Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Over the summer, the PTA set up a Just Giving page to help raise funds for the school. A huge thank you to you all, the total currently stands at £1876!

Each class has been given some money to buy some little extras, the Ladybirds have used their funds to buy a wellie rack for outside their classroom, we are hoping it will be delivered soon! Woodland Class asked for some small world play, Kestrel Class asked for some extra mathematics resources and some games for Golden Time and Osprey Class enjoyed ordering Geomag, Hama beads, chess boards and puzzles for Golden Time.



Celebration Worship

It was wonderful to be able to welcome you to Worship this afternoon, even if it was virtually! I have had a few parents asking about the Golden Postbox. At the moment, we are unable to share these in Celebration Worship on a Friday, however, please send in your Golden Postbox moments as they can be shared during worship across the course of the week.

Harvest Worship

We are delighted to be sending you an invite to our Harvest worship on Thursday 15th October at 9.30am. The invitation is attached to the main email. This year we are working alongside St Nicholas Church, Ibstone and will be collecting for Community Matters' Food Bank, Lane End. Community Matters support a number of families in our wider community. Due to current guidelines they are not able to accept fresh produce but (in date) tinned goods would be greatly received, especially:

Tinned FruitTins / Jars of Hot dogsTinned TunaTea / CoffeeCerealWashing PowderFabric ConditionerHousehold Cleaning ProductsSoap

Please drop your donations off in the black box outside the playground when you come to collect your child.

What we have been learning this week:

Ladybirds have been enjoying retelling the story of Rosie's Walk this week. They have made hen masks and have used small world play to retell the story. All the children have had fun sorting sounds and practising their letter formation. In mathematics they have been playing games linked to Rosie's Walk and had to work which was the odd one out in a given set. The children have also been painting scenes from Rosie's Walk.

Woodland Class have listened carefully to Mr Gumpy's Outing and have thought about the actions they can use to help them retell the story. They have also been looking at ways they could improve the story by changing the language in the story, they were challenged to think of as many different alternatives for the word 'said'. I wonder how many you can think of?

15+2=17

17-2=15

17=15+2

In mathematics they have been investigating fact families and have been using addition and subtraction to show the relationship between three numbers eg 2, 15, 17. They have used tens frames, base ten equipment, the part whole model and bar model to demonstrate their understanding practically.

Tens frames

Base ten

Part whole

Bar model

Numicon / number pieces

In art they have looked at abstract art and have started to create a piece of work that focuses on abstract patterns and shapes.

Kestrel Class have been learning about paragraphs and have learnt a mnemonic for knowing when to start a new paragraph. TiP ToP (Time, Place, Topic, Person). They then moved on to planning their stories for the invention stage of their writing using 'The Old Mill' as their model text.

In mathematics they have started their unit of work on addition and subtraction. They have looked at adding mulltiples of 100 to 3 digit numbers. Year 3 have been adding 3 digit numbers and 1 digit numbers and Year 4 have been focussing on adding 3 digit numbers and 2 digit numbers.

In science they have continued to explore magnets and have looked at the different parts of a magnet, including the 2 poles. They have investigated what happens when they put the same and different poles together and have used the language attract and repel to describe what happens.

Osprey Class have started their new class book 'Girl of Ink and Stars'. The story is set on the island of Joya, the people on the island are under the rule of a Governor who arrived by ship and who has taken away their freedom. This has provoked a lot of conversation as it links to their topic of Freedom and Justice! The children have impressed Mrs Hartigan this week with their shared reading of the text, well done Osprey Class! They have also been studying the expressive language used by the author and have used the infromation from the text to draw a map of the town where the main characters live.

In mathematics, Year 5 have used inverse operations and approximations to help them check the accuracy of their calculations. Year 6 have been learning about common mutliples, factors, prime numbers, prime factors and order of operations.

Osprey Class have continued to find out about the Slave Trade and have been finding out about the Middle Passage,

they listened carefully to an account from Olaudah Equiano about his capture. Equiano's experiences as a slave prompted him to become involved in the British abolition movement.



The children have also been busy designing and making their Christmas cards, we are looking forward to sharing these with you next week.

Osprey Class and Kestrel Class worked together over Zoom this week to take part in a special activity, the whole of KS2 have made poppies to send to Hempton Field Care Home in Chinnor. Hempton Field has a special place in my heart as my Nan was a resident there for several years. The home are trying to make a poppy waterfall for Rememberance Day and have asked the local community to help them. I shall look forward to sharing a photo of our poppies forming part of their display.



Forest School News

Year 1 & 2 explored different seeds that can be found in the woods during Autumn. They played with conkers in the mud kitchen and planted snowdrop and daffodil bulbs ready for Spring.

Year 5 & 6 learned the story of the fungus 'King Alfred's Cakes'. They enjoyed making their own imaginative stories about natural items and had a chance to practise fire lighting. Some of the children had a go at Nordic sling braiding, there was some very impressive team work.







In other news:

Secondary School Open Events – Information for Year 5 & 6 Parents

In line with Covid-19 restrictions, many secondary schools have produced virtual tours and open events. Please click on the links below to find out more.

Great Marlow School

The Royal Grammar School

Princes Risborough School

Wycombe High School

Cressex Community School

<u>Sir William Borlase's Grammar School</u>

Parents' Meetings

We will be hosting these meetings via Zoom this term, you should receive a Survey Monkey link via email today, please respond as soon as you can so that we can plan these dates/times

Home Learning Update

Over the summer, I spent some time making our online learning offering even better, in order to do this I have updated Ibstone's Google Classroom, this means that children will not need a gmail account to access their home learning moving forward. It also means that the old Google Classroom will no longer be used. The children will all be bringing home a printed 'How to Guide' for parents and their new Google Classroom login details. The children will be able to access their Google Classroom area via a web browser or the app. If you are already using the app you will need to log out of the old account before trying to access the new one. Please get in touch if you need any help with this.

In the event of a Pod needing to close or a whole school closure, we will revert immediately to Google Classroom and Zoom sessions. If individual children are self isolating, there will be work posted in the Google Classroom for them to complete at home.

I will send more information out at the beginning of next week and all information will be uploaded to the school website in due course.

Thank you for your continued support!
Enjoy your weekend!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards









Forest School Award



TerraCycle Information



Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
	October 2020	
Thurs 15 th	Harvest via Zoom 9.30am	All families
Fri 16 th	Celebration Worship via Zoom 2.30pm	All families
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	
Wed 9 th	Flu immunisations	All children
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