

Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What an exciting week it has been! On Tuesday we held the interviews for our Key Stage 2 teacher, I am very pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed Mrs Cathryn Barrett. Mrs Barrett has 25 years of teaching experience and is very excited about becoming part of the Ibstone team. Mrs Barrett will be popping into school over the next few months to get to know us all a bit better and I am sure you will join us in making her feel part of the Ibstone family.

This week the Ladybirds have been learning about the Emperor's New Clothes, there was lots of discussion about the story and the children have been keen to share their learning. In mathematics the children have been estimating, Mrs Statham was very impressed with their estimating and counting skills. There was lots of excitement when the children received a letter from Honey Pots (a teddy bear company) asking them for help! The children had to test materials to see which one the company should use to make rain coats for the teddy bears attending the annual picnic. I was lucky enough to join a group of children as they carried out their investigation, I wonder if they can remember which material was the best?

In Woodland Class, the children have been planning the Jolly Postman's next adventure. They had to decide who he was going to deliver letters to and who the letters were from! There was no end to their creativity, letters from the NHS to Humpty Dumpty, discount clock deals to the mouse from Hickory Dickory Dock and a school letter to the Old Woman who lived in a shoe! After planning their stories they were then tasked with the challenge of writing them. We are very proud of their excellent work, I know the children can't wait for you to read them on Tuesday at Parents Evening. In mathematics the children have continued to learn about division and have moved onto looking at fractions, they have been able to find fractions of shapes and the Year 2 children have also been looking at finding fractions of numbers.

We have been very lucky in Woodland Class this week as we have had Miss Clarke working with us. Miss Clarke is training to be an Early Years Teacher, as part of her course she needed experience of working with older children. We have all enjoyed her being part of the team and wish her well in her studies.

On Thursday the whole school enjoyed dressing up to be part of World Book Day.



The children and staff all enjoyed sharing their favourite stories. It was lovely for the children to spend time together with the older children sharing stories with the younger ones.



New Information & Reminders:

To make it easier for everyone to see what's happening and so that important dates/events aren't missed, I will endeavour to include this section in each week's newsletter:

Parents Evening – Tuesday 7th March

The children's work will be out in the classroom for you to look at. Please make sure you are on time for your appointment.

Celebration Worship

It is lovely to see so many of you on a Friday afternoon during our Celebration Worship. The children are always pleased to see you there. A gentle reminder that Worship starts at 2.30pm, please make sure that you are on time as there have been a number of interruptions over the past few weeks.

Family Disco – Friday 10th March

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their forms and payment. If you haven't sent yours back yet, please do so by Tuesday 7th March.

Lent Lunches – Saturday 11th March

We will be hosting one of the Ibstone Lent Lunches in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a soup and bread lunch between 12noon - 2pm. We simply ask for a donation in return for a yummy bowl of soup (Toby is already planning his soupe de jour), the church have suggested that the donations from this Lent Lunch can go towards our fundraising campaign!

End of Term – Friday 31st March

Reverend Linda has kindly agreed to lead an end of term service for us at 2pm on 31st March. You are all welcome to join us at the church. The PTA Easter Egg Hunt will take place from the Church and up to the common straight after the service. You will receive more information about this next week.

Change of Date – Easter Bonnet Parade and Service – now Wednesday 19th April

As Easter is the weekend before we come back to school, we have decided to hold our Easter Bonnet Parade on the first day back. Reverend Linda will be leading a very special Stations of the Cross Service as we walk down to the church. Please note, the Easter Bonnet Parade will replace the Easter Garden Competition this year. More information will be sent out soon.

Have a nice weekend! Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Home Learning

Big Talk

What is your favourite type of weather? How do weather forecasters describe the weather?

Maths Moments

EYFS – Estimating – Can you estimate how many carrots/pieces of pasta/spaghetti hoops you have on your plate?

KS1 – Squirrels (Year 1) – Shapes – Can you find shapes in your house or while you are out and about? What would half of that shape look like?

Badgers (Year 2) – Fractions – Can you cut your pizza/sandwich in half? How many pieces are there? Can you cut them into quarters? How many pieces do you have now? What happens when you eat a piece? How much do you have left?

Year 2 children also have Maths Challenge homework, please see the note in their new red folders for more information.

Headteacher Awards



Sparkly Pencil Awards



Diary Dates
New dates will be shown in bold.

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2017		
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
Friday 10 th	Family Disco – 6.30pm	Everyone
Saturday 11th	Lent Lunch in the School Hall	Everyone
Tuesday 14 th	Governors Meeting – FGB	All Governors
Friday 17 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 1 families
Monday 20 th	Pre School Workshop – 1.30pm -2.30pm	Prospective families
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day – more information to follow	Everyone
Friday 24 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	EYFS families
Sunday 26 th	Mothering Sunday Service – 10am St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Sunday 26 th	Tea, coffee and cakes in the school hall after the service	Everyone
Monday 27 th	Ladybirds Learning Journey Stay and Play 2pm-3pm	EYFS families
Tuesday 28 th	PTA Meeting – 9am & 7.30pm in the school hall	Everyone
Friday 31st	End of Term Service – 2pm	Everyone
Friday 31st	PTA Easter Egg Hunt	Everyone
Friday 31 st	End of Term – 3.05pm	Everyone
April 2017		
Tuesday 18th	Inset Day – Kites Club will be open all day	Everyone
Wednesday 19 th	Start of Term – 8.50am	Everyone
Wednesday 19th	Easter Service (more details to follow)	Everyone
Friday 21 st	Celebration Worship – 2pm	Staff
Wednesday 26th	Pre School Workshop – 1.30pm -2.30pm	Prospective families
Friday 28 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 families

Meet the Governors



Hello, I am Helen France.

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.

I 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.