

Ibstone C of E Infant School Newsletter

18th March 2016

From the Deputy Headteacher

Key Dates for your Diary

March

22nd Lunch Orders in
23rd Easter Gardens in
24th Easter Assembly 9am
Stay and Play
End of Term 3.05pm
Easter Egg Hunt

April

11th **Inset Day**
12th **Children start at
8.50am**

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. We are all very proud of the children and the progress they are making and we enjoyed sharing these achievements with you. The Busy Bees will be bringing home another set of key words today, I know some of you requested them but I thought it may be easier to send a set to everyone. These are the words that your children should be able to read and spell correctly.

This week the whole school has been learning about the Easter story. I'm not going to say too much more as they are all looking forward to sharing their learning with you during the sharing assembly next Thursday.

On Monday afternoon, the Busy Bees walked down to church and put up their prayer tree and the school display. We are hoping that the wider community and visitors to the church will add their own prayers to the prayer tree. We will be going back to see what has happened after the Easter holidays.

In Book Bags today:

- Busy Bees – key words
- Parents evening targets
- Prevent leaflet
- E-safety information



Our new Worship leaders have been chosen and will be coming home today with their new Worship Leader badges, the children thought it would be better if they were identified with cross shaped badges instead of stars. The children have also been spotting children who always demonstrate our school values and there have been several Values certificates presented today (please see photos below).

The school nurse came to visit us yesterday and commented on how kind, polite and lovely the children were. She has asked me to add a bit in the newsletter reminding you all to take your children to the opticians annually. Sight and hearing checks are free for children and it is worth taking them every year (just as you would the dentist).

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Inspiring Minds

From the Deputy Headteacher...continued...

Reminders:

- **Matthew's Baptism** – 11am on Sunday 20th March – we have all been invited and as we will be learning about this after Easter, it is a superb learning opportunity for all of our children.
- **Easter Gardens** – please bring them on the morning of Wednesday 23rd March (names need to be underneath for judging reasons).
- **Sharing assembly & stay and play** – 9am – 10am on Thursday 24th March
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Thursday 24th March at 3.05pm. If you haven't already responded please do so by the end of Monday (the deadline was Friday 18th March)

As reading books will not be sent home over the Easter holidays, here are a few ideas for some home learning over the Easter holidays:

- Look for key words in magazines, newspapers and books at home.
- Join the local library and borrow a range of fiction and non fiction books.
- Look for numbers in the environment eg speed signs, car registration number plates etc
- Go for a walk in your local environment and look for signs of Spring. What can you see? What can you hear?
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There are also a number of excellent websites and apps available to help your children develop a range of skills:

Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/tees/interactive/easter/eastereggcatch.shtml>

<http://www.primarygames.com/holidays/easter/games.php>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/easter-guess-the-baby-animals-quiz>

Apps

Lego

Squeebles

DK 10 minutes a day Times Tables

Collins Big Cat Reading Books

Sock Puppets

Memory Matching

You will receive some information today about e-safety and how to help your child/ren stay safe online, please do take the time to look at the links, the children are taught about how to stay safe online in school. These links will be added to the website today. You should also receive a leaflet explaining the Prevent strategy today, as a school we have a responsibility to protect our children and to inform parents.

I hope you have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you at the church on Sunday.

Louise Bristow



Headteacher's Awards

Well done to these children for their hard work this week



Values Awards



Worship Leaders