

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the last half term of the school year! There are lots of activities planned for this term and we have already hit the ground running!

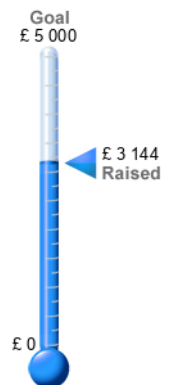
It always makes me feel so proud of our wonderful school community when I see the children skipping in to see their friends each day and the amazing smiles and good mornings the staff receive from parents and children alike.

This week we welcomed Reverend Philip and his wife Lucy to school, they, along with Reverend Mark, joined us for Worship on a Walk this week. The children are getting used to our new route and the pace was slightly quicker than before half term. During our Worship on a Walk we listened to the various bird song we could hear in the woods, looked for nests and discovered why an egg reminds me of The Holy Trinity! The children will be finding out more about the Holy Trinity over the next few weeks with Reverend Mark and Reverend Philip.

A huge thank you to Mollie in Woodland Class who has been on a fundraising mission! She took it upon herself to write a letter asking for donations towards our Library Fundraiser. The recipient was so impressed with her letter that we have just received a donation of £2000! Thank you Mollie!

To date, we have now raised £3144.13!

We have also been informed that we are receiving a donation of £200 from Ibstone Cricket Club this week! Thank you to the committee for supporting the school!



What we have been learning this week...

Ladybirds have started their topic about 'Minibeasts'. They have been thinking about their favourite minibeast and have worked together to make a class book about minibeasts.

In mathematics, they have focused on spatial awareness and have looked at shapes. The children have been cutting rectangles to make two triangles and used squares to make the biggest 3 and 4 sided shapes. They have also used their spatial awareness to manipulate shapes to make tangram pictures.

Their minibeast hunt in the garden was very successful and the children found a wide range of minibeasts hiding in the garden!

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Philippians 4:13



Woodland Class have enjoyed reading and learning the story of St George and the Dragon. They have been retelling the story using actions and have been finding definitions of unfamiliar words from the text.

In mathematics, Group 1 have continued their work on fractions. The children have been learning how to find half of an amount using practical resources and have also started learning about quarters. Group 2 have finished their work on position and direction and have been learning how to write instructions using positional language to direct Lego figures through a maze. They have also been making repeated patterns using 2D shapes and turns.

In science, the children have been learning about the basic needs of humans and animals. They were asked to imagine that they were stranded on a desert island and had to think about which items they needed to survive. The children then used their ideas to think about animals and discussed whether or not animals have the same needs as humans.

In history, the children have been learning about castles. They thoroughly enjoyed researching facts about castles using a range of non-fiction books and the iPads. The children then used the information they found to create a fact file.

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Decorating

Do you love painting and decorating? We are at the point where we can now start decorating the new library building. If any of you are a dab hand with a paint brush and can spare us a few hours of your time to help, please do get in touch via the school office with dates and times that you are available.

Marlow May Fayre

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers and Covid restriction uncertainty we are not able to run the tea tent at Marlow May Fayre this year. This will have a huge impact on our fundraising efforts again. Please keep Sunday 24th April 2022 free as we are hoping that The Ibstone Circle will be back and we will need lots of parental support to make this happen.

Can you help?

- We are looking for 3 or 4 suitcases (medium sized) for a playtime project we are working on, please let us know if you can help us! They do need to be in working order and the zips need to work.
- Do you have any camping equipment that you would like to donate to the school? We are building our camping stock for our KS2 residential trips. We are looking for saucepans etc.

Year 6 Leaver's Service

We will be holding a special Year 6 Leavers' Service for the Year 6 children and their parents on Friday 16th July at 9.30am. This will be held in St Nicholas Church. More information will be sent out in due course. We are also hoping that we may be able to have a whole school community celebration at 2pm on Monday 19th July. Please save the date and I will update you as soon as I can.

Enjoy the sunshine!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
June 2021		
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th	Year 6 Adventure week	Year 6 children only
Mon 14 th	Full Governing Body Meeting – 7pm	All Governors
Thurs 17 th	Dan the Skipping Man	Everyone
Fri 18 th	Berkshire Reptiles	EYFS, Y1/2, Y3/4
Fri 25th	Sponsored Skip Deadline	Everyone
Sat 26 th	Marlow Fayre	Everyone
July 2021		
Tues 6 th	Transition Day	All children
Thurs 8 th	Sports Day – PROVISIONAL (subject to change) – 1.30pm	Everyone
Fri 16th	Leavers Service – St Nicholas Church	Y6 & families only
Mon 19th	Whole School Celebration – 2pm	Everyone
Tues 20 th	End of term – 1.30pm	Whole School
Wed 21 st	INSET Day	Staff only

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