

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to our Christmas newsletter which will include last week's news and take us to the end of term.

Thank you for bearing with us as we took the decision to close the school on Monday and then again on Tuesday. Having Mr and Mrs Long living in the village we had up to date advice on the state of the roads! Our thanks to them both for keeping us informed and also our thanks to Ben Randall for clearing and gritting pathways around the school for access.

Last week, we had no internet so could not send out the newsletter, so our news is now conveyed to you in chronological order.

A huge thank you to Bex as Chair and to all the PTA and to you all for your tremendous support for the Christmas Fayre. The children had fun leading up to the Fayre, making a variety of crafts which parents very generously purchased on the day. The Christmas Fayre was a great success, so thank you all for your contributions and support and for spending money on the day.

The PTA are committed to spending half the money raised on the children currently in school and to putting the rest towards fundraising for equipment and resources that will be required in the new building project. To this end, the PTA has asked staff to supply their wish lists. Each class has been allocated £250 to spend on resources of their choice with a further £250 made available to Kestrel class to purchase new books.

We hope you have all enjoyed The Nativity this year. Thank you for your help with costumes and costume preparation. We are incredibly proud of all the children. They have rehearsed in a purposeful way, conveying the true dignity of the story of the birth of Jesus. The children have really enjoyed learning and singing the songs which are very catchy and sing-a-long. We walked down to church to rehearse in situ and for the dress rehearsal wearing our smart new Hi-Viz waistcoats.

The Ladybirds have been learning all sorts of fascinating facts about penguins this week. They have practised their cutting skills cutting around the outline of a penguin too. The children have also been making angels. In maths the children have been looking at repeating patterns. They transferred this skill by making repeating patterns on a Snowman's scarf.

The children have been reading the story of The Magic of Christmas. The story gave the children the opportunity to imagine and predict what the mice would find next. The children have also been writing about what they would like to find under their Christmas tree.

In the Woodland class the children have been treated to a 3D shape magic show! The children have been practising describing the properties of 3D shapes: describing the faces, vertices and edges. The children have made some 3D models including zoos, gardens, castles, stables, space centres and rockets.



In science the children have learned about snowflakes and how snowflakes are formed. The children have written their own poems about snowflakes trying to use rhyming words.

This week the children have also been learning about animals and their habitats. In music, the children composed a class Christmas rap.

In Kestrel class, the children have continued their work with poems this week. The children have been reading a range of poems, including looking at shape poems. The children have practised reading poetry aloud to consider the audience. The children have been discussing ideas and critiquing poems. In maths the children have been practising co-ordinates, paying attention to read across the x axis, then up the y axis. Christmas flair was brought into the co-ordinates learning as the children discovered Christmassy items as they plotted their co-ordinates and then connected the dots. The children were challenged to create their own designs and record the co-ordinates.



In geography, co-ordinates have also been used. The children have been locating countries in Europe as well as finding rivers and mountains in Great Britain. The children were challenged to set co-ordinate challenges for one another. The children in Kestrel class also created the designs for the Nativity programmes.

Headteacher Awards



Friday 8th December



Friday 15th December

We were very proud of all the children for their presentation of The Nativity. Both performances were a joy to behold with the children recalling this most special of stories.



In school this shortened week, the children have been completing a number of topics and craft projects as well as practising Christmas Carols for our Church Service on Tuesday morning, 19th December at 9.15am.

Some reminders for next week

On Monday, the children may wear Mufti including a Christmas jumper to keep cosy. This means that the children do not need a change of clothes for the Kites Disco at the end of the school day. Also on Monday it is the children's Christmas lunch. Please send in the party lunch food as requested. The children may carry the food into class with them on Monday morning and the staff will collect it and sort it ready for lunchtime.

If you use packaging that you would like returned, please label clearly with your child's name.

On Tuesday, our Christmas Service will be at 9.15am. This means that we will be able to walk the children to and from the church altogether.

The school day and term ends at 1.30pm. Please collect your children from the school at 1.30pm.

The children will not need bookbags or shoe bags on Tuesday.

As the autumn term comes to an end we would like to thank you all for your support this term. Also we would like to thank Mr Hyner and Mr Maxwell for their help with the rolling drop-off in the mornings. It has made a huge positive impact upon parking in the morning on the busy road. Thank you gentlemen.

The staff would like to thank you for all the cards and gifts which we have received. The biscuits have brightened our mornings as we have faced difficulties with plumbing and lighting in the staffroom.

Thank you all and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Spring Term starts for the children on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Ruth Goddard, Headteacher

Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

| Date | Occasion | Who? |
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| December 2017 | | |
| Monday 18 th | Christmas Party, Christmas Jumper and Kites Christmas Disco | All Children |
| Tuesday 19th | Church Service at St Nicholas 9.15am | Everyone |
| Tuesday 19 th | End of Term at 1.30pm | All children |
| January 2018 | | |
| Thursday 4th | School starts 8.50am | All children |