

Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I can't believe how quickly this half term has flown by! It seems like only yesterday I was welcoming you back after Christmas.

The children have continued to enjoy their learning this term and have made good progress in all areas of their learning. It has been wonderful to see them all embrace the Diamond Power challenges and develop their independence. Well done everyone!

The Ladybirds have finished their Fairy Tale topic this week with some wonderful learning opportunities around the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. I particularly enjoyed playing the part of the goat trip trapping over the bridge in the hall! Hopefully you all received your next set of WOW stickers in your child's book bag today. We would like to invite the Ladybird parents to a '**Stay and Play**' session on **Monday 27th March at 2pm**. During this afternoon you will have time to look through your child's learning journey and there will be time for you to contribute to this.

Woodland Class enjoyed learning about the postal system this week, it was interesting to see how long the letters we had posted took to arrive and the different marks that were printed on the envelopes. The children also enjoyed learning about Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and produced some excellent work to show how they can stay safe online. If you would like more information on this please visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017>

The children also enjoyed their tennis session with Chris on Tuesday afternoon, he will hopefully be coming back to school in the Summer Term. Don't forget, there are two free sessions you can attend at Hambleden Tennis Club, please see the diary below for dates.

Safeguarding

Today I have received delivery of our new lanyards, this system will be implemented after half term and will be explained to the children on their return to school.

The aim of the lanyard system is to identify grownups in our school and to heighten safeguarding measures that we have been implementing since September. The blue lanyards are for staff and will have ID cards with a photo, name and position. Governors will be given a black lanyard which they will be required to wear when they are in school. Volunteers will have green lanyards, the children will know that these are people who have been invited into school to work on a regular basis. Visitors will wear the red lanyards and the children will be taught that these people are allowed to be in our school accompanied by a member of staff. We will be teaching the children to tell a grownup if they see someone in our school without a lanyard.



Obviously there will be an increased number of visitors during this exciting time in the school's expansion, this new system will ensure that people are easily identified by everyone concerned.

Uniform

I have noticed over the last few weeks that some children have been wearing jewellery, nail polish and some rather large earrings to school. Please could you ensure that if your child does wear earrings that they are plain studs in line with the school uniform policy. Likewise, jewellery should not be worn unless it is for religious or culture reasons which have been discussed with the class teachers. Please remove nail polish before your child comes into school, as we found out this week, it can be quite distracting!

Coffee Morning

Don't forget there is a charity coffee morning on Saturday 11th February at 10.30am-12.30pm at Lane End Village Hall to help Duncan raise money for Mind.

Kites Half Term Club

Kites will be open from 8.30am – 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you need to book your child in at the last minute (24 hours in advance), please email the office or contact Denise. Please note we are not open on Thursday.

Mother's Day Service

Please note the new time for the service on Sunday 26th March. The service will start at 10am, we will be going back to the school hall after the service for tea and cakes!

Breakfast Club

Thank you to those who have responded. I will be closing the survey at the end of next week and will update you as to the responses and how we move forward with this if the demand is high enough.

I hope you all have a wonderful week, if you are off skiing, please be safe and if you have room for one more, I'm free!

Thank you for your continued support!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Home Learning

Big Talk

If you had to design a logo for Ibstone CE Primary what would it look like? (We would love to see your ideas!)

Headteacher Awards



Sparkly Pencils



Pen Licence



Diary Dates

New dates will be shown in bold.

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2017		
Saturday 11 th	Coffee Morning in Lane End – please see flyer	Everyone
Monday 20 th	Start of Term – 8.50am	Everyone
Monday 20 th	School Nurse to see EYFS children – more information to follow	EYFS children
Tuesday 21 st	Deadline for Teaching applications	Prospective teachers
Wednesday 22 nd	Governors Meeting – 7pm	Governors
Friday 24 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 1 families
Tuesday 28 th	Interviews for KS2 teacher	Staff
March 2017		
Every Friday in March	March Mufti Madness! Please see Primary News for more information	Everyone
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day – come as a character from your favourite book	Everyone
Friday 3 rd	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	EYFS families
Monday 6 th	Governors Resources Committee	Resources Governors
Tuesday 7 th	Parents' Evening	All Parents
Friday 10 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families
Tuesday 14 th	Governors Meeting – FGB	All Governors
Friday 17 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 1 families
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day – more information to follow	Everyone
Friday 24 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	EYFS families
Sunday 26th	Mothering Sunday Service – 10am St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Sunday 26th	Tea, coffee and cakes in the school hall after the service	Everyone
Friday 31 st	End of Term – 3.05pm	Everyone
April 2017		
Tuesday 18 th	Inset Day	Teaching Staff
Wednesday 19 th	Start of Term – 8.50am	Everyone
Friday 21 st	Easter Parade & Worship – 2pm	Everyone
Friday 28 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families

Meet the Governors

Hello, I am Toby Long, I am an Associate Governor at Ibstone.

I have lived in Ibstone for nearly two years and regularly attend St Nicholas Church. As I am sure you know, I am married to Mrs Long. I have two primary school aged children, Eva and Reggie. I am a Parent Governor at Cedar Park School in Hazlemere where my two attend school. Currently, I am the Head Teacher at St George's CE Infant School in Amersham – hence the knight costume! This is a two form infant school with 180 pupils. All this schooling experience enables me to support and challenge in the role of a governor as well as keep an eye on Mrs Long! As of September 2017 I will take up my new post as Head Teacher at Radnage CE Primary School.



The next few years are exciting times for Ibstone as the expansion plans become a reality and I look forward to working with the other governors to enable this plan to come to fruition. I have the great pleasure in making regular visits to the school to monitor progress against the schools develop plan and to see first-hand the excellent learning environment and high quality of teaching that is taking place at Ibstone.

Primary Update

Last week there was a meeting to discuss the school's vision and values. The evening was run by Sarah Thomas, our advisor from the Oxford Diocese. During the evening we discussed what Ibstone CE Primary School will strive to provide for our children. The outcomes of the evening will be shared at a whole school meeting that will be organised next term. Please look at the Big Talk homework for the holidays, we would love to see your ideas.

We have also had our first fundraising meeting and we would like you to send in your ideas (however wacky they might sound) as to how we can raise money for the school as it embarks on becoming a primary school. Initially we need to raise £25,000 by December 2017 to help us complete Phase 1 of the project. **We have decided to offer a March Mufti Madness as our first fundraiser, we are asking parents to donate £10 in exchange for mufti day Fridays until the Easter holidays.**