Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As we approach the end of our first full week it is lovely to hear that the children are all very settled in their classes and are keen to learn!

This morning we welcomed our photographer Danny to take our socially distanced individual photos. A huge thank you to Danny, who has clearly thought through his processes in order to keep everyone safe but still provide an amazing service.





Over the course of the week there have been a number of questions and challenges that have been thrown into the mix, I am sure these won't been the only questions and challenges we have over the course of this term. I will be uploading the Ibstone CE School Whole School Opening Risk Assessment to the Covid-19 section of the school website.

Here are a few of this week's FAQ's/Challenges:

FAQ:

My child has a cold with a runny nose and a cough but no other symptoms, should I keep them at home?

- If you feel they are well enough to be in school then please send them in (and some tissues).
- If they have a temperature, they will need to stay at home until their temperature has gone.
- If they have been sick or have diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea
- If they are displaying any symtoms of Covid-19
 - The main symptoms of coronavirus are:
- a high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Love - Courage - Respect - Community - Perseverance

'Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am'
Philippians 4:13

What to do if you have symptoms?

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- 1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- 2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

What happens if I am late getting my child to school?

- If you are late, you will need to wait in the car and phone the school office 01491 638281, a member of staff will come onto the playground and let your child in via the children's entrance.

What do I do if I need to collect my child early for a medical appointment?

- If you need to collect your child early, please email the school office at least 24 hours in advance.
- On the day of the appointment, please call the school office on 01491 638281 when you pull up in your car outside the school.
- A member of staff will then bring your child to the playground and will release them to you via the children's gate.

My child is booked into Early Birds or Kites but isn't going today

- Please can you let us know via email if your child isn't attending a booked club session.

What we have been learning this week:

Ladybirds have continued settling in and have been drawing pictures of themselves and writing their names. They have been exploring letters and sounds and enjoyed looking at numbers and wowed the staff with their counting skills.

Woodland Class have also continued settling in and have been helping Mrs Malloy settle in this week. Mrs Malloy will be teaching Woodland Class on Fridays moving forward. They have enjoyed drawing self portraits and writing all about themsleves. In mathematics, they have been impressing Mrs Malloy with their number bond knowledge.

Kestrel Class have listened to their new story 'The Old Mill', they have used the text map to begin learning the story and have created actions to help them. In mathematics they have been learning about place value with numbers up to 1000. In science that have started their forces and magnets topic and have been investigating pushes and pulls.

Osprey Class have started their first book of the year 'Journey to Jo'burg' and have spent time discussing the characters and plot. They have been writing descriptive passages based on their book. In mathematics they have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and and some children have started to work out percentages. Osprey Class have also been developing their word processing skills and have been exploring some new online learning resources 'J2E'... watch this space!

Reminders:

Cutlery in lunch boxes

If you are sending your child in with pasta or yoghurts in their lunch boxes, please pack them the necessary cutlery. We are not in a position to be able to provide cutlery to the children at the moment.

Forest School

Please don't forget that Forest School starts on Monday. Kestrel Class will need to come to school in their kit on Monday and Osprey Class on Friday.

Have a great weekend! Louise Long Headteacher

Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
	September 2020	
Mon 14 th	Forest School – Blue Sessions	Y 3/4
Thurs 17 th	Jeans for Genes Day	Everyone
Fri 18 th	Forest School - Orange Sessions	Y 5/6
Mon 21 st	Forest School - Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2
	October 2020	
Fri 23 rd	End of Term	All children
November 2020		
Mon 2 nd	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Thurs 12 th	Children in Need – more info to follow	Everyone
	December 2020	
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	Alll children