

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Well it has been a year and a term like no other! I would like to thank you all for working with us to keep everyone safe, rolling drop off has been very effective, you have been brilliant at social distancing during our new pick up system and I am proud to say that we are one of the only schools in Bucks that has not had to close or partially close due to cases of Covid-19. Thank you again for keeping us all safe!

You should have all received an email today about Track and Trace arrangements up to 24th December, please do read this carefully as I do have a responsibility to keep you all safe until then!

The children have had a very busy end of term, Osprey Class performed their Nativity to five care homes and over 30 people in our wider community, they also managed to stage an evening performance too! Well done Osprey Class. All the classes have been recording a verse of Away in a Manger that will be shared at the Village Virtual Carol Service on Sunday 20th at 5pm. Please join us if you can, everyone is welcome:

Ibstone Village Carols via Zoom

Meeting ID: 830 9613 3864
Passcode: 786581

This week there have also been Zoom calls from Father Christmas, Christmas lunch AND a staff nativity! A huge thank you to everyone who has pulled together to make this happen for our children!



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Philippians 4:13*

Last week we shared a photo of our first Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Boy and our Prefects. This week I would like to introduce you to this year's House Captains and Vice Captains. They will be working together next term to plan our House events.



Today our four House Teams are named Allnutt, Baker, Gadbury & Merton.

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 1851.

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.

Merton

Merton College, Oxford, gifted the piece of land 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.

Gadbury

The piece of land that was gifted by Merton College was called Gadbury, it was named after John Gadbury who had been the Yeoman of Ibstone.

All children belong to a House and all children are awarded House Points for demonstrating our school values, living out our school vision, effort, behaviour and academic and sporting achievement. There are normally a number of House events during the course of the year, hopefully these will resume by the end of the year.

On behalf of all the staff and governors here at Ibstone CE Primary School, we wish you all a merry and bright Christmas and a peaceful New Year! See you all in 2021! Thank you for your continued support for the school!



Our beautiful knitted Nativity, gifted by Mags Lord. Thank you!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2020		
Fri 18 th	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
January 2021		
Mon 4 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 5 th	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
February 2021		
Fri 12 th	End of Term	All children
Mon 22 nd	Back to school 8.50am	All children
March 2021		
Thurs 4 th	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Wed 31 st	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
April 2021		
Thurs 1 st	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 25 th	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
May 2021		
Mon 3 rd	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Fri 28 th	End of Term	Everyone
June 2021		
Mon 7 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 8 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
July 2021		
Tues 20 th	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Wed 21 st	INSET DAY	Staff Only
August 2021		
TBC	Ibstone Horticultural Show	Everyone
September 2021		
Wed 1 st	INSET Day	Staff only
Thurs 2 nd	School starts for all children	All children

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