

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the new term at Ibstone CE Primary School! A particularly warm welcome to all our new children, families and staff, it is great to welcome you to our expanding family!

Thank you to you all for sending your children into school looking so smart and ready to learn. The Year 3 children in particular looked so smart in their ties on the first day.

As always, this will be a bumper newsletter as there is so much to share with you at this point in the year, so please keep reading...

Rolling Drop Off

This will start on Monday morning and is for families in Woodland Class and Kestrel Class only, if you wish to use it. Ladybirds parents will need to bring their children on to the playground and wait with them until the bell goes. The drop off zone will be marked out by a large banner on the fence at the front of the school. We will initially cone off the area to show the no parking zone. Please make sure that your child is sitting on the correct side for drop off as this will make it run more smoothly. Thank you for your support.

Parking

With the increased number of cars at the school and the permanent introduction of the rolling drop off, it would help from a safety perspective if more parents would park on the road heading down towards the church during peak times such as drop off and pick up.

School Times

Thank you to all those parents who are already arriving and collecting on time, it really helps make the day run smoothly for the children and staff. In case there has been any confusion, the rolling drop off and playground are open from 8.40am each morning. The bell rings at 8.50am and learning starts straight away. Please make sure your child is here on time so as not to impact on their learning. The end of day times are 3.15pm for Ladybirds and Woodland Class. Kestrel Class finish at 3.25pm. We understand that sometimes on the odd occasion you may be running a little late, please let us know via the office if this is the case. We have already had a number of late collections in the first three days. As of Monday, if we have not heard from you we will hold your child for 5 minutes after their pick up time, after which they will be sent to Kites and you will be charged £5.50 per child. The staff often have meetings at the end of the working day and cannot be waiting on the playground.

Contact Books

Hopefully you have all received your child's purple Contact Book, please make sure that you have filled in the white form at the front of these books and please send them into school every day. If you have sent in a message, please put the yellow tab up so we know we need to read your message. The aim of this book is to improve communication, a member of staff will be on the playground every morning and will be happy to speak to you, however this book will ensure that all staff working with the children have the information they need.

Individual Photographs

Our fantastic school photographer Danny Higgins is coming to school on Tuesday 19th September. He will be taking individual and sibling photos during the morning, please email the office by Friday 15th September if you have non- school siblings you would like to bring in for an early morning photo shoot.

PE Kits, Wellies, Water Bottles and Coats

PE Kit - PE lessons will start next week, please make sure your child's PE Kit is in school on Monday. I have had a few people asking about plimsolls and trainers. As a school we are more than happy for your child to have plimsolls or trainers (it doesn't matter what colour as long as they fit and your child can put them on by themselves).

Wellies – all children need a pair of wellies in school at all times. Please make sure these are named, some parents also provide a peg to keep the wellies together.

Water Bottles – please make sure your child has their named water bottle in school at all times. I would like to remind parents that we do not allow squash or carbonated drinks in the children's water bottles. As a school we understand the importance of encouraging children to drink water throughout the day and as a result, children are allowed to bring in water bottles with fresh fruit (such as slices of orange/lemon/lime) in their water bottle.

Coats – as you can never predict the weather here in Ibstone, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood in school everyday. We pride ourselves on being a school that goes out whatever the weather!

Phew... we got there... I hope you are still with me and managed to absorb some of the information.

In other news

Our eleven new Ladybirds have enjoyed their first two mornings in school and have enjoyed exploring their classroom and the school grounds. They have each made their own ladybird for the classroom door to welcome visitors.

Woodland Class have also settled in really well and have enjoyed sharing their holiday news, making a class charter, working as a team and they have wowed us all with their writing, reading and counting abilities!

Kestrel Class have been very busy this week and everytime I have popped in there has been a hive of activity. They have made their own snakes and ladders games, started their Roald Dahl topic, written postcards about their holidays and much much more!

Next week, Kestrel Class will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day (don't panic – they are not going to need to dress up!).

Message from the PTA

Welcome to Ibstone CE Primary School. You are all invited to the first PTA meeting of the year with drinks to welcome the new parents. It will be held in the school hall on Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm. Please let me, (Bex, Martha-Scouts mum in Woodland Class) know if you are able to come.

Sadly due to lack of numbers we have had to cancel the Barn Dance on Friday 22nd September. There will be a PTA newsletter winging its way to you soon with all future dates and events.

Look forward to seeing you all on 21st at 7.30pm.

Bex (PTA Chair)

And finally...

Thank you for all caring and asking about Little Long, I can't believe how quickly the last 32 weeks have flown by I will keep you updated over the next few weeks. I am meeting with Mrs Goddard next week to begin the handover process for my maternity leave.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2017		
Monday 11 th	Rolling Drop Off starts for KS1 & KS2 children	Woodland (KS1) Kestrel (KS2)
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Ladybirds stay until 12pm	Ladybirds Class (EYFS)
Tuesday 12 th	Full Governing Body Training – 7pm – Woodland Class	Governors
Wednesday 13 th	Roald Dahl Day – See main newsletter	Kestrel Class (Y3)
Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th	Ladybirds stay for lunch until 1.15pm	Ladybirds Class (EYFS)
Tuesday 19 th	Individual and sibling photographs	All children
Thursday 21 st	Ladybirds to stay all day	Ladybirds Class (EYFS)
Thursday 21 st	PTA Meeting & New Parents Welcome Drinks on the decking	All parents
Friday 22 nd	Jenes for Genes - wear your jeans to school for a minimum donation of £1	All children and staff
Friday 29 th	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 3.15pm	Everyone
October 2017		
Sunday 1 st	Harvest Service – 10am – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Tuesday 3 rd	Full Governing Body Meeting – 7pm	Governors
Wednesday 4 th	Open Morning – 9.30am – 11.30am	Prospective Parents
Friday 6 th	Flu Immunisations	
Wednesday 11 th	Open Day – 9.30am -11.30am & 1.30pm – 3.00pm	Prospective Parents
Friday 13 th	Kites Disco – 3.25pm – 4.30pm	All children
Friday 20 th	End of Term – 3.15pm & 3.25pm	All children
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	KITES HOLIDAY CLUB	
Monday 30 th	Start of Term – 8.50am	All children
November 2017		
Monday 20 th	Open Morning – 9.30am – 11.30am	Prospective Parents
December 2017		
Thursday 7 th	Nativity Performance – 6pm – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Friday 8 th	Nativity Performance – 2pm – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Friday 15 th	Whole School Trip to Norden Farm – am only	All children
Friday 19 th	End of Term	All children