

# Ibstone CE School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I cannot believe it is half term already! We have achieved so much in the first seven weeks of this academic year and I know the children and staff are ready for a break!

I hope you will join me in congratulating the children on their excellent sharing during our Harvest Service. It was wonderful to see so many of you there! Thank you all for your kind Harvest donations to the One Can Trust.

It was lovely to welcome so many of our Ladybirds' families to their Learning Journey Stay and Play, we will be organising more of these in the future.

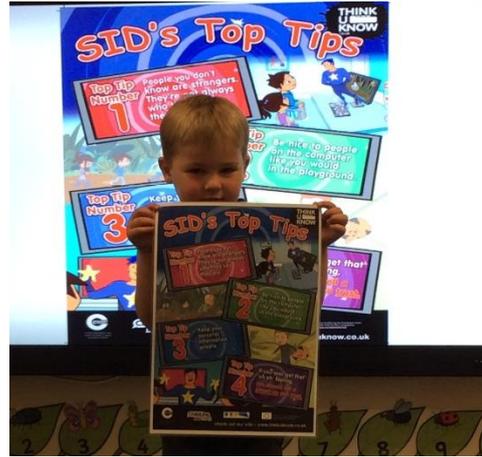
This week the Ladybirds have been looking at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. I was lucky enough to be part of their lesson on Tuesday morning when they found the wolf in the school grounds! In mathematics they have been estimating, looking at numbers to 20 and using 2D shapes to make houses.

Woodland Class have been busy reading 'Peace at Last', they have acted out the story, written a book review and planned and written a story about Mrs Bear's dream. In mathematics they have been finding out about money and learning about days of the week and how to use an analogue clock to tell the time. The children will be bringing their clocks home today in their book bags, please take the time to play 'What's the Time Mr Wolf' with the clocks over the holidays. Squirrels (Year 1) are working on telling the time to o'clock & half past, Badgers are also working on quarter past and quarter to.

On Monday evening, I attended the Red Kites Community Housing Neighbourhood Awards evening. I am very pleased to inform you that we won 1<sup>st</sup> prize this year! Well done to all of the children and adults involved in Gardening Club.



On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed their 'E-Safety' session and were all very keen to share their own experiences of technology and their views on the internet.



I hope the parents who attended the afternoon session found it as useful as I did. We will be holding another 'E-Safety' session for parents on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**. There is more information on our website: <http://www.ibstoneschool.org.uk/safeguarding>

This week I have had quite a few conversations with parents and children about water bottles, I would like to remind parents that we do not allow squash or carbonated drinks in the children's water bottles. As a school we understand the importance of encouraging children to drink water throughout the day and there are a number of children in school at the moment who do not drink enough. In order to rectify this and make it easier for everyone, after half term the children will be allowed to bring in water bottles with fresh fruit (such as slices of orange/lemon/lime) in their water bottle. Anyone sending in squash or carbonated drinks will be asked to empty their bottles and refill them with fresh water.

After half term we will be beginning to think about...dare I say it... Christmas, each year we support the Samaritans Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' shoe box project. There is a leaflet in your child's book bag today explaining more about the project and some gift suggestions. Please bring all donations for Shoe Boxes into school by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November as we are going to be making the boxes with the children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. You do not need to provide a shoe box as we have the official boxes again this year. Many thanks.

As the winter approaches and the weather changes our PE sessions may take place inside or outside, as you can imagine there are some temperature differences in these sessions so please make sure your child has a t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms and a warm jumper in their PE kit at all times.

At this time of year we also find that there are a few more runny noses in school, last year we had a huge donation of tissues but our stock pile is now quite low, please can I ask you to send in a box or two of tissues so we can begin to build up our reserves again.

Unfortunately, our Kites Club will be closed on Mondays after half term as there are no regular bookings. This will be reviewed half termly and will reopen if and when the need arises. Don't forget our Kites Holiday Club is running every day from 8.30am -6pm, if you need to book your child in at the last minute, please email the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support this term. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Big Talk

You find a message in a bottle!

What does the message say?

## Maths Moments

EYFS – What shapes can you see in the environment? Can you pick up a pile of leaves and estimate how many you have picked up.

KS1 – Spend some money! Can you name the coins and use them to buy things in the shop? See if you can add up the total of two or more items, pay for them using coins. Will you need change? If so, how much?

KS1 – Using the clocks the children have made or clocks around the house, learn to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

## Headteacher Awards



## Diary Dates

New dates will be shown in bold.

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

### In book bags:

- Operation Christmas Child Leaflet