

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I would like to start by congratulating our Year 6 children for being totally amazing! They have demonstrated our school values in abundance this week. They have also made Ibstone History this week by being the first cohort of children to sit the Secondary Transfer Test. Whatever the outcome of these tests, you have made me so proud! You are all wonderful individuals who will thrive in any situation! Well done!



During half term we took the generous Harvest donations to the Community Matters Food Bank based at Holy Trinity Church in Lane End. I have received a lovely thank you card from the team there.

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.



There was another transformation in the school grounds over half term, the tired, worn old railings were removed and replaced with new metal railings. A huge thank you to Lunnon and Tilbury and Meakes for all their hard work. The new railings look great!



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### What we have been learning this week:

Ladybirds have been thinking about Bonfire Night and enjoyed listening to the story 'Sparks in the Sky', they have been thinking about the sounds fireworks make and have created some very sparkly firework paintings. In mathematics they have been finding and sorting numbers, they went on a number hunt around the school grounds and found lots of numbers in our environment.

The Ladybirds had their first Forest School session this week, they absolutely loved exploring the Forest School area (see Forest School News). Following on from this session they have continued to work outside and have been finding out about the work of Andy Goldsworthy. They learned how to turn natural materials into beautiful art creations.



Woodland Class have been finding out about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, they have also been learning about onomatopoeia and have been finding words to describe fireworks. The children have written their own poems using onomatopoeia to describe the fireworks. In mathematics they have been learning about subtraction, the Year 1 children have been using practical methods and moving on to writing subtraction number sentences. The Year 2 children have started to use larger numbers and have been solving subtraction problems. The children have also enjoyed using splatter painting techniques to make their fireworks' pictures.

Kestrel Class have been reading their new Talk 4 Writing text, 'Virdar the boy-warrior'. They have spent time discussing the vocabulary used and the key events in the story. They have started to learn the story by using the text map and have acted out the different scenes using mime.

In mathematics the children have been learning how to use exchanging in column subtraction. They have used pictorial representation to aid their understanding. In science they have started learning about electricity and have been finding out where electricity comes from!

Osprey Class have had a very different week with the Year 6 children being very busy with the Secondary Transfer Test. The Year 5 children have been busy developing their descriptive writing skills using a passage from the text. In mathematics they have been learning about statistics and have been drawing, interpreting and solving problems using line graphs.

The whole class have enjoyed making their Waddesdon Light Box display, I look forward to sharing photos of it in situ in due course!



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The highlight of the week had to be The Great Ibstone Bake Off, the children were set an iced fairy cake technical challenge.



Congratulations to everyone in Osprey Class for taking part, a HUGE congratulations to this years Star Baker, Chloe!



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## Forest School News

Ladybirds had a wonderful time getting to know the Forest School site and learning the Forest School rules from Sammy Squirrel, Oakley Owl and Cecile Snail. They enjoyed playing with the leaves they had collected and loved watching what happened when they flew up in the air on the parachute!



Year 3 & 4 sessions were held on the decking due to the high winds on Monday, they linked their recent learning on magnetism to how birds navigate using the Earth's magnetic field. The Year 4 children had a go at reading and then making a compass!

All the children used leaves and other natural materials to build and create some nature art. They also took some time to think about Remembrance Day and painted pebble poppies to remember the fallen.

Year 5 & 6 spent time looking at autumn leaves and have been finding out why leaves change colour. They made stick frames to frame their autumn leaf art and made a bottle filter for filtering muddy water. They also had the opportunity to paint pebble poppies.

### In other news:

#### Children in Need

We will be hosting a **Crazy Hair Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November (please note change of date)**. Please make your donations directly to Children in Need. Crazy hair can be as crazy and as colourful as you like! If crazy hair isn't your thing, perhaps you can wear a hat or a wig! Woodland Class should still wear their mufti clothes, Ladybirds should still be in PE kit, Osprey will need to be in Forest School kit and Kestrel Class should be in uniform! I will look forward to seeing the craziness during Celebration Worship! Parents... feel free to join in too!

### PTA News:

#### Normal November

Thank you! We have raised nearly £500 for the school! This money enables the PTA to support the little extras for all of our children.

#### Amazon Smile

We have signed up for 'Amazon Smile', please spread the news far and wide for us as we will receive 0.5% of the net purchase of eligible purchases when you or your family members shop at Amazon. You will need to shop via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and during your first visit, you will need to search and select Ibstone School. Once you have selected us, start shopping! ☺

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## Raffle Tickets

These will be sent home on Monday via your child's bag. All tickets (sold or unsold) must be returned 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 Celebration Worship on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Don't worry if you can't join us for Worship 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.



Twice this week we have been blessed with a double rainbow!

Stay safe!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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# Headteacher Awards



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# TerraCycle Information

## THE RB® HYGIENE HOME RECYCLING PROGRAMME

### ACCEPTED WASTE



### Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Laundry detergent packaging
- Toilet freshener packaging
- Aerosols
- Plastic bottles and tubs
- Dishwasher liquid bottles, rinse aid packaging
- Fragrance candles, reeds, plug ins and autosprays
- Soda crystals packaging
- Washing machine and oven cleaner packaging
- Cardboard

## THE CAREX® RECYCLING PROGRAMME

### ACCEPTED WASTE



### Waste that is NOT accepted

- Other brands of hand wash pumps or refill pouches
- Plastic hand wash bottles (these can be recycled through local council facilities)
- Plastic hand gel bottles and caps (these can be recycled through local council facilities)
- Hand cream bottles and pumps



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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>		
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations	All children
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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