

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 5th November – 10th November

We have had a busy week for sharing information. Letters were put in book bags by each class teacher to let you know about the learning planned for this half term. Thank you for the completed return slips and voluntary contributions for our school trip to Waddesdon Manor. The Robin Lantern was collected and has been taken to Waddesdon to be displayed.

There are a couple of general reminders. Please note that there will be no Kites Club through the Christmas holidays. There will not be a Kites Club on the last day of term either. The Autumn Term finishes on Tuesday December 19th at 1.30pm. The end of term Service will precede this so we invite parents to join us at St Nicholas Church at 1pm and to collect your child(ren) from the church at 1.30pm.

Please could you send your Christmas charity shoebox into school by Wednesday 15th November as we have to transport the boxes to the charity collection point. If you look at the Samaritan's Purse website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> you will be able to learn more about the charitable work done and be able to see images of children receiving their Christmas shoeboxes. It is a powerful reminder of just how lucky we are.

We need to ask for your help please. We know that the children like to put a key ring on their book bag for easy identification, but this has now developed into a problem for us in the classrooms. The children put their book bags away in their drawers, but in many cases we can no longer close the drawer which means that other children's drawers are blocked. Please could you remove all key rings and dangling toys and just leave one key ring of choice which is not bulky? Thank you!

Please note that the process for registering for Admission to Primary School for the first time is now open. Admission is via Buckinghamshire County Council. The round of Admission is open for children whose date of birth is between 01.09.13 and 31.08.14. The deadline for the process is 15.01.18. Applications should be made online at www.bucksc.gov.uk

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

The learning in the Early Years responds to the children's interests so you won't be surprised to hear that fireworks were quite a theme. Outside in the garden the children made their own (unlit!) bonfires and in movement and drama the children exploded like rockets. The children's role play was quite adventurous and the children were supported in the development of their vocabulary, especially to help them describe what they saw and the actions they were making.



The children are still talking about the seasons and noting how the trees and their colours continue to change. There were loads more fallen leaves to play in this week. The children are also trying to learn all the days of the week in the right order. The children made up special Autumn dances which represented falling leaves and fireworks bursting with energy.

In the Woodland class this week much of the learning has centred around our local area. This has included a walk down to St Nicholas Church and a consideration of what it is like to live in an area surrounded by countryside. The children have produced some non-fiction writing about their local area.



In their topic work the children have studied maps showing the United Kingdom. They have found known places on the map such as London and



Ibstone as well as looking at other areas within the UK. The children have learnt about the UK being surrounded by the sea and they have been introduced to other land masses and the oceans.



Place value has been the focus in maths. The children are learning about tens and units with some of the children learning about hundreds, tens and units. The children have been very thoughtful about where to write a digit and what that digit actually represents. In art the children painted some colourful seasonal pictures as you can see in the photograph above.

In the Kestrel class the children have a new seating arrangement which has given them increased working space which has been especially useful for some of their studies this week. In science, the children have set up an experiment to grow crystals. The liquids used are of different colours. The children can see the crystal formations developing in the transparent liquid, but in the other colour liquids it is a bit of a leap of faith hoping that crystals are developing there too. The children are recording the changes that are made as part of an ongoing daily record.



Linking with the theme of Remembrance, the children have made 3D poppies using salt dough. We would like to say thank you to Madison and her parents and to Mrs Bridgen for their support this week. Madison brought in the crystal growing kit and Mrs Bridgen made the salt dough.

The children have been writing explanation texts, such as why we wear shoes, why we use a knife and fork when we eat our food. In geography the children have been familiarising themselves with atlases and finding destinations in an atlas. In maths the children are continuing to practise multiplication skills and they are looking at the passage of time with particular reference to a quarter past and a quarter to the hour.

Our Year 3 children have been taking it in turns to take the poppies to the other classes. Thank you, Kestrel class.

Ahead of our trip to Norden Farm to see the puppet story of Miki, all the children have entered into a competition to create an under the sea picture for display at Norden Farm. The children's pictures are lovely.

Thank you for your support.

Ruth Goddard - Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates New or amended dates inBOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2017		
Friday 10 th	Dad's Night Out	Dads
Friday 17 th	Children in Need	All children & staff
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 2nd	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