

Ibstone C of E Infant School

Newsletter

12th February 2016

Key Dates for your Diary

February

- 22nd School Starts 8.50am
Values Challenge Hand In
23rd Nick Butterworth visit

March

- 3rd World Book Day
(details to follow)
6th Mothers' Day Service
at St Nicholas 11am
15th Busy Bees Parents'
Evening 6-8pm
16th Parents' Evening both
classes 3.30-6pm
18th Sports Relief
23rd Easter Gardens in
24th Easter Assembly 9am
Stay and Play
End of Term 3.05pm

From the Headteacher

How lovely it was to see so many of you at our Sharing Worship this morning. I'm sure you will agree with me that the children did a fabulous job sharing all their hard work and learning with you. Thank you, also, to those parents who were able to stay on for our Stay and Play session after Worship, the children love showing you their classrooms.

We have come to the end of another half term, and I am sure you are all looking forward to a week off from the school run! School will begin at the usual time of 8:50am on Monday 22nd February.

The children have had a very busy week, including an incredibly exciting Valentine's Discon on Thursday afternoon. The balloons that they all received seem to have been a hit!

On a more serious note I have noticed a number of parents appear to be using 'sickness' as a reason for keeping their children out of school for non-educational activities.

We all know that our children's education is important, but teaching our children to be honest is just as important. The law is very clear about what may or may not be authorised by a school, and whilst some absences may be judged as unauthorised, this does not automatically mean that you will be fined or prosecuted. It is much better to have an occasional unauthorised absence on your child's attendance record, and be honest about why, than having your child's absences registered as sickness. I would like to avoid a situation where we may require parents to call in at a particular time in the morning to report absences, rather than relying on emails, or worse, have to provide evidence of their child's illness, as this is time-wasting and difficult for parents whose children are genuinely ill.

If you would like a copy of our Attendance Policy please contact the school office.

Have a happy and relaxing half term.

Michelle Masters

Inspiring Minds

Headteacher's Awards



Well done to these children for their hard work this week.

Bad Hair for GOSH

