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Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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We are delighted with the successful outcome of our planning application and we now look forward to construction work beginning. In the background, much activity is already happening. We are very grateful to the dedication of our Governing Body for driving this vital part of our school expansion.

The Governing Body have been focused in their fund raising. We are grateful to you all for the support that you give to all our fundraising and our fundraising through the PTA too.

Over the next few weeks we will be re-visiting the School Values. Our agreed Ibstone School Values are: Love, Courage, Respect, Community and Perseverance. In our act of daily Worship as well as throughout the school day, we regularly refer to our school values. This is to help the children understand as well as to live these values. These are values which support our Christian ethos here at Ibstone School as well as provide a framework for citizenship for the pupils and indeed the whole school community.

This week we have especially been thinking about respect. The children have been clear about what respect means to them and they have offered some of their meanings: *“to show we care; to be polite; to think of others; to follow rules; to be thoughtful; to think about our actions; to listen when others are talking; to value things; to value others and to love and cherish.”*

We would like to remind you about procedures for school absence. If your child is unwell on a school day, please follow the following procedures:

- Telephone the school on the first morning of any absence and speak to the School Business Manager, Mrs Robertson, explaining your concern for your child.
- On your child's return to school, either send in a note explaining your child's illness or email Mrs Robertson in the school office.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has either sickness or diarrhoea they need to be absent from school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Doctors and Dentists Appointments

Please try to make medical appointments for the school holidays or at the end of the school day so that learning is not disrupted.

If it is necessary to make an appointment during the school day, please notify the School Business Manager. Attendance at school before/after the appointment is expected unless the medical advice is contrary to this.

Leave of Absence

Holidays should be taken during school holiday periods. The school publishes holiday dates in the school newsletter and on the school website. For future school holiday dates, this information can be found on the Bucks County Council website. Any request for a holiday during term time must be submitted to the Governing Body for consideration. The Governing Body will only authorise holiday requests in exceptional circumstances. The Governing Body promotes excellence in school attendance.

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child's learning. Punctuality and attendance are important life skills.



Let's take a look at what the children have been learning this week. In the Kestrel class the children have been finding out how important it is to measure with accuracy. They have been measuring and checking that their measurements are valid and accurate. The children have been finding out what the perimeter of an object is. After some initial investigation, the children discovered that by using a length of string, they could take the string around the perimeter of any shape and then measure the length of the string used with their rulers.

The children also practised their 3x table with reference to counting in 30s to help the children with their grasp of handling larger numbers.

In English the children have been using verbs and adverbs and also collective nouns in their writing. The children have started to plan their own opening scene for a play script. In their topic work, the children have been learning about the different animals which live in the rainforest and at which level within the forest they live. This includes an understanding of seeking out food as well as shelter. The children have been looking at the different levels within the rainforest including the forest floor, the river and the canopies.

In the Woodland class, the children have been revisiting some of the concepts they have been working on through the year to check and consolidate their working knowledge. This means that the children have been touching on addition and subtraction with reference to their number bonds. They have linked this to money number problems too. They have been practising telling the time and also practising multiplication skills.

The theme for literacy was the story 'Sharing a Shell' which is a Julia Donaldson story about friendship and falling out. The children were tasked with writing a letter either as Blob or as Crab asking to be friends again. The children were setting their letters out in the correct style and they needed to include a resolution for the friends falling out.

In art and DT, the children have started work on their frieze of the ocean. In science, the children were learning more about how plants grow. Having discussed the outcome of the cress growing experiment from last week, the children learned about water being taken up into plants from the roots and then travelling up the stem to the leaves and flowers (capillary action). To see how water is taken up into flowers, the children put some daffodils and some celery sticks into water containing food colouring. Now the children are going to watch the daffodil flowers and celery sticks to see if there are any changes.





Mrs Statham says thank you very much on behalf of everyone who really enjoyed learning about the work which Sophie Maxwell does in her job with animals and conservation. The children were spellbound and keen to ask lots of questions.

In the Ladybird class, the children have been trying to use interesting words. The children had to describe their 'Thingamajig' by thinking about what it looked like, by designing their own and by using interesting words to describe it. The children had fun deciding what to choose and write about their 'Thingamajig!'

In maths the children have been estimating. They have been estimating using water and filling different containers. The children were using stopwatches to find out how many different things we can do in a minute.

In their art work, the children have been thinking about hot colours and cold colours. Which colours make us feel hot and why? Which colours make us feel cool? The children have been working together to create a collage.

The next 'Stay and Play' session for the Ladybird parents will be on Tuesday 22nd May from 9.00. Please arrive at the school office where parents can be signed in. Please remember to bring your 'Wow!' moments.

E safety is something which we all need to be aware of, especially relating to children. In schools we have many procedures and safeguards in place, this includes when using computers/Ipads. We will be teaching the children more about e safety in an age appropriate way with the support of Alison Watts from the Bucks Safeguarding team.

We would like to invite all our parents to an e-safety training session on the afternoon of Monday 25th June from 2pm-3pm. Alison Watts will lead this session. We hope all our parents will be able to attend and for those who cannot attend the afternoon session we will offer an evening session in September. This is by no means an issue for parents of teenagers alone. It is never too soon to learn more about keeping our children safe.

Thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard, Headteacher

Letters home today.....

Class photographs – orders into school by 18th May or online by the 20th May. There are proofs in the office for you to see

Kites holiday forms only for those who have indicated that they they require the club this half ter. If you would like a form please email the school office

First Soccer, this is a new club being run by the team who run our very popular Thursday football club

Meet the Governor

Hi, I'm Jemma Durkan your Parent Governor.

I am your newest addition to the Governing Body at Ibstone having only joined a few months ago. I am still getting to grips with all aspects and responsibilities involved but I hope to represent all of us parents to my best ability.

Having lived in Reading until 6 years ago I cannot quite believe that my son is able to go to a school as lovely as Ibstone. We knew from the first visit that it was where we wanted him to go. Not just because of the amazing environment and views, but the warm welcome we received. My son has made some wonderful friends and so have I. He loves going to school and with all the brilliant teachers and Denise our amazing Kites lady, I consider that we are very lucky. Also now Ibstone is a Primary school he can continue his education in a familiar place with all of his friends. We have also recently moved to Ibstone and I am looking forward to getting to know and be involved in the community too.



Regarding my work background I have been working in local government for 10 years and currently work at Wycombe District Council. I also have a bit of experience in education as I administered the school admission appeal process at Bracknell Forest Council for 7 years.

As your Parent Governor I am looking forward to supporting the new primary expansion and helping our children prepare for their exciting futures.

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2018		
12 th May	May Fayre Marlow	All
22nd May	Stay and Play 9am	Ladybirds
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
25th June	E-Safety for pupils 1-2pm and parents 2-3pm	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