

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. The children have all come back to school refreshed and ready to learn.

It has been a week of firsts in the history of Ibstone CE Primary School this week. Firstly, we have welcomed a team of volunteers from Barclays, Westwood Park who kindly came to help us in the school grounds. Their MAD day certainly has Made A Difference! A huge thank you to Jo and the rest of the team for all their hard work!

On Thursday lunchtime our first cross country running club set out for their inaugural run, a huge thank you to Claire Randall for heading up the club and for making it happen! A huge thank you to Mrs Hartigan and Mrs Statham for heading out with the runners too! Mrs Hartigan was very impressed with every single runner! She thinks we already have a very competitive team!



Thursday lunchtime also saw the first Ukulele Band practice, everyone enjoyed their first session and we are all looking forward to hearing their progress over the next few weeks.



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What have we been learning this week...

The Ladybirds have been retelling the story of 'Rosie's Walk', they have enjoyed retelling the story by going for a walk, using actions and using small world objects. They have made masks and used them in their retelling too! In mathematics they have been looking at numbers and thought about how many different ways they could make 5,6,7,8,9 and 10.

Woodland Class have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder Plot, they have made 'WANTED' posters and written newspaper reports about the event! They have enjoyed discussing the fireworks they have seen and the sounds they could hear when the fireworks went off. In mathematics, they have been exploring 2D and 3D shape, they have been using mathematical vocabulary such as faces, edges and vertices. The children have also continued their 'People who Help Us' topic and have been finding out about Florence Nightingale. I wonder if they can tell you what she did?

Kestrel Class have been using inverted commas to denote speech in their writing, they have looked at the story of 'The Canal' and have started to learn it using a Talk for Writing text map. In mathematics they have been multiplying and dividing by 8, they have been using arrays and have applied these skills to solve word problems. In computing, the children have been working together to look at Scratch, a computer coding program. They have all enjoyed practising their coding skills and are beginning to make simple programs.

Osprey Class have started to read their class text 'Fireweed', they have used this text to help develop their background knowledge of World War 2. They have been investigating characters' feelings and making predictions about what might happen in the story. In mathematics, they have been learning about imperial and metric units of measure and have learnt to use graphs to make approximate conversions. They have also looked at line graphs and have learnt how to draw them and how to interpret them. In science, they have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes and made a new material (casein plastic) from the chemical reaction between milk and vinegar. In geography they have been finding out about earthquakes and how and why they happen, they also investigated how buildings are constructed to decrease destruction in earthquake areas.

Forest School

Year 3 have been looking at the sizes of pieces of wood used to make a successful fire. This week a fire was needed so that everyone could make toffee apple slices over the fire, several of the children showed amazing perseverance when using the fire stick to light the cotton wool. Well done!

Year 4 linked their session to the Romans and made mosaic patterns with the fallen leaves. They also tried their hand at den building before enjoying toffee apple slices over the fire.

The Ladybirds enjoyed looking at the fallen leaves and played games with them using the parachute. They also made good use of the Year 4 dens too!



Don't forget...

Remembrance Service

Please join us at St Nicholas Church at 10.40am on Monday. This will be a short service of remembrance.

Raffle tickets

Please make sure you send your raffle tickets back by Friday 15th November. You have to be in it to win it!

Timings of the day

We have a number of children being dropped off rather early in the playground and left unsupervised and a number of children who are not being collected on time on a regular basis. I have included the timings of the day below just in case:

- Breakfast Club – 7.45am – 8.40am
- Morning drop off – there is a member of staff on the playground from 8.40am. The gate closes at 8.50am.
- Ladybirds & Woodland Class finish at 3.15pm
- Kestrel & Osprey Class finish at 3.25pm
- Kites club session finishes at 4.30pm
- Kites whole session finishes at 5.15pm

All bookings for Kites club **must** be booked through the school office. We have a number of children who are just turning up to Kites club without any prior arrangement. Unfortunately we will be forced to reintroduce extra fees to those families who do not book via the office. We have a duty to ensure that Kites club is fully staffed for the number of children booked in.

Children in Need

Wear something Pudsey in exchange for a donation to Children in Need! Either something spotty, yellow, a homemade Pudsey mask (see link below) or whatever you fancy!

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



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Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2019		
Mon 11 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Mon 11 th	Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church 10.40am	Everyone
Mon 11th	Pre-school workshop 2pm – 3pm	Prospective families
Tues 12 th	Full Governing Body Meeting	All Governors
Fri 15 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y 4, 5 & 6 families
Fri 15th	Children in Need – see main newsletter	Everyone
Mon 18 th	Open Day 9.30am – 11.30am & 1.30pm – 2.30pm	Prospective parents
Mon 18 th	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Tues 19 th	KS2 Trip to Cinema & Wycombe Museum	KS2 children
Fri 22 nd	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 3 families
Sat 23rd	Christmas Fayre – Lane End Village Hall 12.30pm – 3.30pm	Everyone
Mon 25 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2/5/6
Fri 29 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families
December 2019		
Mon 2 nd	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Mon 2nd	Christmas Crafternoon 3.15pm – 4.45pm	Everyone
Thurs 5 th	Wreath Making	Grown ups
Fri 6 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Y R & 1 families
Wed 11 th	Nativity Performance 2pm – St Nicholas Church	Y R/1/2 children & families
Thurs 12th	School CLOSED – Polling Station	Everyone
Thurs 12th	Nativity Performance 6pm – St Nicholas Church	Y R/1/2 children & families
Fri 13 th	Norden Farm Trip	Y R/1/2 children
Mon 16th	Film Night – end of school – 5.15pm – more details to follow	Everyone
Tues 17th	Shortenills Trip – Magical Nativity – more details to follow	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		
Fri 8 th	Bank Holiday	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
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

Diary Dates - New or amended dates in BOLD

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