

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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It was lovely to see so many families at the Mothering Day Service at St Nicholas Church. We were so proud of the children who delivered their lines well and sang so beautifully. Thank you for your attendance and support, and a huge thank you to Bex and the PTA for the enjoyable coffee and cake afterwards. We were very lucky to have a dry and sunny morning.

We are currently discussing ideas with the children for what they would like to do to celebrate Sports Relief next week. We are not asking for any money, but we are going to take part in the spirit of Sports Relief by engaging in some different sporting activities. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit, including trainers, in school for everyday next week. We will have to make the most of any dry weather!

Looking ahead, we have a few more reminders as we approach the end of the Spring Term. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March will be our last cricket coaching session. At the end of the school day it will be the Kites Disco.



On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we will hold our Easter Bonnet Parade, starting at 3pm. We hope that all the children will make an Easter bonnet. Parents are invited to join us at 3pm for the parade. After the Easter Bonnet Parade, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 3.30pm. For parents who are unable to join us for the Easter Egg Hunt, we can have the children in Kites Club at no charge so that the children are included in the fun. Please let us know if you need your child to be included in Kites Club. We do hope to see as many parents as possible as the PTA will run a Pop-Up Café so we would like donations of cakes please!

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March we will hold our Easter Service at St Nicholas Church starting at 09.15. This is the last day of term for the children so the school day will end at 1.30pm. There will be no Kites Club on this day.

Please can you return any outstanding Kites holiday request forms and Kites holiday payments. Also please return completed forms for the Kites Disco and Kites After School Club places.

After the school Easter Holidays, the villagers have organised a Litter Pick for the village on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. We know that many parents supported this event last year. We are also very aware that the following day, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, is the Ibstone Circle Inaugural Run. We know that many parents are already committed to supporting the run, so we are determined to be as conscientious as we can be about keeping the village litter free.

Let's take a look at what the children have been learning this week.

In the Kestrel class, the children have been thinking about newspaper reports and how they are written. One important characteristic of newspaper reports is that the headline makes you want to read more, so the children had great fun writing under the headline 'The Beast from the East'. In maths, the children have had an Investigation Week. Investigations can be open ended. Investigations are designed to encourage mathematical thinking rather than the children being directed to follow a selected choice of operation in their maths. The children worked with a number of magic squares, magic circles and tangrams.

In art, the children created 3D hands. The children achieved this through very careful use of horizontal and curved lines. The finished effect is very clever as the 3D hand is reproduced on a flat piece of paper. If your child is in Year 3, do ask them to show you what they did.

In RE, the children have been learning about the story of the Passover feast and the Easter Story. The children will be preparing for our school Easter Service at St Nicholas Church which will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 09.15pm. All parents are invited and welcome to join us at the church.

In the Woodland class, the children have used the story of 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' to provide a focus for their literacy. The children have used a 'story mountain' which they have added to each day, to scaffold the unfolding story which the children have created as their own version of an outing. The children have been able to choose their own settings and characters and their own means of transport to create the story step by step. As a result of the story mountain, the children have then been able to write their stories having already planned each aspect.

In maths, the children have been practising using a range of methods of addition and subtraction and then selecting their preferred method to use when completing addition as well as subtraction questions. The children have also been finding missing numbers in number questions by using the inverse operation. For example  $7 + ? = 10$ , becomes  $10 - 7 = 3$  which means the missing number is 3.



In science, the children are continuing to learn more about themselves. This week they have been thinking about the functions of different parts of their bodies. The children have been able to talk about what changes there are in their bodies as they exercise.

In the Ladybirds class, the new topic has been animals with a focus on jungle animals this week. Outside in the garden there were many jungle animals hidden for the children to find. The children crept around the garden with their welly boots on, carrying clipboards to list the animals they found as well as carrying the Ipad to take photographs too. Back in the classroom, the children have been writing about jungle animals as well as labelling pictures of animals.

The children were also encouraged to listen to rhyming words. The children were then set the challenge of finishing off a given rhyme. The children had great fun and success in delivering rhymes. They played a rhyming game beginning with the line "Walking in the jungle what do I see?..."



In maths, the Ladybirds have been looking at patterns and repeating patterns. They have looked for patterns around us as well as patterns linked to the jungle animals. This also led to a discussion about symmetry. Many snakes with repeating patterns appeared both inside the classroom and outside on the decking. The children all worked collaboratively to paint an enormous zebra, who is now on the classroom wall. The children thought about alliteration to give their zebra a name and ended up with a super alliterative sentence: "Zoe the zippy zebra who likes to zig-zag to the zoo!"

Mrs Statham would still like to receive any kitchen roll cardboard middles for modelling next week.

Thank you as always for all your support of the school.

Ruth Goddard, Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards





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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>March 2018</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sport Relief Day	All
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Kites Easter Disco – 3.15-4.30pm	All
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade/Easter Egg Hunt	All
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	All
28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 1.30pm	All
29 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY	
<b>April 2018</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> April	Kites Holiday Club	All
16 <sup>th</sup> April	School Starts 8.50am	All
<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Ibstone Village Litter Pick</b>	<b>All</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ibstone 5K Fun Run	All
<b>May 2018</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Whole school Photos	All
12 <sup>th</sup> May	***May Fayre Marlow – lots of help needed big fundraising event	All
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Kites May Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
25 <sup>th</sup> May	EOT 3.15/3.30pm	All
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Kites Holiday Club	All
<b>June 2018</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day 1pm	All
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve sports Day	All
15 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day	All
<b>July 2018</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports	All
6 <sup>th</sup> July	The Big Sing – Details to follow	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Trip – details to follow	All
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Opera First Performance 6pm – details to follow	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Kites Summer Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Celebration Service 9.30am	All
24 <sup>th</sup> July	EOT 1.30pm	All
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Kites Holiday Club Starts	All