

Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Wow! Where has that year gone? It only seems like yesterday we were welcoming the new Ladybirds and their families to our school. Looking back we have had a very busy and exciting year, not only have all the children made good progress in their reading, writing, mathematics, science and other subjects, they have also developed their love of learning through a range of activities. Here are some of the highlights:

September & October:



Fruit picking at Manor Farm



Winning the gardening competition



Celebrating Harvest

November:



Making our school values cross



Love in a Box



E-safety



Mr Olliver's WW1 artefacts

December:



The Christmas Fayre... it was a little chilly out there!



A Wiggly Nativity



Elves Christmas Tree

January & February:

BREAKING NEWS!!! Primary Expansion has been confirmed! From September 2017 we will be a Primary School!



An Ibstone snow day!



Our BETT Ambassadors in London



Celebrating Chinese New Year

March:



World Book Day



Mother's Day Flowers



Rev. Linda



Planting potatoes



Ibstone's Got Talent

April:



Easter Bonnets



Stations of the Cross



Den building

May:



Garsington Workshops



Den building in the woods

The Great Fire of Ibstone

June:



Barnabus Day



The new school logo and uniform is released



Finding out about Islam

July:



Water fun



Bug hunting



Butterfly releasing



Castle designing



Pony meeting



So as you can see, it has been quite an action packed year! Not being a school to rest on its laurels, here are a few photos from the last week...



Space hopper jousting...



Banquets and shield making...



Over the course of the year we have also raised a huge amount of money for charities through our McMillan Coffee Morning, dress up day for Children in Need, Jeans for Genes day and Samaritans Purse - Love in a Box. Thank you for your support!

The PTA have held a number of events to raise money for the school. Mufti madness, family discos, the Christmas Fayre, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Marlow May Fayre and other events. These have all helped in raising a huge amount for our Primary Expansion project and to purchase a number of resources and equipment to enhance our existing provision for our children.

This year the PTA have funded:

- The redecoration costs of the library and classrooms
- Dolls, pushchairs, prams and other toys for our Early Years children
- Maths games across the school
- Subsidised the Christmas trip to Norden Farm
- New library books and new reading scheme books for all of our children present and future.
- New furniture for Kestrel Class
- Book boxes for Ladybirds and Woodland Class

Thank you to Rachel and Bex and the entire PTA for all your hard work organising these events and making a difference to our children!

It was wonderful to see you all at St Nicholas Church yesterday afternoon for our end of term service. Thank you for coming to celebrate with us.

A huge thank you to Reverend Linda for leading the service, we look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year. I must also thank Veronica and Jenny, the church wardens at St Nicholas for always making the warm and welcoming for us. We really appreciate your hard work and support.



This year we introduced a new award for two children at the end of each Key Stage, who have demonstrated the school values across the course of the year. Congratulations to the first Ibstone CE School Values Awards winners.



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for the biscuits, chocolates, wine, flowers and gifts that we have received. We have been humbled by your generosity and heartfelt cards and messages. Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, parents and governors for their hard work, care and support during my first year as Headteacher of our amazing small school.

I hope you all have a super summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 6th September at 8.50am. There will be no rolling drop off in operation until Monday 11th September.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of the school.

Louise Long
Headteacher

A final thought for you all from **The Education Act of 1941**

The test of a successful education is not the amount of knowledge that a pupil takes away from a school, but his/her appetite to know and his/her capacity to learn. If the school sends out children with the desire for knowledge and some idea of how to acquire and use it, it will have done its work.

Dates
New dates will be shown in bold.

Date	Occasion	Who?
July 2017		
w/c 24 th July	Kites Summer Holiday Club	Everyone
w/c 31 st July	Kites Summer Holiday Club	Everyone
August 2017		
Saturday 5th	Ibstone Horticultural Show	Everyone
w/c 7 th August	Kites Summer Holiday Club	Everyone
w/c 28 th August	Kites Summer Holiday Club	Everyone
September 2017		
w/c 4 th September	Kites Summer Holiday Club	Everyone
Monday 4th	INSET DAY	Teaching staff
Tuesday 5th	INSET DAY	All staff
Wednesday 6th	Start of term 8.50am	KS1 & KS2 children
Thursday 7th	Start of term for Ladybirds children 8.50am	EYFS children