

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a very busy week with lots of rain, mud, photographs, power cuts and did I mention mud?

It was lovely to welcome Danny (our school photographer) back to school on Monday, you should have all received your photo proofs on Monday afternoon. Do take the time to log on to the website as there may be more photos waiting to be discovered. Don't forget to get your orders in before 24<sup>th</sup> October to get your 10% discount!



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

The Ladybirds have continued to learn about minibeasts, they loved listening to 'Superworm' and eagerly rose to the challenge of looking after their own superworm and making it a home from junk modelling. They have written labels from their homes and wrote about what their worm can do. In mathematics, they have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties, they have been building models and sorting shapes and looking for shapes in the environment.



They loved digging for real worms and making wormeries. The worms have been well catered for as the children have set up a worm restaurant and have been making very special mud pies for worms!

Woodland Class have written their 'The Elves and the Twin Toymakers' stories, they are all amazing! It was impossible to choose just one or two to share so we will put the books out next week so you will be able to read them before or after your parents' evening appointment. In mathematics the children have been focussing on subtraction and have been using a wide range of resources, such as multilink, counting beads, number lines, 100 squares, to help them solve their subtraction problems. Some children have demonstrated their knowledge of partitioning and column subtraction to solve subtraction word problems.

Kestrel Class have been describing where objects are using prepositions such as between, in front of, under etc. They have started planning their own stories based on King Midas and they have drawn and described the main character. Prince Albert is the class character, he wears long blue raggedy robes, shiny yellow boots and he is a DJ! I look forward to seeing how this plot develops!

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In mathematics they have been working with the 3 times tables and have been looking at the patterns of multiplying and dividing by 3.

On Tuesday afternoon the Kestrel Class finished their Roman shields and practised their marching and battle formation! They enjoyed trying to work out the words that would have been shouted by the centurion as he made the legionaries march. I wonder if the children can remember what language they spoke? Here are a few instructions, can you practise at home?

dexter	redi
sinister	parati
claudio	equaliter ambula
silentium	testudo

Osprey Class have been writing persuasive letters this week. They had to write a letter to persuade the priests to evacuate Pompeii before the volcano erupts. In mathematics they have been investigating the rules of divisibility! They have been looking at prime numbers and have used their knowledge and skills to solve problems and record their answers as numbers with remainders, fractions and decimals. In science the children have used the new laptops to research scientists who created new materials, such as Bakelite plastic, stainless steel etc. They have used their research to help them write fact files about these scientists.

### Forest School

The overarching theme for every group this week was mud! Mud, mud, glorious mud! There was a lot of it and they loved every moment of being in it!

The Ladybirds faced the worst of the weather on Monday, however it did not dampen their spirit or enthusiasm! They made mud angels, splashed in puddles and made a dam in the water pool at the bottom of the garden.



Kestrel class continued to work on their bows and arrows and this week had a target to hit! They also made mini shelters and set up a welcome party for fairies in the tree den, they had a forest school DJ and decorated the area with leaf decorations! They also spent time exploring water and how it moved and made its own course.

### Houses, House Points & Kestrel Points

Our four Houses (teams) are Allnutt, Baker, Gadbury & Merton. Please read a little more about the history of each house name below:

**Allnutt** – Henry Allnutt lived in Ibstone House and inherited an estate in Goring. On his death in 1724 he bequeathed a considerable sum of money that formed a share in the Allnutt & Baker Charity which later became the Goring Heath Charity. It was money from this charity that funded the school, as we know it today, to be built in 1852.

**Baker** – Revd John Baker is the other named founder of the Allnutt & Baker Charity that funded the school building and supported the poor of the parish by paying for their school uniform.

**Gadbury** – this is name of the piece of land that was donated for the school to be built on. John Gadbury had been the Yeoman of Ibstone.

**Merton** – Merton College, Oxford, granted the piece of land (Gadbury) that the school is now built on. Merton College also donated £30 in 1904 to help meet the costs of the school expansion to create an infants' room (which is currently the Woodland classroom).

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### House Council Meeting

We held our first house council meeting of the year on Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed working in their houses to make some key decisions. Each house had an agenda and minutes were taken. The agenda asked the houses to think about reward days, house events, local and global charities we would like to support, house captain elections and any other business. After the meeting, we had a whole school meeting to confirm the following:

- Each house has chosen their own three reward days (these are shared in the newsletter once the house points have been counted and the winning team are announced).
- The houses have thought of some activity days they would like to do in their houses, such as subject themed days and team building days. We will look at planning some of these in over the course of the year.
- The whole school has agreed that they would like to support a local animal charity and it was finally agreed that the chosen charity for this year will be 'Tiggywinkles'.
- The children have a number of thoughts about a global charity they would like to support. The staff are going to investigate and find out more details about these charities and will present their findings to the children next week before a final vote is taken.
- In any other business, the children wanted to discuss playground toys and how they are used at playtime and lunchtime. The children would like to reinstate playground friends and have some toy monitors. We will get this up and running after half term.

### House Captains

We are inviting the Osprey children and Year 4 to apply for the position of House Captains, they will receive a letter on Monday inviting them to apply for this role.

### In other news...

#### Ladybirds Show and Tell

Ladybirds last show and tell will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We have all enjoyed hearing the children discuss their toys and belongings, it has helped us get to know them really well.

#### Harvest

Thank you for all the generous donations to the One Can Trust, I know that our small school will have made a big difference to those in need. Here are a few images of the children working together to make our harvest loaf!



#### Cross Country Running

We have had a huge response and cross country club is now full. We are operating a waiting list and will keep you updated.

#### Ukulele Lunch Club

There are still a few spaces left for ukulele club for Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 starting after half term from 12.30-1pm on a Thursday lunch time. Please email the school office if your child would like to be part of this club.

#### Don't forget...

#### Parents' Evening

Please don't forget it is parents' evening next week. If you suddenly find that you cannot make your appointment, please email the office and let us know. Kites will be in the Osprey Class on Monday and all appointments will be



held in the hall. There will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's books before or after your appointment time.

### Mufti Day

It is mufti day in exchange for a bottle or two next Thursday! Please send in your bottle donations with your child on Thursday. In return they can wear their own clothes to school for the day. The bottles (wine, bubble bath, ketchup) will form part of our bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

### Disco

Please send your child in with a change of clothes for the disco on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October! Dancing shoes will be required!

### Messy Church

Reverend Mark has organised a Harvest Messy Church session on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm-5pm at St Peter & St Paul in Stokenchurch. There is more information on the flyer in bags today.

### School Uniform

We have noticed that a number of children are not wearing the correct uniform, some children are still wearing the old school logo uniform from 2017 and a number of KS2 children are wearing white polo shirts not white school shirts. Girls socks should be white or navy and tights should be navy. There are also a number of children wearing navy blue shoes or trainer type shoes in school. Please look back at the information books you have been given for your child to check your child is wearing the correct uniform. All of this information is also on the school website.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Headteacher's Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>October 2019</b>		
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Forest School Yellow Sessions	<b>Y 1/2/5/6</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kites Disco	All children
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti day – Bring a bottle	Everyone
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	All children
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Messy Church – Stokenchurch (see flyer in bags)</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kites Holiday Club	All children

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November 2019		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
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
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day 9.30am – 11.30am & 1.30pm – 2.30pm	Prospective parents
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 3 families
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Fayre – Lane End Village Hall	Everyone
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families
December 2019		
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wreath Making – more details to follow – evening event	Grown ups
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
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
January 2020		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
February 2020		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	All children
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
March 2020		
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
April 2020		
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
May 2020		
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday	All
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term	All children
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff
June 2020		
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
July 2020		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone