

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As we race towards the end of the school year, it is still full steam ahead! The lines have been painted for Sports Day next week and the stickers have arrived! Now we just need the weather to be favourable!

Please make sure your child is wearing school PE kit on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. They will also need to be wearing trainers. Please apply suncream before they leave the house and ensure they have a hat and water bottle in school with them.



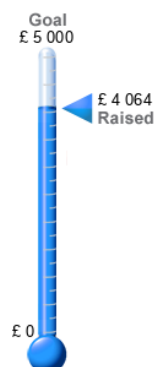
Ladybirds & Woodland PE Kit



Kestrel & Osprey PE Kit

Well done and thank you! The Sponsored Skip has raised £800! Thank you to the PTA for organising this event for our children! The skipping ropes will be delivered on Monday.

Along with some cash donations from Facebook sales, flower sales and other donations, our fundraising total is now £4064.13! Thank you all for your support!



## **Kings, Queens and Castles Week - 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July**

We are planning a special week of fun and events for the children in the final week of term. There will special activities planned all week, including space hopper jousting and a banquet. We are inviting everyone to dress up on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July (Banquet Day) costumes can be as sparkly, grand or as simple as you wish as long as they fit with the Kings, Queens & Castles theme (A few ideas as suggested by the children - King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Knight, Jester, castle turret, courtier, maid, horse, butler, dragon).

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## What we have been learning this week...

Ladybirds have continued with their Minibeast topic. They listened to the story of Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell and have written their own endings for the story. The children loved designing a new shell for Norman and were very creative! In mathematics they have been adding and subtracting using a number line and practical equipment.

The children have been exploring magnets and have sorted everyday objects into magnetic and non-magnetic groups. They have been busy designing and making their own minibeast fridge magnets. The Ladybirds have also been thinking about the future and have been discussing what they would like to be when they are older.



Woodland Class have had an assessment week this week and have been revisiting their learning to date. The children have all worked incredibly hard and have demonstrated our Ibstone Value of Perseverance.

In Science the children have been learning about healthy eating and different food categories. The children were asked to sort different types of food into groups before placing them correctly onto a food pyramid. In DT the children have been busy designing castles. In their design, the children were asked to include 5 key features of a castle which included battlements, arrow loops, a drawbridge, a portcullis and towers. The children are looking forward to making their castles in the next couple of weeks.

In Kestrel Class, the children have started learning about the Royal Family, they have been finding out about members of the Royal Family and thinking about how they are related to the Queen. They have worked in groups to research one of the members and feedback to the class with some interesting facts. Did you know The Queen is the only person that doesn't need a driving licence to be able to drive in the UK and that Princess Diana's favourite pudding was Bread and Butter pudding!

In English, the children have been planning and writing their own stories, this time they could write about anything they wanted as long as there was a link to Kings, Queens and castles. The children have had some amazing ideas and we are all looking forward to reading them. They have written stories about suits of armour coming alive, knights being taken from the castle and many more adventures involving Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses.

In mathematics, Year 3 and 4 have continued learning about time and have been converting between analogue and digital times. They have looked at 12 hour clocks, using am and pm to differentiate between morning, afternoon and evening. They have also been challenged to convert times between the 12 hour clock and the 24 hour clock (a challenge for some adults). Group 3 have continued to look at telling the time to the nearest hour and half past the hour.

In science, Kestrel Class have continued to look at teeth. They recapped their learning from last week, thinking about the different types of teeth and their different roles. They looked at pictures of different animal skulls and talked about the different teeth they have. They discussed why different animals have different teeth and they were all able to recognise that this was dependent on the animal's diet.

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Osprey Class have continued reading their class text 'Skellig'. They have summarised some of the chapters and answered comprehension questions using retrieval skills, inference and prediction. Year 5 have continued their descriptive writing using a variety of techniques to engage the reader and develop atmosphere. Year 6 have had the opportunity to start to write an extended story of their choice.

In maths Year 5 have worked with decimals, learning how to add and subtract decimals and using mental strategies to make compliments to one. Year 6 have been working on a project planning and working out the budget for a family foreign holiday. They have now seen how complex it is and hopefully will be appreciative when they get to go on a holiday!

In preparation for our Kings, Queens & Castles Week, the Osprey Class have been teaching each other how to play (very competitive) chess, ready for the Ibstone Chess Championship!



### Reminders:

#### Hats

Please send your child into school with a sun hat every day (or even better send in a named hat that can stay in school), the weather is so changeable at the moment and when the sun shines, it is very hot out on the playground.

#### Kites Holiday Club

If there are any remaining Holiday Club forms out there, please send them to the office email by the end of next week.

Have a great weekend  
Louise Long  
Headteacher

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# Headteacher Awards



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

| Date                        | Occasion                                     | Who?                          |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>July 2021</b>            |  |                               |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>         | Y2 & Y4 Transition                           | Y2 & 4 children               |
| Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>        | Transition Day                               | New families                  |
| <b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Sports Day</b>                            | <b>School children only</b>   |
| <b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Leavers' Service – St Nicholas Church</b> | <b>Y6 &amp; families only</b> |
| <b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Whole School Celebration – 2pm</b>        | <b>Everyone</b>               |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>       | End of term – 1.30pm                         | Whole School                  |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>        | INSET Day                                    | Staff only                    |

**2021-2022 Term Dates**

| Date                         | Occasion                                      | Who?                |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>September 2021</b>        |   |                     |
| <b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>    | <b>INSET DAY</b>                              | <b>Staff only</b>   |
| <b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>Children start back to school – 8.40am</b> | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>October 2021</b>          |   |                     |
| <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm</b>            | <b>All children</b> |
| <b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>INSET DAY</b>                              | <b>Staff only</b>   |
| <b>November 2021</b>         |   |                     |
| <b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Remembrance Day</b>                        | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>December 2021</b>         |   |                     |
| <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>End of Term – 1.30pm</b>                   | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>January 2022</b>          |   |                     |
| <b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>INSET DAY</b>                              | <b>Staff only</b>   |
| <b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Children start back – 8.40am</b>           | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>February 2022</b>         |   |                     |
| <b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm</b>            | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Children start back– 8.40am</b>            | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>March 2022</b>            |   |                     |
|                              |   |                     |
| <b>April 2022</b>            |   |                     |
| <b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>End of Term – 1.30pm</b>                   | <b>All children</b> |
| <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>INSET DAY</b>                              | <b>Staff only</b>   |
| <b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Children start back– 8.40am</b>            | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>May 2022</b>              |   |                     |
| <b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup></b>    | <b>Bank Holiday</b>                           | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>End of Term – 3.15pm/3.25pm</b>            | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>June 2022</b>             |   |                     |
| <b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>INSET DAY</b>                              | <b>Staff only</b>   |
| <b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Children start back – 8.40am</b>           | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>July 2022</b>             |   |                     |
| <b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Transition Day</b>                         | <b>Everyone</b>     |
| <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>End of Term – 1.30pm</b>                   | <b>Everyone</b>     |

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