

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was a very successful Christmas Fayre, a huge thank you to everyone who helped on or before the day, these events don't just happen they take a huge effort behind the scenes! Initial counting suggests we have made over £1000! Thank you all for your support!

It has been a week of fundraising events and the Wreath Making evening also raised over £300. A huge thank you to Alan for giving up his evening to teach us all how to make wreaths. We are already planning and looking forward to next year's event!



We had a wonderful time at Waddesdon, the children behaved beautifully and did us all proud. The light boxes all looked amazing but we found our favourite quite quickly!

We all voted with our pennies and fingers crossed we could be in with a chance of winning this year!

The children enjoyed exploring the light tunnel and visiting the aviary.



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The Ladybirds have received a letter from Honey Potts from Trendy Bears fashion company asking for help. All the bears at the picnic got very wet this week and Honey Potts asked the children to help her find the most suitable material to make hats to keep the bears dry. The children had a wonderful time experimenting and testing materials.



They have listened to the first part of the story of The Emperor's New Clothes and predicted what might happen. They all had a go at writing a sentence about their predictions. Mrs Grafham was very impressed with the children's writing!

In mathematics they have been learning about capacity using lentils, sand and rice. They enjoyed estimating how many cupfuls it would take to fill the bucket!

Woodland Class have been looking at 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne. They have been thinking about differences and how to be kind and have written persuasive letters to Mother Gorilla explain why it is so important to be kind to each other.

In mathematics they have continued to learn about subtraction and have been learning how to subtract using a numberline. I could hear all their brains working incredibly hard as I walked through their lesson! Well done Woodland Class you kept persevering!

Kestrel Class have been learning about Roman numerals, they used clues to help them work out what the number could be and then found its corresponding arabic number. They have also looked at Roman numerals on clock faces!

The Christmas Adverts are finally complete and filmed. I am looking forward to watching them next week! The children have also been honing their dictionary and thesaurus skills. They have used dictionaries to find out if words are verbs, nouns or adjectives and to find the definition of the words. They were then challenged to use a thesaurus to find alternatives.

### **Nativity**

The Nativity rehearsals are well under way and the children are hoping you will all be able to join us at their performances on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to watch. We do ask that you wait outside the church before and after the performances as we are getting the children changed. The children will then be dismissed to you one by one by a member of staff.

Siblings are also welcome, however, we do ask you to take them out of the church if they become unsettled during the performance.

### **Staffing**

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Cross to the team on Monday. Mrs Cross is our new teaching assistant and will be working in Kestrel Class every morning. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to Ibstone.

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## A REAL Tree!!!

I would like to thank Sheldon (Lunnon & Tilbury) who surprised us on Thursday by buying us a HUGE real Christmas Tree for the hall. It is the first time the school has had a real tree for many years and I know we are all excited about decorating it on Monday!



## Communication

As you all know we are always trying to improve our lines of communication with you. Hopefully you will all have received a text (SMS) message from our new system. This text system will allow us to communicate with you when we are out on school trips, inform you about snow days and send you reminders. It is a free service for us to use and we hope it will be well received. If you haven't received a message from us, please contact Mrs Robertson in the office to check and update your details. If you have any suggestions about how we can continue to improve the school please do let us know.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>December 2018</b>		
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance 2pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Parents
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrel Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm	Kestrel Class
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance 6pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Families
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Norden Farm	Whole School
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kites Christmas Disco	Whole School
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm finish	Whole School

# Meet the Governors



I became a Governor at Ibstone school in September 2002 and have served on the team in a variety of roles ever since.

My two daughters were pupils here between April 2006 and July 2011 and their experience at this unique and special school gave them a secure foundation for the years that have followed. They are both currently at Wycombe High School, in Years 10 and 12.

I currently work as a teacher specialising in Upper KS2. I worked at Frieth for 6 years teaching Years 4, 5 and 6. I moved to Radnage School in September 2015 to establish Upper Key Stage 2 in their journey to becoming a full Primary School.

In my life B.C. (before children) I was a Regional HR Manager for Marks & Spencer working for three years in London before moving to the North West for five years.