

Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

One of the many benefits of being the Headteacher of a small school is that you get to know all the children really well and very quickly. This week I have had a little more time to spend with the Ladybirds class and get to know our twelve new children. It is clear from the moment you step outside or into their classroom that all of them have a love of learning and are very keen to share their newly found knowledge and opinions with you. Yesterday, I asked them what they liked at school, they were all very keen to answer and here are a few of their responses:

I like playing with the trains. They are fun!

I like learning to read.

I like the garlic bread and sweetcorn!

Ham sandwiches and roast dinners.

In Woodland Class the children have become authors and illustrators and have made their own Bear Hunt stories, I look forward to sharing their work on our class webpage next week. In mathematics, everyone has been learning to use a ruler to measure objects in cm. The Squirrels have been working on their number bonds to 10 and some of the Badgers are working on their number bonds to 20.

Hopefully you all received a curriculum letter at the beginning of the week, they are now on the class pages on the website if you need to reference them quickly. Woodland Class will need their wellies and a waterproof coat in school on Monday as we are going to be outside looking at animal habitats.

On Wednesday, Danny, our school photographer, came into school, you should have received the photo proofs in your child's book bag. Please let us know if you didn't get yours.

Today we have been raising money for **Jeans for Genes**. Thank you for your generous donations, we have raised £65 for this worthy cause.

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Don't forget it is your turn for a treat next week! Our Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday 30th September from 9am-11.30am. We look forward to seeing you there, as I mentioned last week, this is not a school only event, so feel free to bring your friends and neighbours!

Next week you will receive a letter regarding parents' evening, we offer an early and late session over two days to try and accommodate everyone. Please contact Mrs Robertson in the school office if you are having any problems with the dates. The focus of this first parents' evening is to discuss how your child has settled into school life and how we can work together to further support your child in their learning.

Visitors to our school always comment on the wonderful garden beds as they walk down the path to the front door, the children and the gardening ladies work really hard all year round to grow produce and to make themed beds. At the end of last term we entered the 'Fairy Garden' into the Red Kites Housing Neighbourhood Awards 'Best Junior Garden' category, we have now been invited to the prize giving ceremony in October, so ... watch this space!

I look forward to seeing you at the PTA meeting on Monday evening in the school hall.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Big Talk

If you could choose to be as tall as a giant or as short as daisy... Which would you choose and why?

Headteacher Awards



Worship Leaders' Values Awards



Diary Dates

New dates will be shown in bold.

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2016		
Monday 26th	PTA meeting – 7.30pm – School Hall	Parents
Tuesday 27 th	Cllr Zahir Mohammed to visit the school	Mrs Long
Wednesday 28 th	Governing Body Meeting – 7pm	Governors
Friday 30th	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am-11.30am	Parents & friends
Friday 30 th	Celebration Worship	Early Years families
Friday 30th	After school cake sale (if there are any cakes left!)	All
October 2016		
Monday 3 rd	Governor Ofsted Training – 7pm	Governors
Monday 10th	Parents Evening – Ladybirds Class – 3.15pm-5pm	Ladybirds parents
Tuesday 11th	Parents Evening – Ladybirds & Woodland Class – 5pm-7pm	All parents
Wednesday 12 th	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am	Prospective Parents
Wednesday 12 th	Governing Body Teaching and Learning Meeting – 7pm	Governors
Thursday 13th	Parents Evening –Woodland Class – 3.15pm – 5pm	Woodland parents
Sunday 16 th	Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone – 11am	All
Monday 17 th	Ladybirds Learning Journey afternoon – 2pm	Ladybirds families
Wednesday 19th	E-safety Parents meeting (afternoon session – more details to follow)	All parents
Wednesday 19 th	Governing Body Resources Meeting - 7pm	Governors
Friday 21 st	End of Term – 3.05pm	All
Monday 31st	Start of term – 8.50am	All
November 2016		
Friday 4 th	Bonfire Night Kites Disco – 3.05- 4.15pm	All children
Monday 7 th	RE Day	All children
Wednesday 9th	E-safety Parents meeting (evening session – more details to follow)	All parents
Sunday 13th	Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone – 10.50am	All

