

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the Macmillan Cake Sale last Friday and thank you to everyone who came back to buy cakes at the end of the day! We raised a whopping £242! Well done!

This week Ladybirds have started their 'Building' topic. They have taken inspiration from the builders at the bottom of the garden and have set up their own building site on the decking. There has been lots of cement mixing and brick laying going on! They are very tidy builders and clear up at the end of each day!

In mathematics, the Ladybirds have been looking at shape and have identified 2D & 3D shapes in the environment.

Woodland Class have been on a seasonal walk using their senses, there was much excitement when we all saw the beautiful deer bounding across the woods. During the walk the children picked up various leaves, cones and sticks and once back in the classroom used these objects to make marks using paint. It was lovely to see the children exploring a range of techniques with natural objects.

To celebrate National Poetry Day, the children have written Autumn Poems and included their senses work from their autumn walk. In mathematics, the children have been ordering numbers by using their place value knowledge and have been putting numbers on a blank number line. In Science, they have been looking at the properties of materials and finding out about waterproof and absorbent materials.

Kestrel Class have been working with money in mathematics. They have been using decimal points to show place value and have been challenged with giving the correct change. In English they have written Haiku's, they have also educated a number of visitors to the school by explaining what a Kenning is! Well done Kestrel Class, we are all very proud of you!



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In Science, they have started to learn about the digestive system. They enjoyed using a plastic bag, two slices of bread, a can of coke and a pair of tights to model how the digestive system works! Look away now if you are squeamish!

In other news...

Harvest Service

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Harvest Service on Sunday 14th October at 10am. As in previous years, we will be collecting for the One Can Trust. Please see the most up to date One Can Trust Shopping List. 



UHT milk
Tinned ham / corned beef
Tinned potatoes
Tinned veg / peas / sweetcorn
Tinned meatballs / Hot Dogs
Tinned meat meals
Round pies
Pasta sauce
Jam
Jelly / Angel Delight
Tinned fruit
Soap
Shampoo / shower gel
Toothbrushes

Remembrance Day Commemoration on the Common

Many of you will have seen the new stone that has appeared on the common, there is going to be a special ceremony on Sunday 11th November at 3pm. We have been asked if the school would contribute to this ceremony. Please could you respond to the email from Sue if your child will be able to attend. We would like to know numbers well in advance so we are able to prepare and rehearse our offering.

Kites Holiday Club

Please make sure you get your forms in soon, we still have spaces for October Half Term!

Ladybirds Request

Mrs Grafham has asked if all Ladybirds children could bring in a photograph of their home by Wednesday. If you do not have access to a printer, please email the photo to the office.

Kestrel Saxon Day

A reminder that the children need to be dressed in Saxon costume for the school trip on Monday 15th October. I am off to make mine this weekend!

Parents' Evening

You will receive a booking form tonight, please return these as soon as possible to the office. If you are unable to attend, please let us know and we will endeavour to find a time to meet with you.

PTA

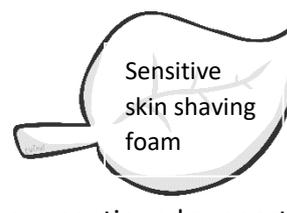
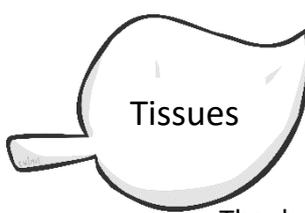
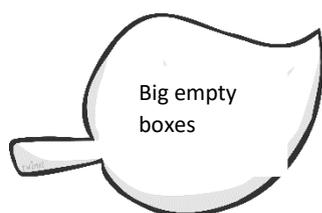
There will be a PTA meeting on Friday 12th October at 9am in the school hall, there will be coffee and cake! Please let Bex know if you can attend. Thank you to Katie, Mary & Shelley who have volunteered to be the Class Reps.

Katie - Kestrel Class Rep, Mary – Woodland Class Rep & Shelley – Ladybirds Rep. If you have any fundraising ideas please let us know, the PTA raises a huge amount of money for the school and is only sustainable with your support.

There is a mufti day on Friday 19th October in return for bottles for the tombola. Any bottle, unopened and in date will be gratefully received.

Our Wish Tree

Thank you for your kind donations last week



Thank you for your continued support of the school!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2018		
Thurs 11th	Open Day 9.30am-11.30am & 1.30pm-3.30pm	Prospective parents
Sun 14 th	Harvest Service – 10am St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	Everyone
Mon 15 th	Kestrel Class Trip- Saxon Day	Kestrel Class
Tues 16 th	Parents' Evening – more information sent today	All
Thurs 18 th	Parents' Evening - more information sent today	Woodland Class
Fri 19th	Mufti day in return for bottles for the tombola	All
Fri 19 th	End of term 3.15pm/3.25pm	Whole School
Fri 19 th	End of Term Disco - End of school – 4.30pm	Whole School
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th	Kites Holiday Club – booking forms are also available on the school website.	Everyone
November 2018		
Fri 9 th	Remembrance Service – St Nicholas 9.15am	Everyone
Sun 11 th	WW1 stone Commemoration on Ibstone Common – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 19th	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am	Prospective parents
Fri 16th	Children in Need	Everyone
Fri 16th	Pop Up Café – After school in Woodland Class	Everyone
Sat 24 th	Christmas Fayre 12-3pm at Lane End Village Hall (due to building works at the school we have moved venue this year).	Everyone & friends
December 2018		
Wed 12 th	Nativity Performance 2pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Parents
Wed 12 th	Kestrel Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm	Kestrel Class
Thurs 13 th	Nativity Performance 6pm	Ladybirds & Woodland Families
Fri 14 th	Norden Farm	Whole School
Mon 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Mon 17 th	Kites Christmas Disco	Whole School
Wed 19 th	End of Term – 1.30pm finish	Whole School

In your child's folder today:

Information coming home:	Who?
Kites Disco Booking Form	All
Kites Booking Form Oct - Dec	All
Earlybirds Breakfast Club Booking Form Oct – Dec	All
Parent Consultation Letters	All
Swimming Letter	Kestrel Class Only

Ibstone CE Primary School
Term dates and school holidays in Buckinghamshire
 This School Year (2018-19)

Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts	Thursday 6 September
Half Term	22 October – 26 October
Term Ends at 1.30pm	Wednesday 19 December

Spring term 2019

Term Starts	Thursday 3 January
Half Term	18 February – 22 February
Term Ends at 1.30pm	Friday 5 April

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts	Wednesday 24 April
Half Term	27 May – 31 May
Term Ends at 1.30pm	Wednesday 24 July

In-service training days for teachers:

- Wednesday 5 September 2018
- Wednesday 2 January 2019
- Friday 15th February 2019
- Tuesday 23rd April 2019
- Monday 3rd June 2019

Transition date: Tuesday 2 July 2019

Meet the Governors



Hi, I'm Duncan Willcocks, Vice Chair of Governors.

Mrs Long persuaded me to become a governor in January 2017 to oversee the expansion project. She must have thought my day job as an insurance broker to some of the UK's largest construction companies means I know something about how to build a classroom block! It's a relief to see it coming on so well and it will be a fantastic addition to the school when it is completed in a few months' time.

My daughter, Martha-Scout, is now in Year 2 and my son, Iago, started in Reception a few weeks ago and they both love our school. I can't think of another school near us that can offer the class sizes we can along with the friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The size of the school also means you get to know a lot of the parents and pupils, rather than just being another face in the playground. Mrs Willcocks, Bex, is Chair of the PTA and we have had a lot of fun helping with the Christmas Fayre, Marlow May

Fayre, coffee mornings and the like. I am also the Race Director for the Ibstone Circle, next year's date is Sunday 14th April 2019, so put it in the diary now! We get involved because we have a vested interest in the school being able to provide for our children and we have made a lot of friends as a result.

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Outside of school and work I have just finished my year as Chairman of Marlow and District Round Table which was a lot of fun. Bex enjoyed it as she got to meet Russell Brand and the school got a visit from Pudsey as part of the 2017 Children in Need event. I am keen mountaineer, runner and cyclist so you may well see me whizzing past the school now and then. My ultimate aim is to stand on the summit of Everest!

I try to get to school drop off and pick up when I can, so if you ever have any suggestions, concerns or would like more information on any aspect of the school, please feel free to shout in my direction. Oh and whilst I remember, we try to get the dad's/granddads/carers together a few times a year for a beer or curry and general catch up, so if you would like to be added to the Whatsapp group please pass your details to Sue in the office.