

Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a rather busy and different week in school! Thank you for your flexibility with lunches, it's lovely to see Karen back and feeling better. Woodland class have been missing Mrs Williams and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery from a rather nasty bout of flu.

The Ladybirds have continued to enjoy their fairy tale topic and polished off their bowls of porridge and gingerbread men! I was very impressed with their instruction writing, we have some super writers. In mathematics they have been continuing to find one more and one less than a given number within 20. They have also been thinking about positional language and have been using this language to describe where Goldilocks and the Bears have been. I heard a rumour that Goldilocks was found **under** the table. In music they have enjoyed developing their rapping skills and have learned a Goldilocks Rap!

Woodland class have been writing instructions too and on Monday we welcomed Mrs Ramm from Radnage. She was very impressed with the children's knowledge and work ethic. The children have also been thinking about commands, questions and statements and have had the opportunity to write their own examples. In mathematics the children have been learning how to use tallying to record information and used this information to make pictograms, tables and block graphs. They have also enjoyed challenging each other to answer questions about the data they have collected. In science they have focussed on good hygiene including the importance of hand washing as a way to stay healthy. The children have also taken advantage of the cold weather to conduct an ice experiment around the school.

Mrs Hargrave would like Woodland class to bring in photos of themselves as babies and toddlers. Please send these in by Monday 30th January.

The Governing Body have met this week to discuss our primary expansion, there is a letter in your child's book bag today with more information.

Next week some of the Woodland class will be heading to London to be part of the BETT exhibition, the children will be travelling with Mrs Hargrave and Mrs Hunt/Mrs Tilbury. The children attending BETT have a letter in their book bags today explaining the arrangements. As I will be in London from Tuesday afternoon until Saturday, Mrs Statham will be the Designated Safeguarding lead in my absence. Mrs Adair will be teaching Woodland class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the children know Mrs Adair well and I know she is looking forward to being back at Ibstone! The school will run as normal and I will be checking in each day to make sure all is well!

I will endeavour to write the newsletter from London next week, however, it may not be sent out until later on Friday evening.

Save the Date

Duncan Willcocks, one of our parents, will be running the London Marathon again this year to raise money for Mind. <http://www.mind.org.uk/>

He will be hosting a charity coffee morning on Saturday 11th February from 10.30am-12.30pm at Lane End Village Hall in order to raise more money for this important charity. If you are free and would like to go along to support him, there is a flyer in your child's book bag today with more information.

Kites Holiday Club

We will be running Kites Holiday Club over February half term. Booking forms have been sent home in book bags today. If you know of any other children that would like to join our holiday club, please let us know and we will happily send out more booking forms.

Enjoy the weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Home Learning

Big Talk

Why did Goldilocks go into the Bears' house?

Maths Moments

EYFS – Recognising numbers to 20 and forming numbers correctly.

KS1 - Use your skills! Survey your family (you may need to phone grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins) on their favourite food/game/TV show make a tally to show the results. Can you make a pictogram or a block graph to show the results? Can you ask questions about the data? eg How many people liked apples? Which is the most popular food?

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates

New dates will be shown in bold.

| Date | Occasion | Who? |
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| January 2017 | | |
| Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th | Woodland Class to be taught by Mrs Adair due to Mrs Hargrave & Mrs Long @ BETT | Woodland Class |
| Friday 27 th | Celebration Worship | Staff only |
| February 2017 | | |
| Thursday 2nd | Governors Meeting – 7pm | Governors & Staff |
| Friday 3 rd | Celebration Worship - 2.30pm | EYFS families |
| Wednesday 8th | Governors Teaching & Learning Committee | T & L Governors |
| Friday 10 th | Celebration Worship – straight after drop off 9.00am | Year 2 families |
| Friday 10th | Governors Meeting - 9.30am | Governors |
| Friday 10 th | Kites Valentines Disco | All children |
| Friday 10 th | End of Term – 3.05pm | Everyone |
| Saturday 11th | Coffee Morning in Lane End – please see flyer | Everyone |
| Monday 20 th | Start of Term – 8.50am | Everyone |
| Tuesday 21st | Deadline for Teaching applications | Prospective teachers |
| Wednesday 22nd | Governors Meeting – 7pm | Governors |
| Tuesday 28th | Interviews for KS2 teacher | Staff |
| March 2017 | | |
| Thursday 2nd | World Book Day – come as a character from your favourite book | Everyone |
| Friday 3 rd | Celebration Worship -2.30pm | EYFS families |
| Monday 6th | Governors Resources Committee | Resources Governors |
| Tuesday 14th | Governors Meeting - FGB | All Governors |
| Friday 31st | End of Term – 3.05pm | Everyone |

Meet the Governors

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing you to our Governors. First up is Ben!



Hi, I'm Ben Randall, the acting Chair of Governors.

After taking the decision 18 months ago to move up to the Chilterns and visiting all the local schools in the area, we settled on sending our children to Ibstone, because let's face it there is nothing quite like this school. From the feeling you get when you walk through the door for the first time, to the welcoming nature of the staff and children, there is no other choice. Little did I think I would end up here to help govern the school at such an exciting time. I am so pleased that Ayrton can continue his journey through to senior school here in our superb setting. You will see me on the playground from time to time when work allows so feel free to grab me and have chat about school life, what we can do to help or ideas that you think may benefit the school. I am looking forward to the bright future this school has as we strive to become an outstanding primary school.