band, they made their own maracas and explored the sounds that could be made with natural objects. The band then gave a drumming concert in the tree.

Years 5 & 6 have been decorating tree cookies and worked with palm drills to make holes in them so they could be hung up. They have also been making chalk paint and practised lashing sticks together. After practising this skill, someone decided to make three crosses which they lashed together independently to show Jesus on the cross.



They finished with toasting marshmallows!

In other news...

Parents Evening

You will have received your appointment time email today. If you need your child to go into Kites during your appointment on Monday 21st or on Tuesday 22nd October before 5pm please email the office. You will not be charged for using Kites for your allotted time if you have booked in via the office. If you would like them to be in for the whole session you will need to book and pay for this.

Disco Arrangements

A few people have asked about the arrangements for the Disco on 23rd October as we now offer staggered discos. If your child is booked into Kites you do not need to pay again. If your child is in KS2 (Kestrel & Osprey Class), Kites will still run from the end of the school day and you will only need to pay £5 if they are not booked in for the whole session (until 5.15pm – please note the disco finishes later at 5.30pm). If your child is in Ladybirds or Woodland Class and is booked into Kites until 5.15pm on disco day, they are still able to attend Kites until 5.15pm as we have cover to provide them with snack and activities until the end of the session.

Harvest Service

We are looking forward to seeing you at the **Harvest Service on Sunday at 10am at St Nicholas Church**. Thank you for all your kind donations for the One Can Trust, if you haven't managed to bring them into school, please bring them with you to the service on Sunday. The One Can Trust shopping list can be found at the end of the newsletter.

PTA Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the PTA meeting on Monday evening, it was a great to get together and discuss the fundraising events for the school this year. There will be more information sent out about the Christmas Fayre and how you can help next week.

Cross Country Running

I am pleased to inform you that we have enough volunteers to start our KS2 Cross Country Running Club after half term. If your child would like to be part of this club, please could you email the office by Thursday 23rd October to register them. The club is only for KS2 children (Kestrel & Osprey Class), it will run on a Thursday lunchtime from 12pm - 12.30pm. The children will need to bring in clothes and trainers to run in (not their best kit as they are very likely to come back muddy!).

We are hoping that once we get a few weeks into training we will be able to start entering competitions.

Ukulele Lunch Club

The ukuleles are now tuned and ready for action. There will be a ukulele club running after half term from 12.30-1pm on a Thursday lunch time. There is a limit of 15 for this group and it will initially only be available for Years 2,3,4,5 & 6. Please email the school office if your child would like to be part of this, due to the limited spaces, it will be on a first come first served basis. All KS2 children will be learning the ukulele in their Wednesday music lessons after half term.

Lunches

A huge thank you to the families who have been sending in containers and cutlery on Wednesdays and Fridays. We have a number of children who have asked if they use their containers on jacket potato days too, the answer to this is YES! Most definitely! Anything that helps us reduce our single use plastic usage is fantastic. Please could you also send in spoons on those days for yoghurts so we can reduce the number of plastic spoons we get through. Thank you for your support!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2019		
Sun 13 th	Harvest Service 10am – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Mon 14 th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Mon 14 th	Individual and sibling photos	Everyone
Thurs 17th	Open Morning – 9.30 - 11.30am	Prospective parents
Fri 18 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y2 families
Mon 21st	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Wed 23 rd	Kites Disco – please note change of date	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 28 th – Fri 1 st	Kites Holiday Club	All children
November 2019		
Mon 4 th	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
Mon 4th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Fri 8 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
Mon 11th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Tues 12 th	Full Governing Body Meeting	All Governors
Fri 15 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y 4, 5 & 6 families
Fri 15 th	Children in Need – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 18th	Open Day 9.30am – 11.30am & 1.30pm – 2.30pm	Prospective parents
Mon 18th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Fri 22nd	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 3 families
Sat 23rd	Christmas Fayre – Lane End Village Hall	Everyone
Mon 25th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Fri 29th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families

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December 2019		
Mon 2 nd	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Thurs 5 th	Wreath Making – more details to follow – evening event	Grown ups
Fri 6 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
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
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



#HarvestHeroes

UHT milk
Tinned ham / corned beef
Tinned potatoes
Tinned veg / peas /
sweetcorn
Tinned meatballs / Hot Dogs
Tinned meat meals
Round pies
Pasta sauce
Jam
Jelly / Angel Delight
Tinned fruit
Soap
Shampoo / shower gel
Toothbrushes

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