

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What an interesting week! The snow on Tuesday caught us a little by surprise! Thank you all for coming to collect the children so quickly, I'm glad you all got home safely in the end (I heard it may have taken 3 hours for a few families!).

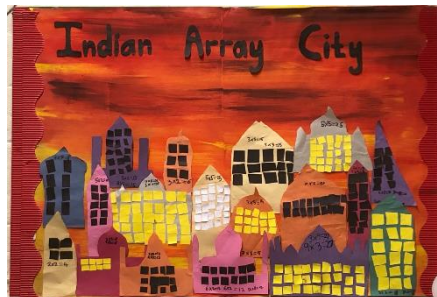
School Text System

Mrs Robertson sent out an email explaining that the system will only pick up the primary contact mobile number, however, we are able to add more numbers independently. If you would like to be added, please email the school office with your mobile number and Mrs Robertson will add you. If you have grandparents / child minders that are regularly involved in school life eg drop off and pick up etc, they can also be added but please be aware, anyone that is added to the system will receive all communications that are sent out.

Ladybirds have been enjoying the weather conditions and several of them very cleverly set up an experiment on Tuesday afternoon in the hope it was going to get very cold. They decided to fill a measuring cylinder with stones and water and leave it outside on the decking. On Thursday morning they returned to find that the water had frozen and had expanded in the cylinder!



Woodland Class have enjoyed planning their Indian adventure stories using story mountains this week. I am looking forward to reading the stories when they are finished in the next few weeks. In mathematics, they have made arrays to demonstrate multiplication facts and have made an excellent Indian Array City, I wonder if they can remember what they had to do?



Woodland Class have continued their learning about the Great Fire of London and have worked together to make some very effective pictures of the London skyline.

Kestrel Class have finished designing their imaginary world and have named it 'Ibstonia'. They have planned and written their 'Ibstonia' stories. In mathematics, they have been focussing on subtraction, the Year 3 children have been counting on to find the difference. Year 4 have been subtracting using the column method. The whole class have been challenged to solve two step word problems!

Kestrel Class have started their new science topic this week and enjoyed finding out about where electricity comes from, what appliances use electricity and how to stay safe!

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In other news...

Ibstone Circle

Thank you to those who have responded and sent their forms back. Ibstone Circle is set to be one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and we are hoping that over time it will continue to grow and raise money for the school. Other schools that have similar events raise over £9000 each year, imagine the resources and equipment and opportunities we could give our children with a boost like that in the PTA account. So... my plea to you... if you can spare an hour or two on Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th please let us know as soon as possible. We are still looking for some extra help in setting up on the morning of Sunday 28th, a couple of people to give us an hour of their time in the café and lots of help to pack down after the run.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform, there are a number of children who are still not wearing appropriate school shoes. Thank you for remembering to tie back hair that is shoulder length or longer, please remember that hair accessories should be navy blue or green. <http://www.ibstoneschool.org.uk/parents/uniform>

Tissues

We are in desperate need of boxes of tissues, if you are able to drop a box into your shopping trolley for us, we would be very grateful!

Christingle

It was lovely to see so many of you at the service on Sunday. Thank you for your candle donations, we raised £156.02 for 'The Children's Society'.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their forms already. If you haven't sent it back in yet, please do so as soon as possible.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm at the Fox County Inn, Ibstone. Please let Bex know if you can attend. For those who cannot attend on Monday evening, there is another meeting on Friday 1st February at 9am in the school hall.

Library Help

We are looking for volunteers to help run the library. If you think you can spare an hour on a Friday afternoon, please let us know.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Kestrel Points



Diary Dates

New or amended dates in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
February 2019		
Mon 4 th	Strategic FGB	All Governors
Mon 11 th	Kites Reception/KS1 and KS2 Valentine's Disco	All
Tues 12 th	Parents Evening	All classes by appointment
Thurs 14 th	Parents Evening	Woodland & Kestrel Classes by appointment
Fri 15 th	Inset Day	All families

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Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	Kites Holiday Club	Everyone
Mon 25 th	Back to school for everyone 8.50am	Everyone
Mon 25 th	Resources Committee 6.30pm	Resource Governors
March 2019		
Fri 1 st	Family Disco 6.30pm-8.30pm	Everyone
Tues 5 th	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Mon 11 th	Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm	All Governors
Fri 15 th	Comic Relief	Everyone
Sun 31 st	Mother's Day – more info to follow	Everyone
April 2019		
Fri 5 th	Church service 1pm	Everyone
Fri 5 th	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Mon 8 th – Thurs 18 th	Kites Holiday Club	Everyone
Tues 23 rd	Inset Day	Everyone
Wed 24 th	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 28 th	Ibstone Circle – Please note change of date	All children
Tues 30 th	Swimming starts for Kestrel Class	Kestrel Class
May 2019		
Thurs 2 nd	PROVISIONAL Polling Day – School Closed	Everyone
Sat 11 th	May Fayre 10am-5pm	Everyone
Mon 13 th	Resources Committee 6.30pm	Resources Governors
Wed 15 th	Stay & Play 9am	Ladybirds Parents
Fri 24 th	End of Term 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2019		
Mon 3 rd	Inset Day	Everyone
Tues 4 th	Children back to school 8.50am	All children
Mon 10 th	Garsington Day 1 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 13 th	Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
Mon 17 th	Garsington Day 2 – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Thurs 20 th	Reserve Sports Day – 1.30pm	Everyone
July 2019		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	All children
Wed 10 th	Opera First - Garsington (evening performance)	More info to follow
Fri 12 th	Reports Out	Everyone
Wed 24 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

In your child's folder today:

Information coming home:	Who?
Family Disco Booking Form	Everyone
Kites Valentines Disco	Everyone