

Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you all for coming to parents' evening this week, it is a great opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress with you and to share their next steps in learning. I hope you all found it useful. You will find the feedback form in your child's book bag today. Please let us know if it does not make it home.

During the Woodland Class meetings some of you asked about homework, it is interesting to hear people's very different views on this subject. As a school will be looking at a variety of different options and approaches and reviewing our policy taking into account all your views. However, please continue your daily reading at home and ensure you sign the reading record, as much practice as possible helps the children progress even further. The Woodland Class children also receive weekly spellings and this will continue.

Please take the time to look back at the curriculum letters you received at the beginning term as there are home learning opportunities on the back page. These letters can be found on the class pages on our website.

This week I have been spending time in the classrooms talking to the children about their learning and seeing some of the exciting learning opportunities they are involved in. In Woodland Class I was very impressed with the way the children were able to confidently explain about seasonal changes and talk about deciduous and evergreen trees. Yesterday I was fortunate enough to be part of a Gruffalo Hunt in the school grounds and enjoyed talking to the children about the menus they had written for the Gruffalo! I am sure the mouldy apple crumble they made would look very appetising to a Gruffalo! Well done everyone!



Making Gruffalo crumble!

Observational drawing of seasonal vegetables in Woodland Class





This morning we have been down to St Nicholas Church to dress the church ready for the Harvest Service on Sunday at 11am. The children have practised their songs and sharing ready for the service and we look forward to seeing you there on Sunday.

Thank you for all your kind donations to the One Can Trust, it is not too late to donate, please bring any cans etc. to the church on Sunday.

Hopefully you have seen the article about us in the Bucks Free Press this week. If not, please follow this link: <http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/14797867>. Outstanding church school s distinctly Christian values praised in latest inspection/

Our Ladybirds children should be featured in 'My First Term' next Friday.

I cannot believe that next week is the last week of this half term, however, in true Ibstone style, it is set to be a busy one.

On Monday at 2pm, the Ladybirds are looking forward to welcoming their families into the classroom for their first 'Stay and Play' of the year. This session will give you time to look at your child's learning journey and add some WOW moments to their folders as well exploring the learning environment with your child.

On Wednesday afternoon you are all invited to an 'E-Safety' information session at 2pm, having been to a similar session myself last term, I can personally recommend it as a very thought provoking session. If you are unable to attend this session, we will be running the same session again at 7pm on Wednesday 9th November.

Please make sure you look at the new lunch menu with your child and complete the order form for lunches next half term, the children have had an input in the menu for next half term and are very excited to see their suggestions being included. There will be a special 'bonfire night' lunch on Friday 4th November, please look carefully at the order form. Karen will also be preparing us a traditional Christmas dinner on Tuesday 20th December.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to help run the library on a Friday afternoon from 2pm until 2.30pm. Please get in touch if you are able to help (you do not need to commit to every week).

Big Talk

What are you thankful for this week?

Maths Moments

On the move maths. When you are out and about in the car, look at the numbers you can see on road signs and on car registration plates.

EYFS - What numbers can you see? Can you add one more? Can you take one away?

KS1 - Can you add them together?



Headteacher
Awards



Value Awards

Diary Dates

New dates will be shown in bold.

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2016		
Sunday 16 th	Harvest Service at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone – 11am	All
Monday 17 th	Ladybirds Learning Journey afternoon – 2pm	Ladybirds families
Tuesday 18th	Lunch Orders need to be returned	Everyone
Wednesday 19 th	E-safety Parents meeting	All parents
Wednesday 19 th	Governing Body Resources Meeting - 7pm	Governors
Friday 21 st	Celebration Worship	EYFS families
Friday 21 st	End of Term – 3.05pm	All
Monday 31 st	Start of term – 8.50am	All
November 2016		
Friday 4 th	Mufti Day in return for a Secrets Room gift	All children & Staff
Friday 4th	Bonfire Night Lunch	All children
Friday 4 th	Bonfire Night Kites Disco – 3.05- 4.15pm	All children
Saturday 5th	Bonfire Night and Fireworks on Ibstone Common	All
Monday 7 th	RE Day	All children
Monday 7 th	PTA meeting 7.30pm	All parents
Wednesday 9 th	E-safety Parents meeting (evening session – more details to follow)	All parents
Sunday 13 th	Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas Church, Ibstone – 10.50am	All
Friday 18 th	Open Day 9.30am-11.30am & 1.30pm-3pm	Prospective Parents
Friday 25 th	Mufti Day in return for a bottle	All children & Staff
Wednesday 30 th	Pre-school Workshop – 1.30pm	Pre-schoolers
December 2016		
Friday 2 nd	Flu Immunisation	Woodland Class
Saturday 3 rd	Christmas Fayre -3pm-6pm	Everyone
Thursday 8 th	Nativity Performance – St Nicholas Church – 6pm	Everyone
Friday 9 th	Nativity Performance – St Nicholas Church – 2pm	Everyone
Sunday 11 th	Christmas Service – St Nicholas Church - 4.30pm	Everyone
Friday 16 th	Norden Farm Trip – Christmas Play	All children
Monday 19 th	Kites Christmas Disco – 3.05pm – 4.30pm	All children
Tuesday 20th	Christmas Lunch	All children
Tuesday 20 th	Christmas Church Service – St Nicholas Church – 2pm	Everyone
Tuesday 20 th	End of Term	Everyone

In book bags:

- Parents' evening feedback forms
- Menus and order forms
- Kites Disco booking form