

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Rehearsals are well under way for the nativities and I have heard you are all in for a treat! I can't wait to see the rehearsals next week!

As we can't perform at the church this year, nor can we have a live audience on site, we have organised for Danny Higgins to come into school to take some special nativity photographs for us, more information will be sent out next week.

What we have been learning this week:

Ladybirds have been listening to an autumn story about a hedgehog. They have made rhyming strings linked to the story and have been listening carefully for alliteration. The children have enjoyed thinking of their alliterative names! In mathematics they have been exploring 2D shapes, they enjoyed their shape hunt in the school grounds. The children have focussed on circles and triangles and have been recreating Kandinsky's Circles and making triangular stained glass windows.



The children have been making homes for the animals in the school grounds and they thoroughly enjoyed making birdseed cakes for the birds.

Woodland Class started the week with a hook into their new class book. They all wrote amazing spine poems about the Tiger's Eye. Following on from this they read 'The Tiger who came to tea', they wrote questions to ask the Tiger, who coincidentally popped in for a cup of tea! The children have been learning the story using the text map and have created actions to help them remember the whole story. Year 2 have continued to work on their comprehension skills and have been learning about expanded noun phrases. Year 1 have been concentrating on writing and making sentences with capital letters and full stops and checking that their sentences make sense. They have also been sequencing the story.

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In mathematics, Year 1 have continued to focus on addition and subtraction and have been learning how to use the inverse operation to solve a variety of problems. The Year 1 children have also been finding out about money, recognising coins, identifying the value of the coins and using coins to make different amounts. Year 2 have also been solving a variety of problems using inverse operations with numbers to 100 and have been using coins to make a variety of amounts up to and including £1.

Woodland Class explored Henri Rousseau's 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' and have used a range of techniques to draw the grasses and plants in the picture. They have been finding out about how to stay safe online and have been helping Buddy the Dog and Ben make the right decisions to keep them safe online. The children have continued to practice their Nativity songs.

Kestrel Class have been very busy again this week! The children started the week by using the spine poem structure to write a descriptive paragraph about a Viking longship. They have also sequenced the story and written a summary paragraph for each section of the story. Finally they have completed some reading comprehension activities about 'Vidar the boy-warrior' and have focussed on sequencing and vocabulary based questions!

In mathematics they have started a unit of work on multiplication and division. They have been looking at multiplication in terms of 'groups of' and as repeated addition. The children have also looked at arrays and have been writing the multiplication calculations to represent the array.

Although I have not been in school, I have heard from a member of our local community that the Nativity singing is going very well for Kestrel Class during their practising on the decking. I received a message to say 'What a delightful sound coming from the school, such happy singing!' Well done Kestrel Class!

Osprey Class have continued to read their class text and have focussed on their comprehension skills, they have been answering questions relating to the vocabulary used in the text, inferring from the text and making predictions and summarising. They have carefully retrieved information from the text to map Isabella's journey into the forgotten territories and have used this information to produce a map of her journey.

In mathematics, Year 5 have been learning about squared and cubed numbers and have been multiplying numbers by 10 and 100. Year 6 have continued to master all types of calculations when working with fractions and mixed numbers.

In geography they have looked at the themes of forests and mapping from the book to learn about British woodland and forests. They have studied OS maps to learn how to use 4 and 6 point grid references as well as studying a local map to identify and map local features.

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Forest School News

Year R listened carefully to a story about a hedgehog who was worried about winter, they spent time discussing animals that hibernate in winter. Some children chose to make clay hedgehogs while others made cosy leaf nests. They all enjoyed climbing the Forest School tree!

Year 3 continued to investigate the benefits of being camouflaged and discovered it was very useful for watching the Forest School robin. Some children spent time building dens while others had a go at disguising the faces that had popped up in Forest School.



Year 4 spent time thinking about the world beneath our feet and discussed how important soil is. Some children investigated the soil in Forest School to see what it was made up of, others tried their hand at whittling.



Year 5 & 6 were set the challenge of spotting the different types of trees in and around the Forest School area. They discussed what makes trees different from one another. Some children took the challenge further and used their existing knowledge to develop their tree identification skills. The other children used the binoculars to spot the wide variety of birds that visit Forest School.



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In other news:

DON'T FORGET - Community Matters Collection starts on Monday 23rd November

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 23rd 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.

DON'T FORGET - Raffle Tickets should be returned on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th December

Hopefully you all received your raffle tickets on Monday. Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th 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 3rd 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 11th 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.

Gift Ideas

Our photographer, Danny Higgins, has launched a new website offering fantastic personalised gifts using your own photographs, or enabling you to add a name or message to pre-designed products!

With lockdown making it trickier to shop for Christmas gifts this year, it's a great way to find something special for your loved ones and help a small business by 'shopping local' in the process!

Danny will be passing a donation to the school for all orders made from parents between now and Christmas, so please take a look and place your orders directly on the website and - **importantly** - add a comment, or send them an email to say you are linked to Ibstone CE Primary School.

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I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD>

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2020		
Tues 24 th	Parents' Meetings – Woodland Class only	Woodland Parents
Fri 27 th	Parents' Meetings – Woodland Class only	Woodland Parents
Mon 30 th	Parents' Meetings – Woodland Class only	Woodland Parents
December 2020		
Tues 1 st	Nativity Photos	All children
Thurs 3 rd	Nativity Filming	All children
Mon 7 th	Woodland Nativity (please note no Forest School for Woodland Class)	Woodland Class
Tues 8 th	Kestrel Nativity	Kestrel Class
Wed 9 th	Flu immunisations	All children
Thurs 10 th	Ladybirds Nativity	Ladybirds Class

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Fri 10 th	Raffle Draw Zoom 1pm	Everyone
Fri 10 th	Osprey Nativity	Osprey Class
Fri 18 th	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
January 2021		
Mon 4 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 5 th	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
February 2021		
Fri 12 th	End of Term	All children
Mon 22 nd	Back to school 8.50am	All children
March 2021		
Thurs 4 th	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Wed 31 st	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
April 2021		
Thurs 1 st	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 25 th	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
May 2021		
Mon 3 rd	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Fri 28 th	End of Term	Everyone
June 2021		
Mon 7 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 8 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
July 2021		
Tues 20 th	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Wed 21 st	INSET DAY	Staff Only
August 2021		
TBC	Ibstone Horticultural Show	Everyone
September 2021		
Wed 1 st	INSET Day	Staff only
Thurs 2 nd	School starts for all children	All children

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