

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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STOP PRESS CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMORROW

Thank you for all your contributions for the Christmas Fayre this term including returning raffle ticket stubs and money. Any raffle ticket stubs and money must be returned to school at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow afternoon to be included in the Prize Draw. Likewise please return any unsold raffle tickets so that they can be sold on the day. Thank you.

This week we have been busy rehearsing for the Nativity. No doubt your child has been teaching you the songs at home, the tunes are very catchy. Costumes have now been sent home. We would like the Kestrel class children to wear either a Christmas jumper if they have one, or a similar bright jumper, perhaps with some tinsel for the performances next week.

Through this spell of wintry weather the children all need to have a warm coat to wear also a hat and gloves. The wind across the playground can be bitterly cold. Next week we will be walking to the church in order to rehearse the Nativity there so that the children know where to stand and how much space they will have to move around in. This means they will be out in the cold for an extended period, so please make sure that your child has their coat, hat and gloves at all times.

Thank you for the donations for Children in Need. Altogether the school raised £53 for this worthy cause. We are very grateful to Pudsey Bear who found time in his busy day to visit the children in school.

The children have used some of their art and design time this week to make crafts to sell at the Christmas Fayre. The children are very keen for you to see and buy what they have created and made.

The children in the Ladybird class were putting the finishing touches to the Christmas tree decorations they had made from clay. Parents may have noticed glitter particles coming home! Mrs Statham has certainly been wearing glitter by the end of the school day.

The Ladybird children have been continuing to learn and practise Nursery Rhymes; the children are listening for rhyming words and trying to predict what word might rhyme. The children have been completing a range of practical counting activities which have included finding one more and finding one less. The children have been making play dough cakes too. On Thursday the children had chunks of ice to investigate. One of the things the children enjoyed was trying to find out how they could make the ice melt quickly-not an easy task on a freezing day.

The children have enjoyed rehearsing the songs ready for the Nativity and this week they have been practising ringing the bells for one of the songs. This has been a tantalising task as they have to ring the bells for the first verse, put the bells down and then ring the bells again for the last verse. This involves great self-discipline and restraint!

In the Woodlands class the children have been listening to and acting out the story of the Enormous Turnip. They have also made up their own very funny versions of the story. In maths, the children have been doubling numbers, and halving numbers. They have also been doing a range of practical activities to help them be able to find a half, a quarter and three quarters. The children have been making sets of and some of the children are beginning to learn how to multiply by two.

In science the children have continued to learn about how the moon and the Earth orbit around the sun. The children have been making a selection of crafts for the Christmas Fayre, of which they are very proud.

In the Kestrel class this week there has been lots of practical activity as the children have been sorting and ordering fractions. This led to some great class discussion as the children had different views in the first instance about whether five eighths was a bigger fraction than three quarters or was three quarters a bigger fraction than five eighths? The children had to 'prove' their answers. The children's understanding of fractions has increased substantially through the week.



In English, the children were introduced to a series of lessons featuring poetry. Their first lesson introduced the children to 'The Magic Box'. The children looked at and listened to the features of poems before having a go at writing their own poems. Each child has written a poem called 'Into My Christmas Stocking'. These poems will be presented inside the felt Christmas stockings which the children have stitched and decorated for the Christmas Fayre. The children had excellent ideas for their poems. Well done, Year 3.

The Year 3 children have been learning Christmas carols with Mrs Blake, who comes in to teach music. The children have been accompanying the carols with boomwhackers (these are tuned percussion tubes). In the Woodland class the children have been developing graphic scores to represent the winter weather ('Winter' by Vivadi) as well as learning to perform some Christmassy songs. The choir have been singing Christmas carols too.

Thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard – Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please could we remind you that we are a nut free school and nut butters should not be used on the children's sandwiches. Thank you.

Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
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 18th	Christmas Party, Christmas Jumper 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