

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Please could we remind you that parents should not park in the roadway at the side of the school, at any time of the day. This area is reserved for staff parking only. Please could you let anyone who may collect your child(ren) from school know about this too. Thank you so much to the parents who are running the 'rolling drop off'; the road outside the school is markedly calmer during the mornings as a result of this.

We are putting together a box of 'Handyman' type tools for use around the school building. As we do not have a caretaker, we are quite reliant upon the skills of staff and governors to fix things. We would be very grateful for the donation of any spare or duplicate handyman-type tools to add to our collection.

We are happy to accept any spare children's books into school, fiction or non-fiction which your child or perhaps an older sibling may no longer have use for. Please only send in books that are in a good condition. Any books which we cannot use within school we can either sell on at the Christmas Fayre or pass on to a local charity shop.

Thank you for all the Christmas Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes which were lovingly put together and sent into school. They will bring much happiness to the children who receive them. The donated shoeboxes looked really attractive. There were 18 shoeboxes received in time to be taken to the collection point. Our thanks to Mrs Robertson for delivering the boxes to the collection centre.

Thank you too for the money raised for the Poppy Appeal. Our Year 3 children took it in turn to take the poppies around the school, a responsibility which they took on with pride. Altogether, a total of £57.41 was raised for which the British Legion collectors have sent a heartfelt thank you.

Don't forget our school trip to Waddesdon Manor on Thursday. If your child receives a school lunch it will be provided for the, they just need to bring in a drink. If you normally send your child in with a packed lunch please send them in with them as usual. Baked potatoes will be on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

We had a very special visitor today!!



Thank you for your donations I will post a total in next week's newsletter

Let's take a look at what the children have been learning this week.

The children in the Ladybird class have been learning some Nursery Rhymes this week. One of their favourites was Humpty Dumpty. The children decided to make a different ending to the rhyme and in their role play the children acted out their different versions. The children also had great fun making a Humpty Dumpty.

Another Nursery Rhyme this week was 'Hey diddle diddle'. The children created alternative endings for this too. 'Twinkle twinkle little star' was a favourite among all the children. The children made star shaped biscuits on Tuesday afternoon and made everyone in the school hungry as the biscuits smelled delicious while they were baking.

In maths the children have been looking at how many ways a number can be shared. The type of activity the children did to understand about sharing out was for example starting with 6 toy horses and letting the horses trot away to different fields or bridleways. The best sharing this week was sharing out the cookies so that all the children in Ladybirds class had two star cookies each!

In the Woodland class the children have been furthering their knowledge about the world. The children's topic work provided a rich seam for literacy skills this week as the children spent time identifying places on the map and writing labels. The children had to remember to use a capital letter for place names. The children re-capped their knowledge about what the continents are and the oceans which lie between them. The children took a closer look at the United Kingdom and Europe.

In maths the children have been using number lines to help them to complete number sentences to count forward and to count back. The children have been practising their number bonds to 10 and their number bonds to 20. Some of the children have practised their number bonds by expressing them as a subtraction.

In science, the children have been considering what makes day and night? The children were learning about the movement of the earth around the sun. There was great fun to be had as the children took it in turns to be either the sun or the planet earth as they attempted to practise the orbit of the earth around the sun with the aid of illuminated torches.

The Nativity play was introduced to the children this week, so I expect you will hear snippets of the songs being sung to you over the next few weeks!

In the Kestrel Class our junior children are beginning to use handwriting pens. Once the children have mastered their lead-ins for joined handwriting, they are introduced to using a handwriting pen in their handwriting books in the first instance. The children are continuing to practise their letter joins in handwriting practice. We are encouraging the children to reflect the joins which they have learned into all their writing.

On Fridays, as part of Year 3's 'Big Write' the children have also been allowed to use their handwriting pens. For the Big Write, the children settle to their writing task very quickly after morning play time. Mrs Barrett creates a magical atmosphere, conducive to expressing the children's ideas, which includes lighting and mood music. The children have produced some lovely writing.

The crystals from the class science experiment are developing well. The children have discovered that by using a torch they can see the crystals which are developing in the red liquid. The crystals growing in the blue liquid are developing on the rim and grow up out of the pot. Their structure is easy to observe.

As part of their topic work, the children had to use a flowchart to try and identify different types of rock. This proved to be slightly trickier than the children thought it would be. The children were challenged to give reasons for their decisions so that they could be sure of their thinking.

The children have been practising saying the days of the week in French. In maths, handling data has been a focus and in English the children are using their knowledge of information texts to compile information booklets. Various notices have appeared around the school site which are information guidelines written by the Kestrel class.

Thank you for your support.

Ruth Goddard - Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2017		
Monday 20 th	Open Morning – 9.30am – 11.30am	Prospective Parents
Thursday 23 rd	Trip to Waddesdon Manor – 9am-3pm	All
Monday 27 th	Stay and Play – 2pm	Ladybirds
December 2017		
Saturday 2 nd	Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm	Everyone
Thursday 7 th	Nativity Performance – 6pm – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Friday 8 th	Nativity Performance – 2pm – St Nicholas Church	Everyone
Friday 15 th	Whole School Trip to Norden Farm – am only	All children
Monday 18 th	Christmas Party and Kites Christmas Disco	All Children
Tuesday 19 th	Church Service at St Nicholas 1pm	Everyone
Tuesday 19 th	End of Term at 1.30pm	All children