

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Harvest Service last week. Thank you for your very kind and generous contributions to the One Can Trust. I was very proud of all the children, they had worked so hard to make the Harvest loaf and learn their Harvest offerings. Well done everyone!



I hope you all found parents evening informative and hopefully you should have all received your copy of the notes from the meetings. Please do let us know if these haven't made it home to you yet!



During our meetings, some of you asked for a reminder of our new values.

Ibstone CE Primary School
Nurture – Inspire – Grow

Our vision is to nurture our community enabling everyone to grow through our Christian values. We inspire our children to be resilient, confident and courageous whilst developing a lasting love of learning.

Our core values are:

Courage, Respect, Love, Perseverance & Community

The whole school have been looking at these values and learning about them over the past few weeks in Worship and they will continue to form part of our daily conversations with the children over the course of the year.

We have also been thinking about Dr Tom's Gems as a whole school and the children are being encouraged to work as a class to gain Diamond Power, the staff are also looking for children demonstrating Ruby Power and Emerald Power.

Dr Tom is an educational consultant who works all over the world sharing his passion for teaching and helping people see learning as something that can enhance lives and bring great pleasure.



He visited Ibstone several years ago and talked to us about learning and how every time we learn something our brain forest grows a little bit more. He explained that in order to keep your brain forest growing and surviving you need to get Diamond Power. As adults, we all have a lot of Diamond Power as we are constantly solving problems. Sometimes, adults can take the Diamond Power away from children by doing something for them.

The staff have been talking about 'Diamond Power' with the children and have reintroduced the concept of earning diamond power in school. Each class has set their own Diamond Power challenge, for example, some are currently earning diamonds by keeping the cloakrooms tidy and taking responsibility for making sure that coats etc, are hung up and the wellies are tidy. If the children can do this without an adult intervening, the children earn a diamond for the class pot. If the adults have to pick up a coat etc, then the adults earn the diamond.

As the children have responded so well to gaining their diamond powers, the staff and I have decided to set another diamond power challenge.

Diamond Challenge

To be responsible for your own belongings as you come into the school grounds and as you leave.

This means that children will need to carry their own book bags, water bottles and other belongings on to the playground. The children are to be responsible for them and put them by the wall while they play and then pick them up and bring them into school. A diamond can only be earned if **ALL** children in the class are doing this.

I have heard that it works a treat when you need bedrooms tidying!

We have also been teaching the children about Emerald and Ruby Power. Emerald Power is about resilience and perseverance. It is important for the children to understand it is ok to struggle and find things difficult and make mistakes.



Ruby Power is about supporting each other, being a kind friend, praising others when they have achieved and helping.

The teachers will be looking for children demonstrating Emerald and Ruby Power in the classroom and will be presenting some special certificates.

If you would like to find out more about Dr. Tom and his Gem Project, please click on the link <http://www.tredu.co.uk/the-gem-project/>

Most of you have commented on the amazing transformation of the garden this week, a **HUGE** thank you must go out to Granny Boswell, Lulu and Polly's Grandma, who has given up three days to come and prune, weed and sort out the front garden. I am sure you will agree, it looks amazing and I know the Gardening Club ladies are very excited about what they will be planting with the children over the next few weeks.



We have been invited to take part in the Waddesdon Yule Trail School Competition this year. Mrs Hampson and Mrs Goddard have both taken part in this wonderful opportunity before and so of course we have said 'Yes, please!'

Woodland Class will be welcoming a member of the education team from Waddesdon next week to talk to them and help them get started with the 5ft willow lantern they will be making.

This lantern will then be displayed at Waddesdon from 11th November until 2nd January for all their visitors to see. All visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite lantern, so dig out your National Trust passes and getting voting for the Robin lantern from 11th November! I look forward to seeing photos of their creation over the next few weeks.

Houses & Information

After much research and discussion with the staff, we are pleased to announce that our four Houses will be known as Allnutt, Baker, Gadbury & Merton. The children will be finding out which House they are in next week. This year the Houses will be used for Sports Day teams and other collaborations across the year groups throughout the year. In future years, as the school grows, we will develop House Points, House Captains and House Challenges.



A little history about each house name:

Allnutt – Henry Allnutt lived in Ibstone House and inherited an estate in Goring, on his death in 1724 he bequeathed a considerable sum of money that formed a share in the Allnutt & Baker Charity which later became the Goring Heath Charity. It was money from this charity that funded the school, as we know it today, to be built in 1852.

Baker – Revd John Baker is the other named founder of the Allnutt & Baker Charity that funded the school building and supported the poor of the parish by paying for their school uniform.

Gadbury – this is name of the piece of land that was donated for the school to be built on. John Gadbury had been the Yeoman of Ibstone.

Merton – Merton College, Oxford, granted the piece of land (Gadbury) that the school is now built on. Merton College also donated £30 in 1904 to help meet the costs of the school expansion to create an infants room (which is currently the Ladybirds classroom).

In other news:

Rolling Drop Off

Thank you to everyone who helps run our rolling drop off and thank you to all the parents using it too! We had 20 children (in only 15 cars) using this facility most days last week. Please may I remind you that the road is a public highway and there are other people driving through the village who do not know about our rolling drop off. **It is vital that you indicate to show that you are pulling up**, there were a couple of incidents last week where other road users were left a little confused and needing to apply their brakes a little harder than anticipated.

Kites Holiday Club

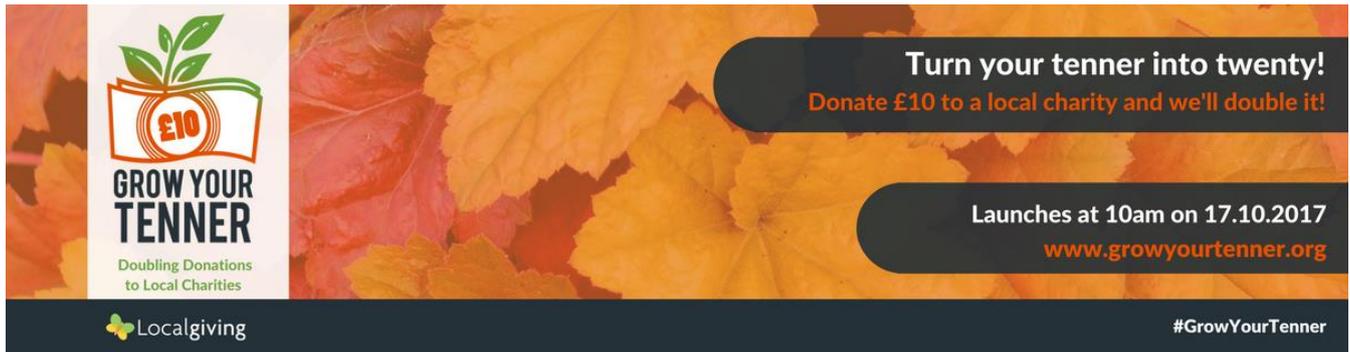
Please let Mrs Robertson know as soon as possible if you are planning to use Kites Club during October half term. The booking form can be found on the website: <http://www.ibstoneschool.org.uk/our-school/kites-club>

End of Term Times

On the last day of term at Christmas, Easter & Summer, the school will be closing at 1.30pm. There will be a special Church Service that you are all invited to that will start at 1pm and all children will be dismissed from the church at 1.30pm. Please make sure that if you cannot join us for the service, that you are at the church for 1.30pm. On these three days of the year, there will be no Kites Club running.

Grow your Tenner

For the past few years we have invited parents, staff, governors and the local community to support us through this fantastic scheme. This year the scheme will kick off at 10am on Tuesday 17th October.

A promotional banner for the 'Grow Your Tenner' campaign. On the left, there is a logo featuring a green plant growing from a white envelope with '£10' written on it, above the text 'GROW YOUR TENNER' and 'Doubling Donations to Local Charities'. The Localgiving logo is at the bottom left. The background is a collage of autumn leaves. On the right, two dark grey rounded rectangles contain white text: 'Turn your tenner into twenty! Donate £10 to a local charity and we'll double it!' and 'Launches at 10am on 17.10.2017 www.growyourtenner.org'. The hashtag '#GrowYourTanner' is at the bottom right.

During Grow Your Tenner 2017 you will be able to support us in two ways:

- Make a one-time donation and it will be matched up to £10.
- Set up a monthly donation and after your first six donations, the following six donations will be matched up to £10.

Rules of the Campaign

Start date and time: 10am on Tuesday 17th October 2017. **Please note that both one-time and monthly donations made before 10am will not be matched.**

End date and time: Whenever the match fund runs out or midday on Thursday the 16th November 2017 (whichever comes first).

Matching conditions: One-time donations made to a Localgiving member charity or community group via our website during the campaign will be matched pound-for-pound by up to £10. Monthly donations set up during the campaign will be matched by up to £10. The matching will take place after the first 6 donations, and be applied to the following 6 donations.

For more information on this fantastic fund raising opportunity for us, please visit:

<https://localgiving.org/what-we-do/campaigns/grow-your-tenner>

Or if you wish to donate, please visit: <https://localgiving.org/donation/ibstone>

Finally, thank you to everyone for wishing me all the best for my maternity leave, I am looking forward to putting my feet up for a few weeks before my life changes completely! Mrs Goddard is looking forward to meeting you all again on Monday and I know that our school will be well looked after, cared for and brilliantly lead!



During Worship on Friday, I was presented with a crying baby to deal with! I'm very grateful for the 46 little helpers that came to my rescue to help me change and feed the baby. They were also very good at showing me how to hold and cuddle him. I definitely know where to come when the real baby arrives! I also appreciated the name suggestions the children have come up with. Mr Long thinks the Lucky Dip name idea is a good idea, although I'm not sure Tog Long, Rabbit Long or Binnie are going to make it to the final list!

I look forward to seeing you all soon on the playground with the newest addition of the Long family.

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2017		
Wednesday 11 th	Open Day – 9.30am -11.30am & 1.30pm – 3.00pm	Prospective Parents
Friday 13 th	Kites Disco – 3.25pm – 4.30pm	All children
Friday 20 th	Mufti Day in exchange for bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre	All children & staff
Friday 20 th	End of Term – 3.15pm & 3.25pm	All children
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	KITES HOLIDAY CLUB	All children
Monday 30 th	Start of Term – 8.50am	All children
November 2017		
Friday 3 rd	Mufti Day in exchange for a secrets room gift for Christmas Fayre	All children & staff
Saturday 4th	Ibstone Village Fireworks on the Common Bonfire from 5.45pm Fireworks at 6.30pm	Everyone
Friday 10 th	Dad's Night Out – more information to follow from PTA	Dads
Friday 17 th	Children in Need - more info to follow	All children & staff
Monday 20 th	Open Morning – 9.30am – 11.30am	Prospective Parents
December 2017		
Saturday 2nd	Christmas Fayre 2pm-5pm	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
Tuesday 19th	Church Service at St Nicholas 1pm	Everyone
Tuesday 19th	End of Term at 1.30pm	All children