

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our open classes evening on Tuesday, the children were excited to show you their books and the classrooms. We will host a similar evening again in February and in the Summer term.

This week in Worship we have been thinking about community. We have talked about the communities we belong to, how they differ and what makes them special. We have celebrated achievements in the wider community and within our school community. Next week we will continue to think about community as we learn more about Harvest and celebrate Harvest with you at St Nicholas' Church, Ibstone.

I am sure many of you were looking out of your windows last night to see the Aurora Borealis, I whizzed down to school to see if I could capture them over the school, it was a little trickier than I had anticipated due to the green glow of the emergency lights!



(with a little bit of photoshop magic!)

## Asda Rewards

Thank you to everyone who has chosen Ibstone CE Primary School as their school of choice! Just by selecting our school you have helped raise over £100 for the school. We have 50 days left to make money (it costs you nothing, Asda donates it all). Please share this with friends and family to help build our cash pot!

## Pop Up Pumpkin Patch

For the past two years we have been invited to run the Café and set the scavenger hunt for the Pop Up Pumpkin Patch, 100% of the profits come directly to the school and enable us to provide even more for your child! Last year we raised near £3000 which enabled us to finalise our fund raising total and buy the minibus!

This is such a huge fundraising event for our school but we need your help, we still have gaps in the rota for helping at Pumpkin Patch Café, please fill out the Google Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvebixdCUaDfFUqOUDcqZavIB\\_yB4nOwPGifJks5m1NxA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvebixdCUaDfFUqOUDcqZavIB_yB4nOwPGifJks5m1NxA/viewform)

or get in touch if you can spare an hour or two of your time to help out. If you aren't able to help but are looking for a fun morning / afternoon out, head up to the Patch, there is lots to do, entry is free and there is a great scavenger hunt, café, tractor rides and pumpkin picking opportunities!



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## Weekly Round Up

### Pebbles

This week we have been talking about and exploring 2D shapes. The children have been encouraged to play freely with blocks, shapes and shape puzzles, finding and naming circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. They have also been using descriptive vocabulary such as straight, flat, curved etc to describe them.

Pebbles have enjoyed singing Hickory Dickory Dock and have used puppets to act out the song. They have made clock pictures and drawn a mouse to slide up and down the clock.

We have had lots of fun dancing and acting out Nursery Rhymes to music, there were lots of big smiles as they skipped up the hill pretending to be Jack and Jill! They also practised their sad faces as they pretended to be Humpty Dumpty falling off the wall.



### Ladybirds

In Ladybirds this week we have focused on the rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock. We had fun changing the rhyme with different times. We found out lots of interesting facts about mice and shared our knowledge about what we already knew. We all enjoyed being creative with making our own mice.

We have explored all our rhymes through music and responded through dance and movement.

In mathematics the focus has been on patterns, we have been out on a pattern hunt around the school taking pictures. We have continued patterns and created our own using colourful bears, sorting objects and natural materials.

In phonics the sounds of the week have been ck, e, u and r and our new tricky word is l.



## Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing their innovated stories. The children have been working hard to use interesting adjectives and have been developing the use of their writer's toolkit including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In mathematics, Year 1 have finished their unit on place value. This week the children have been learning to compare and order numbers within 10. Year 2 have also continued to work on place value and have been learning to compare objects and numbers.

In science, the children have been exploring the difference between wild animals and pets. We first talked about what makes an animal wild before discussing reasons for having a pet. The children then sorted animals into groups based on whether they would belong in the wild or whether they would be a pet.



## Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have been learning about the different techniques that authors can use to describe a setting and bring it to life. They identified these techniques in The Impossibly Possible Bookshop and in another text called Elf Road. They have also started planning and writing their own innovated version of The Impossibly Possible Bookshop.

In mathematics, Nemos have been looking at adding 1s across a 10 and adding 10s across a 100. We have been focusing on partitioning the second number and then bridging to the next 10 or 100. Frogs have started their unit of work on addition and subtraction. They have been looking at adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s to 4 digit numbers. They then moved onto recapping column addition and using this method to add pairs of 4 digit numbers.

During our 'Explore' lesson, the children have continued their research about their chosen animal in preparation for writing a fact file about the different animals.

In science this week, we recapped our investigation from last week and discussed our findings. The children wrote a conclusion explaining what they found and also discussed whether their predictions were correct.

In PSHE, we discussed some of the rights children have at school, with regards to their education and being happy. We then thought about that in order to have these rights all children also have some responsibilities to help everyone achieve these rights.

## Osprey Class

This week in English we were researching a famous black person from history, because this month is Black History Month, and we wanted to celebrate their successes in life. We took notes and started to write the facts into a biography of their life. We are looking forward to publishing our biographies.

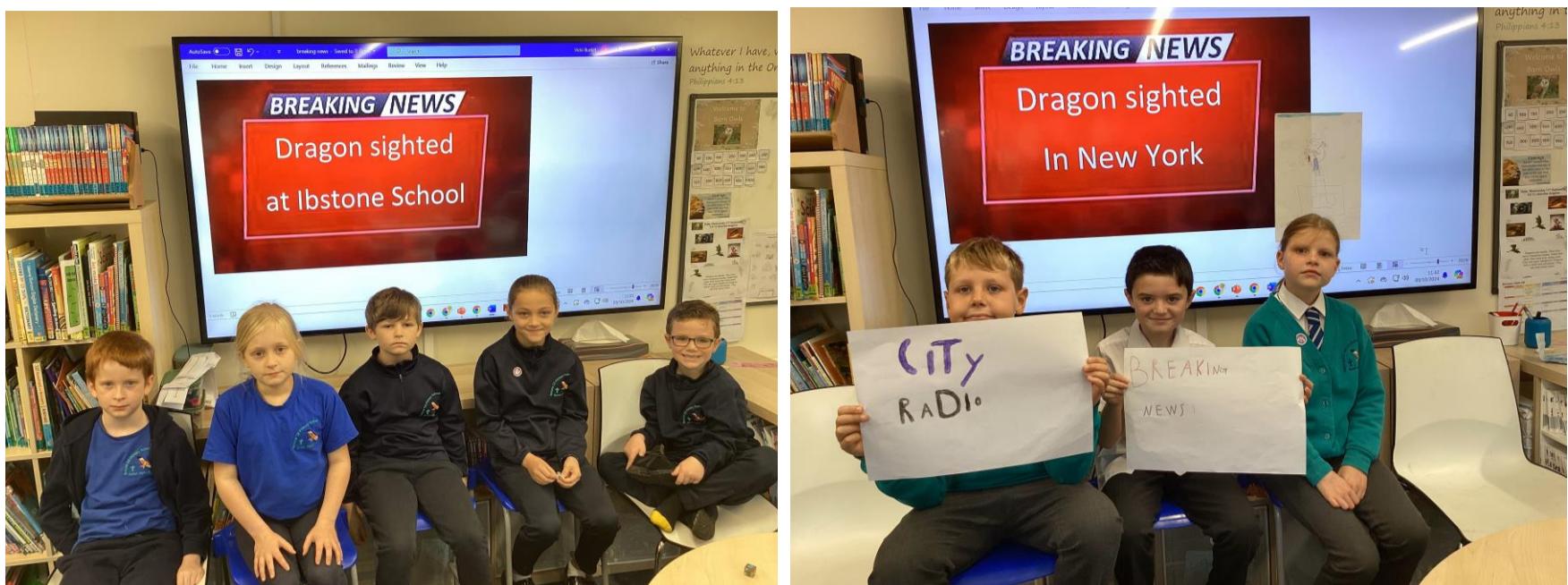
In mathematics we have been continuing our addition and subtraction topic. We have been thinking about how we can check our answers by doing the inverse operation.

In French, we made a mask so that we could do a show in French. Our masks gave us a bit more confidence to be able to have a conversation in French in front of our friends. Whilst we were making our masks, the other children went swimming, with Mrs Long.



## Barn Owls

This week in English we have become news reporters. We pretended that a dragon had been sighted in Ibstone and New York. We planned and made a 'breaking news report'. We also wrote our own newspaper articles. Alongside this, we have also explored similes.



In mathematics, we have used tens frames to help us learn how to add ones not only to one digit numbers but to two digit numbers too. We have been adding through tens by adding first to the next multiple of ten and then adding on.

## In other news

### Kites Club Bookings

Kites Club will only run until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a EYFS & KS1 and KS2 Disco on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, more information to follow. Breakfast club will run until the end of term.

Kites Club bookings for January are now open, we will be offering Hockey for KS2 on Wednesdays, Hockey for KS1 on Thursdays and Gymnastics for everyone on Fridays.

### Parents Meetings

Ms Robertson has emailed all parents with their confirmation emails. If you have not received your date and time, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can resend your email.

All meetings will be taking place in the school hall, please come to the back gate (Kites/ Early Birds Gate) for all appointments.

### Harvest Service

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Harvest Service on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We will be holding two services, one after drop off and one before pick up. Please park at school and walk down to the church as the car park is now locked during the week.

**Allnutt** and **Merton** families are invited to join us on Friday morning at 9.15am. **Baker** and **Gadbury** families are invited to the 2.30pm service.

Our Harvest Collection will be for Community Matters Foodbank. They are currently in need of the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sugar free squash</li><li>• Children's cereals (not cornflakes or porridge at the moment)</li><li>• Laundry capsules</li><li>• Tea bags</li><li>• Shampoo</li><li>• Jam</li><li>• Honey</li><li>• Fray Bentos pies – chicken, mincemeat, steak and gravy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washing up liquid</li><li>• Tinned vegetables eg potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn</li><li>• Children's toothpaste</li><li>• Tuna</li><li>• SPAM</li><li>• Tinned ham</li><li>• Microwavable rice</li></ul>
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### Ibstone Fireworks

The annual Ibstone Bonfire and Fireworks will be held on Saturday 2nd November from 5pm. You do not need to buy tickets, it is donations on the door with all funds put back into the fireworks for the following year. There is a BBQ from 5pm and the bonfire, featuring our very own Guy, will be lit just after 5pm. This is a no sparkler event, so please enjoy your sparklers at home before you come or after the event.

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long

Headteacher

# Headteacher's Awards



## Family Time Awards



Love – Courage – Respect – Community – Perseverance  
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## Zog the Dog Awards



## Runners of the Week



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**Diary Dates**  
**New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>October 2024</b>		
All month	Black History Month	Everyone
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Harvest Service – St Nicholas Church</b> <b>Allnutt and Merton – 9.15am</b> <b>Baker and Gadbury – 2.30pm</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term	Everyone
24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only
25 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only
<b>November 2024</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ibstone Fireworks – 5pm start with Bar &amp; BBQ – bonfire and fireworks to follow</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day	Everyone
15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – more information to follow	Everyone
13 <sup>th</sup>	World Kindness Day	Everyone
<b>December 2024</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> onwards	Christmas Performances – more information to follow	Everyone
20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>January 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>February 2025</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week – more information to follow	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
<b>March 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
<b>April 2025</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>May 2025</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
<b>June 2025</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>July 2025</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 <sup>st</sup>	Leavers Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Only