

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed the half term week. The children have certainly returned to school rested and excited for the weeks ahead. We look forward this half term to a whole school trip to Waddesdon Manor to see the Christmas preparations there and to see our school robin displayed. We also look forward to fundraising for the charity Children in Need, the PTA Christmas Fayre and of course the children's Nativity which we will celebrate at St Nicholas Church.

We are delighted to be able to let you know that Mrs Long has had a baby boy, Clarry. He is absolutely gorgeous!

Next week hot jacket potatoes will be available on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes from the Kids Packed Lunch Company. The children do receive a broad choice of food at lunchtime which includes a range of fruits and yoghurts every day. Your child's class teacher will always let you know if they have any concerns about what your child is eating at lunchtime.

Mrs Grafham and Mrs Statham would like Ladybird parents to put a date in their diaries for this term's 'Stay and Play'. Mrs Grafham will explain how the afternoon will run. There will be an opportunity to spend time with your child in school and then to view your child's 'Learning Journey' so far. Subsequent 'Stay and Play' dates will be on a different weekday to try to accommodate all Ladybird parents. This term the date is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Please come to the school office to sign in on your arrival.

The school's 'Rolling Drop-Off' is working efficiently in the morning. Many thanks to the parents who stand outside to help with car doors and seeing the children in.

So what have the children been learning this week? Here are some highlights. In the Ladybirds Class the children have been listening to Autumn poems. They have been outside looking at the leaves and considering which words to use to describe their colours, their appearance and even the sounds that the leaves make underfoot. The children have made leaf rubbings, feeling the shapes and textures and leaf veins. They have shared the story of 'The Leaf Man', making their own Leaf Man pictures and practising saying words that rhyme. I have also seen some lovely writing about the Leaf Man's adventures too.





The Ladybirds have made their own collaborative Andy Goldsworthy creations; they have made natural sculptures outside using leaves, twigs, cones, etc. Mrs Statham had to move quickly with the camera to photograph some of the sculptures before they were blown away! In maths, Autumn has provided the theme for matching the correct numeral to different numbers of objects including leaves, cones and conkers. The children have had fun making patterns too, both inside and outside.

In the Woodland class we have been very pleased to welcome back Miss Hearn. The Woodland class have started a series of tennis skills sessions with Chris our tennis coach. Perhaps we will get some players to Wimbledon in the future? Year 3 will also continue their tennis sessions as we have received some additional government Sports Funding.

The children in the Woodland Class have been thinking about personal safety this week with particular reference to road safety and firework safety. In science the children have considered bubbles, which was very exciting. The children have composed some poems about bubbles. In writing this week the children have focussed on using adjectives to make their sentences more descriptive. They have also practised joining sentences. The story of 'Tyrone the Cheat' provided a framework for the pupils to base their ideas on.

In maths the children have been adding up in a variety of ways including with objects, in written form and using actual coins. The children have been supported by 100 squares to add on, including adding on 10, adding on 11 and generally finding confidence in reading and using using larger two digit numbers.



## The Waddeson Robin

In Year 3, the Kestrel Class have been introduced to their topic of rocks and fossils. This has proved to be a hit with the children who are already sharing some of their treasured fossils and gem stones.

In their writing the children have been set further individual targets to challenge them. Their writing focus this week is writing instructions. Writing instructions which make sense and are presented in the correct order! This has been quite comical. Their written instructions have included what to do in a Fire Drill and very pertinently writing rules for firework and bonfire safety. In art and craft the children have been working on collaborative 'Kestrel Collages'.

Well done and thank you to Year 3 and their families for their half term homework. There is a wonderful selection on display in the classroom which includes a variety of Celtic roundhouses, complete with fires and other not-so-mod-cons. Recipes for Celtic stew including intricate diagrams and sketches. There are some Celtic knot patterns, a selection of unique Celtic games, Celtic word searches and so much more!





The pupils in Kestrel Class have taken on the responsibility of selling the poppies in school. They are fulfilling this role with dignity and pride.

Children in Need will soon be upon us. The date this year is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. For our support for Children in Need this year we would like to ask the children to bring their teddy to school with them for the day and a donation of £1 to contribute to this worthy cause.

Thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard  
Headteacher

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have been part of this charitable scheme for many years. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

A leaflet explaining what you need to do if you wish to take part is in your child's bookbag today. If you wish to donate a shoebox please return to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to give us time to take them to the collection point. Many thanks.

## Headteacher Awards



**Diary Dates**  
**New or amended dates inBOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>November 2017</b>		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mufti Day in exchange for a secrets room gift for Christmas Fayre	All children & staff
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Village Fireworks on the Common Bonfire from 5.45pm Fireworks at 6.30pm	Everyone
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-School Workshop 1.30-2.30 No need to book	3 + Pre-schoolers
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dad's Night Out	Dads
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need - more info to follow	All children & staff
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning – 9.30am – 11.30am	Prospective Parents
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Trip to Waddesdon Manor – 9am-3pm letter on Monday</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stay and Play – 2pm</b>	<b>Ladybirds</b>
<b>December 2017</b>		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Fayre 2pm-5pm	Everyone
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance – 6pm – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance – 2pm – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Trip to Norden Farm – am only	All children
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Party and Kites Christmas Disco</b>	<b>All Children</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Church Service at St Nicholas 1pm	Everyone
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term at 1.30pm	All children
<b>January 2018</b>		