

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Exciting news! This week we have been awarded the Bronze Travel Award! A huge thank you to Ms Robertson who has been working hard on this over the course of the year!



The children continue to wow us all with their 'can do' attitudes. I am very proud of all of them for continuing to demonstrate our school values in all aspects of school life. Mrs Jeffries (Y5/6), Ms Dugmore (Y3/4) and Tracy (Kites), our new members of staff, have commented on how the children have welcomed them and made them feel at home. Thank you and well done children! They really are a credit to you all!

It was lovely to welcome back Sensei Stuart today, the children enjoyed their socially distanced sessions on the decking!



What we have been learning this week:

Ladybirds have started their 'Ourselves' topic and have enjoyed listening to the Titch stories. They have made a collage of their favourite foods and written labels to show what they enjoy eating. In mathematics they have been counting and matching quantities to the numeral. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed their first PE session and impressed Mrs Statham with their catching skills.

Woodland Class have been researching the seasons and have been sorting information and writing about their likes and dislikes for each season. In mathematics they have been counting forwards and backwards to 20 and then 100 and have been finding one more and one less than a given number. They have also been learning about place value and have had a go at writing numbers in words. In art they have created autumn trees using sticks and experimented with the 'dappling' effect to create the fallen leaves on the ground.

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Kestrel Class have continued to look at their story 'The Old Mill', they have sequenced the story and summarised each paragraph. They have honed their comprehension skills by answering questions about the text and have used adjectives and similes to describe the setting. In mathematics they have continued to learn about place value and have focused on counting in 100s and 1000s and plotting numbers on a number line. The Year 3 children have been finding 1, 10 and 100 more and less than a given number and the Year 4 children have been finding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more and less. In science they have been investigating friction and have discussed how sometimes it can be useful to reduce the amount of friction. They have carried out an experiment to find out which surface had the most friction so the toy car travelled the shortest distance.

Osprey Class have continued reading 'Journey to Jo'burg. The Year 5 children have taken on the role of one of the character in the story and have written letters using emotive language. The Year 6 children have written newspaper reports about an incident in the story from a particular bias. In mathematics, Year 5 have been using their knowledge of place value and numbers to develop their column addition skills. The Year 6 children have recapped on their prior learning and have been using their addition and subtraction skills to solve multistep problems.

In history, they have been finding out about Britain's role in the slave trade and have debated what justice and freedom mean. They have also been finding out about famous black people in the past and present. I am looking forward to seeing their presentations in the next couple of weeks.

The children were very excited about their first cookery session this afternoon, I am looking forward to hearing the taste reviews next week!



Forest School News

Year 3 started their session by developing their observation skills by looking closely at objects and describing them. They then played a game of nature snap before going on to make fairy dens, looking for mini-beasts and making music in the trees!

Year 4 thought about who and what they shared the Forest School area with and looked for evidence of nibbled hazelnuts to predict which animals may have visited. They also looked at the leaves and fruits to identify the trees in the Forest School area.

Year 5 had the ropes out and looked at common knots that are useful in Forest School, such as the clove hitch and the bowline. They had a go at tying these knots for themselves. The children also enjoyed lots of den building too!

Year 6 looked at acorn galls & used them to make an ink solution that is currently brewing in the outdoor classroom.

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In other news:

Worship

We were very excited to hold our first Celebration worship of the school year today, after a few technical issues we finally managed to get everyone together virtually! I am hoping that we will be able to invite families to join us virtually in the next few weeks. Watch this space!



Parents' Meetings

We will be holding our parents' meetings virtually this term and we will be sending out more information about how this will work and the dates in the next couple of weeks.

Open Days

Given the current climate and following advice from the DfE and Buckinghamshire Council, we will be putting together a virtual tour of the school and will be providing an opportunity for a Zoom call for prospective parents.

We are very proud of our school and believe our offering to all children during the lockdown period demonstrated our commitment to our school vision and values and the education of all our children. We would love to see more families join the Ibstone community next year, so please spread the word far and wide about our special school.

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2020		
Mon 21 st	Forest School - Yellow Sessions	Y 1/2
Mon 28th	School Photos - Last chance for Early Bird Discount Online Last day for orders via school	Everyone
Mon 28th	Forest School – Blue Session	Y 3 /4
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

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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	All children

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