

'Courage to Care' Listening, Welcoming, Nurturing, Celebrating

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Dear Iron Acton families,

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the school throughout Term 3 – it has been a challenging one and we are incredibly grateful to you all for your patience and understanding when things haven't quite gone to plan. Please do speak to a member of staff if you ever have any comments or questions – we are always happy to help.

It appears that the Government's plans for isolation upon testing positive may be about to change and this will have a significant impact on our school allowing education to be disrupted less frequently. We will keep you updated about this. As we have a very limited number of cases in school, we have also decided to remove some of our enhanced restrictions; this has allowed us to hold whole school gatherings, such as assemblies and it has been great to bring the school back together again.

Wishing you all a restful half term break. School begins again on **Tuesday 1st March at 8.55**. Please ensure your child is here on time, so that they don't miss out on the valuable learning that takes place at the start of the day.

Thank you, Mike Riches

Events for next term

INSET day – 28th February

School will be closed to all children whilst the staff have Child Protection and Safeguarding refresher training.

Cheerleading Taster Sessions – Tuesday 1st March

All children will have the opportunity to join a Cheerleading session organised by The Sports Project during the day. Children should come to school dressed in school PE kit. We hope to be able to offer a club run by this organisation following these sessions – please look out for more details next term.

World Book Day – 3rd March

Children will take part in a range of activities to support and encourage a love of reading. We ask children to dress up every other year as we know dressing up can be a challenge for many; this year we are **not** asking children to dress up.

Parent teacher meetings – 8th & 9th March

Letters were sent out last week. We ask that any remaining preferences for appointments are advised as soon as possible, so that allocations can be made and shared early next term. Children's books will be available to view. There will be a chance to complete our annual questionnaire.

Easter service – 8th April, 2pm

Families are welcome to join us for this event. More details to follow.

Final day of Term 4 – 8th April

LGBT history month

This week we have given all children the opportunity to learn about people who have made a difference to those around them and who are LGBT. Our youngest children learnt about Queen Victoria's goddaughter Catherine Duleep Singh, who supported the protest to ensure women could vote:

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/system/files/catherine_duleep_singh_ebook_-_year_1_and_2_p2_and_p3.pdf

Our oldest children have been looking at a range of people as well as the resources on the Newsround website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55889037>

This has been an important opportunity for our school to continue to help children understand, recognise and celebrate diversity.

Mental health week

It was good to see the children getting involved in a range of activities last week to support and promote positive mental health. Thank you all for your donations towards mental health charity Place2Be as part of the Dress to Express day. A total of £100 was raised.

House teams

We are currently in the process of implementing a house team system to further extend opportunities for collaboration across the school as well as to develop responsibility for our oldest children, who will be chosen as house captains. Children from each class will be placed into a 'house' with which the children will work at key times during the year, such as sports day and whole school art days. This week, our Year 5/6 children were encouraged to apply for the role of house captains. The applications have been flooding in and the outcome will be announced early next term. House captains will take on a variety of important roles, such as selecting children to receive recognition through a certificate at each Friday celebration collective worship. They will also be expected to support and arrange school events and activities.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

Thank you for everyone who completed the survey, if you still would like to add your views, please click this link <https://forms.gle/eKij6V8HDTuwdPC89>

The After School runs every Monday – Thursday 3.15 – 6.00 pm and the charge is £8.50. Breakfast Club runs Monday to Friday 7.45 – 8.55 am the charge is £4.00. Payments can be made on Parentpay or using child care vouchers. Bookings can be made by emailing the office enquiries@ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk



Fromside Listeners



**After two years of the Pandemic
as we move forward...**

If you are struggling...

If you just want someone to talk...

OUR LISTENING TEAM IS HERE...

Phone 01454 775529
or
email: m.strange@fromsidechurches.org.uk



Courage to Care certificates

Since the last newsletter, the following children have received recognition for their learning through our Courage to Care certificates:

Barn Owls

Mylo – improving listening and focus in class

Falcons

Mya – trying her hardest in all areas of learning

Buzzards

Dollie – excellent progress in English

Golden Eagles

Sophie – excellent attitude towards learning

Iron Acton May Day

The Iron Acton May Day has been confirmed for this year and will take place on May 2nd 2022. With celebrations taking place on The Green, Iron Acton Primary School children have been invited to take part in this village event with the traditional Maypole Dancing.

This year we are looking for two parent volunteers to run and organise a Maypole Dancing activity club, which will enable the children to practise and then perform at the May Day event.

If you are interested, and able to give up some time once a week after school to help the children in this activity club, please email the school office.



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Term 3 and 4 dates for the diary

Event	Date and time	Information
INSET day	28.02.22	School closed to all children.
First day of Term 4	01.03.22	
Cheerleading Taster Day	01.03.22	All pupils to arrive at school in school PE kit.
World Book Day	03.03.22	
Parent / teacher meetings	08.03.22 09.03.22	Appointments will be shared early next term.
Easter service	08.04.22 2pm	We hope to invite families to join us this year.
Last day of Term 4	08.04.22	
First day of Term 5	25.04.22	
May Day on The Green	02.05.22	Iron Acton Primary School invited to join in with Maypole dancing. Details of an activity club to follow.

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/news/>

