

Nurture Inspire Grow

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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STOP PRESS We are delighted to announce that planning permission has been given for our new classroom block. This means that building work should soon start. We are very excited by this news. We will keep you informed of plans and progress.

Thank you so much for all the support given to the school and community at the weekend. It was a busy weekend in Ibstone! Thank you to all the school families who turned out on Saturday for the village litter pick. There was excellent support to help tidy up the common and surrounding area. It was staggering how many blue sacks were filled. Thank you very much indeed for your commitment to caring for the environment.



Thank you too, to the families who help set up the marquees on Saturday ahead of the Ibstone Circle. On Sunday the turn out for the inaugural Ibstone Circle was brilliant! There were 121 registered runners. The village green looked amazing with the hustle and bustle of the marquees and the colourful flags announcing the finishing line. The event was so well organised and thoroughly prepared. The Ibstone Circle is planned to become an annual event in the running calendar and an annual fundraising event for Ibstone School.

So many people contributed to the organisation and success of the event, but it is important to highlight some individuals. Firstly, Duncan Willcocks. Duncan came to the rescue of a group of governors who had started to develop the groundwork for the Ibstone Circle. With enormous energy and determination, Duncan succeeded in rallying sufficient support to ensure that the first Ibstone Circle became a reality in Spring 2018. And what an amazing success the 5km fun run turned out to be. The weather was perfect and there were many runners, some were running for the first time whilst others were more accomplished. Who will forget the police officers running in their full uniforms? The event was brilliant from start to finish, thank you so much, Duncan.

A shout too for Ben Randall, for providing, organising and erecting the marquees which were key to making the event look so exciting and professional. Not least because they provided a secure area for the crèche and a welcome base for the refreshments.

Everyone was grateful to Bex Willcocks and the PTA for providing such wonderful refreshments and excellent service. The ladies had set up early to feed workers, runners and supporters alike. Thank you so much.

Thank you too to Denise Bird and Donna Bridgen for looking after all the children in the crèche thus enabling everyone else to play their part in the event, whether it was to help others or to run.

There are so many people who all played important roles in making the Ibstone Circle such a success. For an event like the Ibstone Circle, we need all the 'back room' players as well as the runners on the day. **Thank you.**

All the funds raised from the Ibstone Circle will go towards our school expansion.

The warm and sunny weather did not last very long but it was a timely reminder to us all about being prepared for the summer. For your child at school this means having sunscreen available and a sunhat. We cannot put sunscreen on children so if their sunscreen needs to be re-applied it is important that your child learns how to do this for themselves. Any sunscreen which comes into school should be in its original container and be clearly marked with your child's name.

Children need a sunhat too. Often sunglasses can help children who have sensitive eyes or who suffer with hay fever. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. These can be refilled at school.

We have introduced house points to the children so they can now earn a house point for their school house. The children can earn house points for a variety of reasons from perseverance and determination to acts of kindness and thoughtfulness and jobs well done! The children have been placed into one of four houses: Allnut, red; Baker, yellow; Gadbury, green or Merton, blue. Siblings have been placed in the same house. The house names are all linked to people who have contributed to the establishment of Ibstone School and Merton, named after the College which also contributed to the founding of our school.



We had a visit from our local Community Police in Worship today.

Let's take a look at what the children have been learning this week. In The Kestrel class the children have been studying play scripts linked to the Rainforest topic. The children have been considering the features of a play script and have taken turns in reading the parts of different characters. The children have now completed their Rainforest Diaries which are extremely interesting to read. There is evidence of great imagination and the children have clearly understood how extreme the conditions and wildlife would be.

The children have drawn a map of their basecamp, having first considered where best to create the camp to keep safe and to have access to water.

In maths, the children have been practising aspects of multiplication, including times tables as well as looking at symmetry and measurement. The children have had a mixed diet of mathematical concepts to work through and Mrs Barrett is still checking that the children can tell the time using an analogue clock.



In science, the children have been having fun with optical illusions. The children all made spinners and looked at different games involving optical illusions.

In the Woodland class the children have been inspired to write letters requesting a rescue from the desert island on which they have been stranded! The children have been thinking about landmarks which would help a rescuer to know how to look in the right place.

In maths, the children have been working with fractions of shapes and fractions of numbers. There are plenty of activities you can do at home to give the children practical opportunities to support this learning. For example, half a box of eggs, a quarter of an apple, a quarter of 8 sweets, etc.

For their topic work about growing, the children went for a walk into the bluebell woods to see how the bluebells are growing. The children have also been looking after the cress seeds which they planted. The children have been identifying and naming the different parts to plants. The children have made a detailed poster display showing different parts of the plant and how the roots grow down below the soil line. The children also drew pictures of bluebells growing in the wood using pastels to try and give the effect of a blue haze above the ground.



In the Ladybirds class, the children are still following their topic on colour. In literacy the children have been starting to think about interesting words to describe things when firstly speaking and then writing a sentence. The children have tried making up colour stories as well as trying to describe a friend using colours.

For their maths the children have been working on number bonds. They have used different numbers and been given a range of number sentences or stories to help them grasp the number bonds. For example, Sydney saw 2 horses in the field, how many legs do two horses have altogether? For the children with a more sure grasp of number bonds, number stories up to 10 and 20 have been practised.

The children enjoyed learning about camouflage. They chose to make either a camouflage person or unicorn or another animal. They hid their camouflage animals in the garden and then challenged the Kestrel class to find them!

The children also did some painting with watercolours outside. Using the garden as their inspiration, the children were painting with colours which they could see outside. For RE the children enjoyed bringing in their special things to talk about.

As you can imagine, we get through many, many tissues at school as the children often have sneezes and runny noses. We would be grateful if you could all send in a box of tissues please.

May Fayre, Higginson Park, Marlow

On Saturday 12th May, it is the May Fayre at Higginson Park. The PTA are running the tea tent which should be a huge boost for our school fund raising. We do of course need to erect the marquee on the day and take it down again too. We need helpers for this who are strong! –Dads, uncles, friends, anyone who is strong!

We need a minimum of 6 people to be at Higginson Park in Marlow on Saturday 12th May from:

Session 1: 7.30am – 9am to erect the marquee

Session 2: 4.30pm – 6pm to take the marquee down

Please email the school office if you are able to help. For Ibstone CE Primary School PTA to be hosting the refreshment tent is a really significant and important publicity and fund raising event.

Thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard, Headteacher

House Point Certificates



Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2018		
1 st May	Whole school Photos	All
12 th May	May Fayre Marlow	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	
20 th 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
30 th July	Kites Holiday Club Starts	All