

Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! 2017 is off to a flying start for us already with the news that our primary expansion has been agreed. This means that as of September we will have a Year 3 class! This is a very exciting time for the school and I look forward to being able to update you more as soon as I can.

On behalf of all the staff may I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your gifts, cards and kind messages received for Christmas. I hope you all had a joyful Christmas and time to relax as well as celebrate with family and friends.

It has been lovely to watch the children skip back into school eager and ready to learn.

The Ladybirds have been sharing their holiday news, counting in 10's and working on their gross and fine motor skills. They also enjoyed exploring the ice that had appeared in the outside water tray.

Woodland Class have been sharing their holiday news and thinking about setting goals to achieve in English and Mathematics. They have also been working on their knowledge of the days of the week, months of the year and the seasons.

Futsal will be starting next Friday 13th January at 3.05pm-4.15pm, there is a limit of 15 children so please let us know if you would like your child to join. The children are familiar with 'Futsal' and it is a great way of engaging everyone in football.

I will be away from school on Wednesday 25th –Friday 27th January as I will be presenting at BETT, an education show in London. There will be a letter sent out on Monday giving more details to the Woodland Class families. In my absence, Mrs Statham will be the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Adair will be teaching Woodland Class for the three days.

Next Friday we will be making our Christingles for the Christingle Service on Sunday 15th January at 3pm. The children will be bringing home a Christingle collection candle on Monday, the funds raised in these candles will be sent to the 'The Children's Society'. Please bring the collection candles with you to the service.

We received a call from an old parent this morning who wanted to share an exciting opportunity with us all. There is a rare planetary alignment, if you are up by 6.50am, look at the moon and you will be able to see Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. You will have plenty of opportunities for this as the planets will be aligned until 20th February.

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Home Learning

Big Talk

What is your favourite time of year? Why?

Maths Moments

EYFS – Counting in 10's. Practice counting in 10's from 0, how far can you count?

KS1 – Days of the week & months of the year. Talk about your daily and weekly routines, e.g you always get up at 7.30am, every Tuesday you go swimming. Think about the seasons of the year, when is your birthday? What season is that in? When do your family celebrate their birthdays?

Diary Dates

New dates will be shown in bold.

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2016		
Thursday 12 th	Open Day for September 2017	Prospective parents
Friday 13 th	Celebration Worship -2.30pm	Year 2 families
Friday 13 th	Fustal @ Kites starts	All children
Sunday 15 th	Christingle Service - 3pm – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Wednesday 18 th	Governors Meeting	All Governors
Friday 20 th	Celebration Worship -2.30pm	Year 1 families
Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th	Woodland Class to be taught by Mrs Adair due to Mrs Hargrave & Mrs Long @ BETT	Woodland Class
Friday 27 th	Celebration Worship	Staff only
February 2016		
Friday 3 rd	Celebration Worship -2.30pm	EYFS families
Friday 10 th	Celebration Worship – straight after drop off 9.00am	Year 2 families
Friday 10 th	Kites Valentines Disco	All children
Friday 10 th	End of Term – 3.05pm	Everyone
Monday 20 th	Start of Term – 8.50am	Everyone