

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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We are looking forward to seeing families at the Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas Church on Sunday 11th March. Everyone is welcome. The service will start at 10.00. Our Year 3 children will be leading the service. We would like to thank the PTA for providing coffee and cake at the school hall after the service.

We have two weeks of news for this newsletter as we were not in school at the end of last week due to the severe cold and the snow. On Monday we still had pockets of snow around the school as well as some large lumps of ice on the decking!

We were able to re-schedule World Book Day for Tuesday, much to the delight of the children. All the children had come together to watch a downloaded 'World Book Day' programme which focused on book illustrators. Ideas were described as 'doodles' by famous illustrators so the children had a turn at trying out their own doodles!

The children also came together in groups of mixed age range to share books. Many of the groups chose stories which had snow as a theme! The children were all very excited by the snow.

On Tuesday the school was very colourful as the children attended in their World Book Day costumes. There were so many costume ideas! Thank you all so much for making this possible. The children were able to talk about which character they were dressed up as from their chosen book and describe what their character was like. We had great fun learning from one another. The children really enjoyed coming in character for the day and they enjoyed seeing all the different costumes. Several children told me what they were going to wear next time, so it is clearly a theme which motivates the children.

We are making this newsletter a bumper photo edition so that you can all share in some of the fun of World Book Day.









For the day, the children engaged in a range of activities which included drama, shared reading, scavenger hunts to find information from a range of books, writing book reviews, designing book covers, creating advertising posters, making bookmarks, completing word searches, reading in unusual places as well as enjoying a good story altogether!

Last week, the children in the Kestrel class were thinking about the importance of and the many uses of books. The children were posed the question "How do you find out information about books?" The children reviewed a number of published posters which advertised books in a colourful and inviting way. As a result of reading the posters the children then started reading some of the books which were advertised and shared a review of the books with one another.

In maths, the Kestrel class have been looking at angles and where we find them in everyday life. The children considered the properties of a right angle, an acute angle and an obtuse angle. The children had to identify these angles when presented in a range of different orientations.

In history, the children were learning about the legacy of the Romans. A variety of different structures were considered as the children learned just how much the Romans have actually influenced our lives today. This theme was picked up in art as the children designed and created tissue paper and silhouette aqueducts which they have displayed on the classroom door so that the light can shine through the tissue.

This week, the focus of Kestrel maths has been subtraction which has been extended into learning and practising the vertical method of subtraction (borrowing). The children have been laying out their subtraction questions in careful tens and units columns.

In Woodlands, the children have been pursuing their topic about grandparents and what life was like for them, as children in particular. The children have seen a range of photos and memorabilia from the past, including photos from the history of the school and photos of some staff members when they were at school! The children have enjoyed learning about some of the stricter aspects of the past including gruesome school dinners and smacking.



In Literacy, the children focused on asking questions. The children considered what they wanted to know and pooled their ideas to write questions. On Thursday, a number of parents and grandparents were able to join the Woodland class. This provided a lovely opportunity for generations to share stories and ask questions. We even had some additional props to support the stories told too. Thank you very much to the parents and grandparents who were able to come into school and share their stories.

The children have also been busy practising subtraction. The children have used a range of methods to support their learning including using counting objects, number lines and number squares.

In the Ladybird class, the children are continuing to learn through the theme of transport. This week in particular, the children have been thinking about emergency vehicles. In readiness for Mothers' Day, the children have been painting pictures as well as making cards. The children have also been practising their songs for church.

In maths, the children have been looking at 3D shapes and learning about the properties of shapes. They have then looked to see where these shapes can be found in the environment. Having recognised and found some 3D shapes the children counted by tallying and recorded their findings in a graph.

Thank you for all the money received so far for Friday mufti days. We have asked for a voluntary donation of £5 in total to cover 5 Fridays leading up to the Easter holidays. All the money is to go towards our primary expansion.

Thank you as always for your support and we look forward to seeing you at church on Sunday.

Ruth Goddard, Headteacher

REQUEST FROM LADYBIRDS: Please can you collect and send in any kitchen roll **cardboard** middles as the children in Ladybird class need them. Thank you.

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2018		
11 th March	Mothers' Day Service – St Nicholas 10am followed by tea and cake	All
22 nd March	Sport Relief Day – details to follow	All
26 th March	Kites Easter Disco – 3.15-4.30pm	All
27 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade/Easter Egg Hunt – details to follow	All
28 th March	Easter service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	All
28 th March	End of Term 1.30pm	All
29 th March	INSET DAY	
April 2018		
8 th -12 th April	Kites Holiday Club	All
16 th April	School Starts 8.50am	All
22 nd April	Ibstone 5K Fun Run	All
May 2018		
1 st May	Whole school Photos	All
12 th May	***May Fayre Marlow – lots of help needed big fundraising event	All
25 th May	Kites May Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
25 th May	EOT 3.15/3.30pm	All
29 th May – 1 st June	Kites Holiday Club	All
June 2018		
7 th June	Sports day 1pm	All
14 th June	Reserve sports Day	All
15 th June	INSET Day	All
July 2018		
6 th July	School Reports	All
6 th July	The Big Sing – Details to follow	
12 th July	School Trip – details to follow	All
18 th July	Opera First Performance 6pm – details to follow	
20th July	Kites Summer Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
24 th July	Summer Celebration Service 9.30am	All
24 th July	EOT 1.30pm	All
30th July	Kites Holiday Club Starts	All