

# Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It is wonderful to welcome you back to an exciting new year of learning. A special welcome to all our new families and staff, I hope you are settling into school life as well as the children.

On behalf of the staff may I express our thanks for the wonderful gifts, cards and messages we received at the end of last term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday, the children were keen to share their holiday news with us.

During the holidays, we were very busy in school decorating the classrooms, office and staffroom and transforming the library. I would like to thank Geoff, Max, Nikita, Kirstin, Donna, Mary, Mrs Tilbury and Mark and Miss Lever for their time and expertise in making our school look amazing. I suppose I ought to mention Toby too as he also gave up a lot of our holiday to help transform the school. The children were amazed by the changes and can't wait to spend more time in the library. Thank you to the PTA who have paid for the library transformation and new rugs in the classrooms.



I would also like to thank and congratulate all the staff and children on the outstanding SIAMS report. I am very pleased that our inspector recognised how special our school is.

This week the children and staff have been settling into the new term and it has been wonderful to see lots of smiles as I have walked through the school. On Wednesday afternoon we were invited down to Manor Farm to help harvest the apples and plums in the orchard, this was a great opportunity for our children and they thoroughly enjoyed helping Carl and eating the fruit they had picked. We will be sending a message of thanks to everyone at Manor Farm next week.



This will be a bumper newsletter as there is so much to share with you, so please keep reading...

Hopefully you have all received your child's purple **Contact Book**, please make sure that you have filled in the white form at the front of these books and please send them into school every day. If you have sent in a message, please put the yellow tab up so we know we need to read your message. The aim of this book is to improve our communication, I am still available on the playground every morning and will be happy to speak to you, however this book will ensure that all staff working with the children have the information they need.

The Year 1 and 2 children will have received a letter and consent form regarding the annual **flu vaccination**. Please complete and return this form even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Our fantastic **school photographer** Danny Higgins is coming to school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. He will be taking individual and sibling photos during the morning, please email the office by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September if you have non- school siblings you would like to bring in for an early morning photo shoot.

Each day we gather together for Worship, this year I would like to invite parents to join us for our **Celebration Worship** at 2.30pm on Fridays. In order to make this manageable for you and for us, there will be a rota system in place (please see the Diary Dates for this information). The families of our Year 1 children are invited to join us on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm, Year 2 parents are invited on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and our Early Years parents are invited to join us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. Please attend if you can, there is no obligation to attend but it would be lovely to see you. The rota will run all year so there will be plenty of opportunities to join us.

During this Worship some children will receive certificates, celebrate birthdays and have achievements from outside of school recognised through our new '**Golden Post Box**'.



The Golden Post Box lives in the office, it is a way of us celebrating children's achievements outside of school. Parents are invited to write a short letter/note informing us of the children's achievements such as learning to ride a bike, getting a swimming certificate, being voted player of the week at football etc. These letters can then be posted in the Golden Post Box and each week they will be shared in Worship and recorded in the 'Golden Book'.

Each week this newsletter will contain a list of things coming home in book bags, diary dates, reminders, attendance information and most importantly an insight into what the children have been learning.

Thank you to you all for your kind words of support this week, I feel privileged to be the Headteacher of such a lovely school and I am looking forward to the year ahead with lots of exciting and successful learning opportunities for our children.

Have a good weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

### **Kites Holiday Club – A message from Denise**

*Great fun was had by all children at our summer holiday club. Every day was filled with different activities: making playdough, mud kitchen, making pizza, party games and much much more. On the hot summer days we cooled down with our 'Wet and Wild Water Fun' (water balloons were a particular favourite).*

*We also enjoyed a 'Pirate Week' doing lots of swash buckling activities. We made a wonderful treasure chest and a pirate ship, big enough for all the children to play in!*

*I am looking forward to October half term when our theme will be 'Autumn', there will be lots of art projects and we will be making yummy leaf cookies!*

*Denise*



# Headteacher Awards



# Worship Leaders

### In book bags:

- Staffing timetable
- Raring to Go magazine

### Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>September 2016</b>		
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service – 11am – St Nicholas Church, Ibstone	All
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds stay until 1pm	Ladybirds Class
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship	Year 1 families
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds stay all day	Ladybirds Class
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccination forms need to be returned	Woodland Class
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Individual and sibling photographs	All children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeans for Genes – wear your jeans to school for a minimum donation of £1	All children and staff
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Celebration Worship	Year 2 families
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cllr Zahir Mohammed to visit the school	Mrs Long
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Body Meeting – 7pm	Governors
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Worship	Early Years families
<b>October 2016</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Governor Ofsted Training – 7pm	Governors
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am	Prospective Parents
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Body Teaching and Learning Meeting – 7pm	Governors
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service	All