

# *Nurture Inspire Grow*

## Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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What a busy and what an amazing time the children have been having. This week was our school outing to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and last week our Woodland and Kestrel children performed on the stage at Garsington Opera!

This week in the newsletter we will focus on the Big Sing and share photographs from Garsington and next week we will share photographs from the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July we travelled onto the Wormsley Estate by coach which was a real treat for the children because they could see everything around them. We were dropped off at the turning circle by the cricket pavilion and taken to the Opera House to place our bags and lunches backstage. We then went out onto the terrace before being led to the stage, taking positions ready to begin the rehearsal. This was the first time all the schools had been brought together and the first time for the children to see the whole story unfold and watch the performances of the other schools and the opera singers. Our children had only previously worked with 'Papageno'.

The rehearsal was very interesting for us all. The children were in awe of the 'Queen of the Night' when she came onto the stage, deliberately looking menacing and demanding that the children bowed before her! The Queen of the Night was known to some of the other school children as she had practised her songs at their rehearsals. Following the rehearsal we went outside for lunch with Mrs Hunt managing to secure us the best spot in the shade by the scented garden.

Restored and toileted, the children took their places on the stage for the production of the Big Sing, based on Mozart's Magic Flute. Seeing parents and supporters, as well as the Ladybird children in the audience, gave the children a real buzz. A hush descended upon the audience and Karen started the show. And what a show! The children were all terrific. Everything came together seamlessly. We were bursting with pride for our Ibstone children as we know our parents were too. Our children were by far the youngest ones there yet they took the whole production in their stride.



What an experience! To work with world class singers on the stage at Garsington. To move freely around the Opera House and gardens and to be welcomed so warmly. This was such an exciting day for the children. The whole production was subsidised so there was no cost to the school and no cost to the parents and children who came to watch. We are all very lucky indeed to have had this amazing opportunity and look forward to working with the Garsington team again in the future.











As we are fast approaching the end of the summer term and indeed the end of the school year, there are a couple of reminders for all parents. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, our children will be working with one of our sports coaches so please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school for that day. PE kit can go home at the end of the day.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July it will be our Summer Celebration Service at St Nicholas Church. The service will start at 09.30. All parents are welcome to attend. We suggest you drop the children off at school on the Tuesday morning and make your way down to the church. We will walk the children down from school. The school day finishes at 1.30pm, our end of term. As previously stated, there will be no Kites Club on this day.

Kites Holiday Club starts on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July. If you have not made a booking yet but wish to use the Holiday Club please let Mrs Robertson know.

The Kites Summer Disco is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Booking forms for the disco have been sent home in book bags today.

We hope you enjoy the Garsington photos. Thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard  
Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards



**Diary Dates**  
New or amended dates in**BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>July 2018</b>		
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

**Term Dates 2018/19**

**Autumn Term 2018**

6 September	Thursday	Starts
22 October – 26 October		Half term
19 December	Wednesday	Ends

**Spring Term 2019**

3 January	Thursday	Starts
18 February – 22 February		Half term
5 April	Friday	Ends

**Summer Term 2019**

24 April	Wednesday	Starts
27 May – 31 May		Half term
24 July	Wednesday	Ends

**INSET days 2018/19**

- Wednesday 5 September 2018
- Wednesday 2 January 2019
- Friday 15 February 2019
- Tuesday 23 April 2019
- Monday 3 June 2019