

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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This weekend it is the RSPB 'Big Garden Watch'. As a school, we have registered to take part. We have sent all the children home with a 'What did you see?' sheet to complete. The RSPB ask that a period of one hour is set aside to watch the birds which come into your garden. This can be any hour across Saturday or Sunday. Perhaps if you are already out for a nature walk you could use that time to record the birds you see? Mrs Hampson has arranged to collate the findings, so please send the annotated sheets back into school on Monday.

Mrs Hampson would like to make bird feeders with the children at school as part of our study of local birds and wildlife. To help with this, please could you send in some bird food ingredients/ resources? We would like donations of wild bird seed, packets of lard, 'Cheerio' breakfast cereal, pipe cleaners and pine cones. Thank you. These can be sent into school at any time but we need them by Friday 9th February latest.

If you take a look at the RSPB website you will find information about the Garden Bird Watch. You will also find a number of film clips suitable for the children to watch and to learn about the local wildlife too. You may even be inspired to make some bird seed cake at home too!



We are really grateful to the PTA for the money which they have released to each class for spending on resources. Some of the orders have arrived this week. Among the resources were bean bags for the children to sit on whilst reading, these had been selected for Ladybird and Kestrel classes; a wood-working set for Ladybirds and large wooden building blocks. A display bookcase for the Woodland class was selected to improve book display and storage.

We would also like to thank the parents who so kindly have made themselves available to help with a number of issues and tasks which have arisen this week. We are grateful for their time, expertise and often their muscle power! Thank you.

There is an ongoing problem with our internet. It has been down on some days but when it is working we know that there are delays too. We apologise for the newsletter not arriving promptly when Mrs Robertson sends it on Friday afternoon. Our internet provider is trying to resolve the issue.

In your child's book bag this week there is a letter about parent consultations for the Spring term. Please return your slip request for your preferred day and time. Mrs Robertson will then email you your allotted appointment. Also in your child's book bag there is a letter about the Kites' Disco before half term and a booking form for Kites for the second half of the Spring term.

Looking ahead, at the end of the Spring term, on Tuesday 27th March, the day before the term ends for the children, in the afternoon in conjunction with the PTA we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade, an Easter Egg Hunt and there will be tea and coffee for parents at the end of the school day. We are aware that not all parents will be able to attend, so Denise will still be offering Kites Club so that all the children can be included in the fun. If any children require Kites on this day there will be no charge.

In line with the new financial year, from 1st April 2018 new charges will apply to the Kites Holiday Club. **After school Kites Club will not be affected.**

New charges for the Kites Holiday Club will be:

1 child whole day	£35
2 children whole day	£60
1 child whole week	£150
2 children whole week	£250

Half day prices will stay the same. It has become necessary to make these increases in order to cover our costs.



The children have been busy as always this week. In the Kestrel class there has been a lot of practical measuring taking place. Linking maths and science, the children have been using toy cars to test how far each car can go and then precisely measuring the difference travelled as well as the distance between cars. The children are studying forces.

In English, the children have been creating their class Ibstone myth. The myth involves a goddess of fog and a silver stag. Ask your Year 3 child to recount the story to you.

The Kestrel pupils have been learning about personal hygiene and well-being. They have used their knowledge to design and make posters which remind us all to wash our hands thoroughly with soap and water. These posters have been proudly displayed around the school in strategic places to prompt us all to wash our hands. Well done Year 3.

In the Woodland class the children have been learning about and practising using the past tense. The children walked to the woods where they carried out a drama activity, becoming *'Toys in the Wood'*. Photograph were taken to record the scene. Back at school, the photographs were used as a visual aid to help the children write about what they had done using the past tense. The children were also challenged to use time connectives to sequence their writing.



In maths, the children have been practising sharing as an introduction to division. The children have been involved in a range of practical activities followed by the recording of what they did in number sentences using the division sign. In art, the children have learnt about the artistic style of Kandinsky and they have painted their own concentric circles.

In the Ladybird class the children are still learning and enjoying traditional fairy tales. This week the key focus has been the tale of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have been retelling the story as well as dramatizing it. The children have practised sequencing the story by putting story cards in the correct order. The children also worked in small groups to put on a puppet show which was very well received. The children really enjoyed their puppet shows!

In maths the children are continuing their learning of 'one more' and 'one less'. The children have practised writing their numbers in the classroom and also outside with chalk. The children have been challenged to recognise numbers, order numbers and try and spot where teachers have made deliberate mistakes.

The children have also done some weaving this week. There has been much repetition of skill acquisition through a variety of mediums as the children have been encouraged to do things using both their hands in a 'left hand, right hand' ... 'right hand, left hand' sequence.

As always, thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard, Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Value Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates in**BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2018		
29th January	PTA Meeting 7.30pm venue Grouse and Ale	All
February 2018		
1 st February	Stay and Play 2pm	Ladybirds parents
2nd February	After School Café – straight after school	All
7th February	Perform Workshop – Outer Space	All
9th February	RSPB Talk from Waddesdon Manor	All
9 th February	EOT 3.15/3.25pm	All
9 th February	Kites Valentine Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
12 th -16 th February	Kites Holiday Club 8.30am-6pm	All
19 th February	School starts 8.50am	All
20th February	Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.00pm	All
22nd February	Parents' Evening – 6-8pm	Woodland Only
March 2018		
1st March	World Book day – details to follow	All
8th March	Grandparents' Day – details to follow	Woodland
11th March	Mothers' Day Service – St Nicholas 10am followed by tea and cake at the school	All
22nd March	Sport Relief Day – details to follow	All
26th March	Kites Easter Disco – 3.15-4.30pm	All
27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade/Easter Egg Hunt – details to follow	All
28th March	Easter service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	All
28 th March	End of Term 1.30pm	All
29 th March	INSET DAY	
April 2018		
2nd-12th April	Kites Holiday Club	All
16th April	School Starts 8.50am	All
May 2018		
1st May	Whole school Photos	All
12th May	***May Fayre Marlow – lots of help needed big fundraising event – details to follow***	All
25th May	Kites May Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
25th May	EOT 3.15/3.30pm	All
29th May – 1st June	Kites Holiday Club	All
June 2018		
7th June	Sports day 1pm	All
14th June	Reserve sports Day	All
15th June	INSET Day	All
July 2018		
6th July	School Reports	All
6th July	The Big Sing – Details to follow	
12th July	School Trip – details to follow	All
18th July	Opera First Performance 6pm – details to follow	
23rd July	Kites Summer Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
24th July	Summer Celebration Service 9.30am	All
24th July	EOT 1.30pm	All
25th July	Kites Holiday Club Starts	All