

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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We had a super day out at Waddesdon Manor on Thursday and we were so lucky with the weather. The sun shone on us all day and on the way home we looked across to Aylesbury and even saw the most beautiful double rainbow. The Kestrel class impressed Mrs Barrett on the motorway when they informed her that we were driving through sedimentary rock. Well done Year 3, excellent learning.



The coach was able to drive us to the fountain at Waddesdon. From there we were able to walk up past the impressive house “Is it a castle?” to visit the underground toilets before dropping all our bags off at the Education Centre above the stable block. From there we set off around Alice’s Walk which is where all the lanterns have been displayed. It was great fun spotting a new lantern every so often and very exciting to find our robin lantern about half way round. We stopped and posed for a whole school photo in front of the lantern.

After our lantern walk it was time for lunch, we which had back in the cosy Education Centre. The children were hungry, but there was loads of food for them to eat. After lunch we carried our possessions with us and went to the Aviary via the toilets. Toilets are very important on school trips! We were able to spot lots of the beautiful rare birds in the Aviary as the birds seemed to be very active. Everywhere we walked there was something else to surprise us, even a dragon. We had a wonderful day and we were very grateful to climb back onto the coach at the fountain, ready to relax on the coach back to school.

Please take a look at the photos of the lanterns on the Waddesdon website. For those of you who are on Facebook, please vote for our robin!

Ladybird class parents for Monday, please could you send in any photographs of christenings either of your children or perhaps of christenings your children may have attended? The Ladybird class will be learning about christening in RE and it would be great to have some photos of the Ladybird children being christened.

In other learning this week, the Ladybird class continued read, chant and act out nursery rhymes. The children made up new versions for ‘Hickory, dickory dock’. They were delighted to see that one of the lanterns on the lantern walk was a grandfather clock with pine cone mice running up the clock hands. The Ladybird children spontaneously chanted the rhyme altogether. The children have been practising rhymes and listening for rhyming words which really helps with their awareness of phonics.

The children have been learning about capacity. They have been using containers in the water tray where they have been encouraged to consider how much water is in a container and what that water would look like in another container. The children have been encouraged to see which container holds the most and which holds the least. Many of the children have found this tricky, so perhaps some practising in the bath at home might support them in their development in this area.

In readiness for the forthcoming Christmas Fayre, the children have used clay to make models. So far they have fashioned their clay Christmas tree ornaments. When the clay shapes are dry the children will paint them. The children have also been practising the songs ready for the Nativity.

In the Woodland class the children have been creating story boards to recount the story of Coral's journey around the world from the book 'Coral Goes Swimming'. The children have also written some repeat line sentences to extend a story. In maths, number bonds have been practised and counting on and counting backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. Sets of were used to introduce multiplication.

The children have been practising the Nativity. The children in Year 2 are narrating and have the lead roles with Year 1 supporting and the Ladybirds as the animals around the crib. The Year 3 children are supporting the singing as they had the lead roles last year. The Kestrel class are designing illustrated programmes for the church which will list the cast. The Kestrel class will have their turn in the spotlight in the summer term.

Mrs Barrett wondered if there are any games which parents could donate for the Kestrel class at wet play times? Perhaps you have a board game at home which is no longer used? In the Kestrel class the children have been reading and considering a variety of leaflets for information this week. They have been encouraged to critique published leaflets and decide what features need to be included to write information leaflets of their own. The children all agreed that photographs were an important feature so they have taken photos to include in their own information leaflets about Ibstone Primary School. Following on from the school trip, the Kestrel class will also be writing a recount of their visit to Waddesdon Manor.

In maths the children have continued to work with data handling. The children have also been using the formal written method to record addition, whereas previously the children have recorded addition horizontally. In RE the children are still studying festivals. This week the children considered how light is a theme of many festivals. They looked more closely at the festival of Chanuka and they learned about the Menorah.

The Christmas Fayre will soon be upon us and we know that parents are working very hard behind the scenes to prepare for a super fayre. This will be a major fund-raising event for the school. Thank you to Bex and her team for getting together such amazing prizes for the raffle. We hope you will be able to sell all your tickets and come back for more!

Thank you for all your support for the school.

Ruth Goddard – Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



REMINDER

Thank you to our lovely library ladies. Could we please remind you that library books should be returned to school weekly to be exchanged. If you have any library books please return them to school by Friday 1st December.

Diary Dates New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2017		
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