

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a lot of crazy hair!



Thank you all for your efforts, the children look amazing! I am sure we have raised a lot of money for Children in Need!

You will hopefully have seen the beautiful poppy stones that the children made in Forest School and they have lined the front of the school, several were also placed down at St Nicholas Church. Well done children they look amazing!



I have also been sent a photo from Hempton Field Care Home, the poppies our KS2 children made have been used to form part of this wonderful display.



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## What we have been learning this week:

Ladybirds have been looking for signs of Autumn around the garden. They enjoyed listening to 'Leaf Man' and have made their own leaf characters outside. They have been writing the next part of the Leaf Man story and have been using their imaginations to decide where Leaf Man might go next.

In mathematics that have been developing their understanding of what makes 3, 4 and for some children 5, they have been investigating the different combinations to make these numbers. The children have been very busy in the mud kitchen this week and have created some wonderful menu ideas, I am looking forward to ordering a mud kitchen takeaway, I hope they offer deliveries!



Woodland Class have been honing their comprehension skills this week and have been reading texts about Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night. The children have been learning about Remembrance Day and about life in the trenches during World War 1. In mathematics the children have been focussing on addition and using their knowledge of place value and number bonds to help them 'bridge 10'. For example  $8 + 5 =$  The children would use their number knowledge to see that  $8 + 2 = 10$  and then they would add the remaining 3 to make 13. This skill requires them to have really secure knowledge of their number bonds.

Woodland Class have made a beautiful poppy wreath using their hands to make the leaves. They are also in full swing learning their Nativity songs!

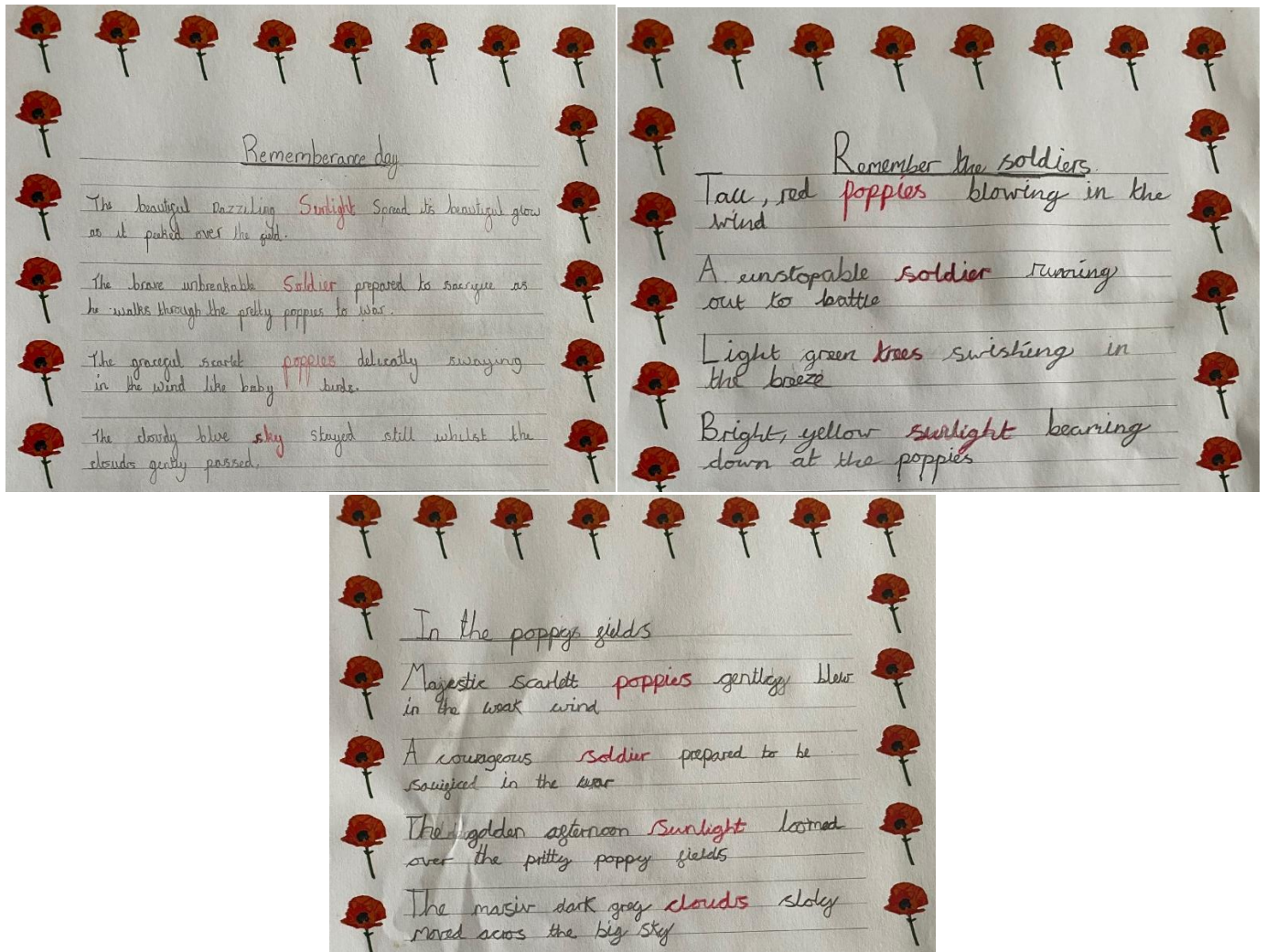


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Kestrel Class have continued to look at the story 'Viradar the boy-warrior' and have created a comic strip of the key events. They have also summarised each paragraph and have been thinking about their favourite and least favourite parts explaining their reasoning. They have also been practising using inverted commas in sentences that include speech.

On Wednesday, they looked at this picture and used it as inspiration to write some 'spine poems'



In mathematics the children have continued to focus on subtraction and have used their estimating skills to check their answers!

Osprey Class have had a week based on Remembrance and have been discussing why we remember. The children have watched a short animated video that shared the memories of a war veteran, they have written emotive poetry to convey his troubled memories. They then focused on the memories he wished his grandchildren would have based on a life of peace and courage.

The children worked together to create a beautiful poppy wreath which was laid on the commemorative plaque in the classroom. They have also used a variety of media to draw and paint poppies.

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In mathematics, Year 5 have been learning about multiplication and have explored multiples factors, common factors and prime numbers. Year 6 have continued to learn about fractions.

### Forest School News

Years 1 & 2 listened to the story of Rama and Sita and made diya lamps from clay and natural materials.



Year 3 practised using their observational and spotting skills this week before being challenged to make camouflaged dens.



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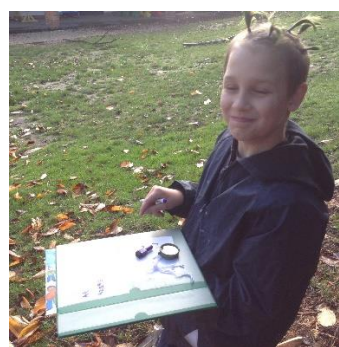
Year 4 continued to develop their tracking skills by matching footprints and animals, some of the Year 4 children had the opportunity to have a go at whittling and whittled sticks.



Year 5 were inspired by the stick frames and made a Forest School documentary, while others practised their compass skills or explored natural pigments in the autumn leaves.



Year 6 used compasses to navigate their way around a trail in Forest School, the children also practised their whittling skills.



#### **In other news:**

##### **Mrs Williams**

I was so proud of our whole school community on Thursday, Mrs Williams family were touched by your lovely messages and the children who lined the road were amazing, so respectful and mature. It was a wonderful tribute that the pall bearers walked past the school with the hearse following behind. It allowed for us all to say 'good bye'. Mrs Williams has been laid to rest in the church yard at St Nicholas, Ibstone. I am sure that we will all have a little chat with her when we visit the church in future.

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### **Forest School Kit**

Please make sure your child has enough layers and the right kit for their Forest School sessions, all children require waterproof layers at this time of the year. Children who do not bring the right kit to school are at risk of missing sessions as we are unable to share kit at the moment.

### **PE/Mufti/Forest School**

Due to the current Covid crisis, we are unable to lend children the right clothes if they turn up in the wrong attire, we are also unable to accept deliveries of kit or clothing for your child to change into during the school day. Please do not worry if they are in mufti on the wrong day or they aren't wearing their PE kit, we understand that there are a lot of different things going on each day.

### **Community Matters Collection**

Community Matters are currently supporting 21 families in need in the local area, as a school we would like to continue to support this wonderful charity, so our next collection is for boxes/tubs of chocolates and boxes of biscuits that can be sent as part of the Christmas Collection. If you are able to donate some chocolates or biscuits, please bring your donations to school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. There will be a black container by the front gate (the same as for the Harvest collection) at pick up every day for a week.

### **PTA News:**

#### **Raffle Tickets**

Hopefully you all received your raffle tickets on Monday. Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a ballot box on the playground at collection time on both days. If you are not collecting your child on either of those days, please send the tickets in with your child on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and they can put them in the ballot box that morning.

The draw will take place during a special **Raffle Draw Zoom at 1pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** (please note change of time), a link will be sent out in due course. Don't worry if you can't join us for the draw or you have sold tickets to people outside our school community, we will arrange for all prizes to get to the winners before the end of term.

Enjoy the weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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# Headteacher Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>November 2020</b>		
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrel & Woodland Forest School Sessions	Year 1/2/3/4
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children in Need – please see main newsletter</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>December 2020</b>		
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Nativity Photos</b>	<b>All children</b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Nativity Filming</b>	<b>All children</b>
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Woodland Nativity (please note no Forest School for Woodland Class)</b>	<b>Woodland Class</b>
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kestrel Nativity</b>	<b>Kestrel Class</b>
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations	All children
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ladybirds Nativity</b>	<b>Ladybirds Class</b>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Raffle Draw Zoom 1pm</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Osprey Nativity</b>	<b>Osprey Class</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
<b>January 2021</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
<b>February 2021</b>		
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	All children
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
<b>March 2021</b>		
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
<b>April 2021</b>		
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
<b>May 2021</b>		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	Everyone
<b>June 2021</b>		
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
<b>July 2021</b>		
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff Only
<b>August 2021</b>		
TBC	Ibstone Horticultural Show	Everyone
<b>September 2021</b>		
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School starts for all children	All children

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