

# Ifield School's Newsletter



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Dear Ifield Families, Governors, Staff and Friends,

I warmly welcome our pupils, their families and our whole school community back to Term 5. I hope you all had an enjoyable and memorable Easter holiday. There is always a special feeling greeting our pupils on the first day of each new term following any holiday.

Term 4 was an exceptionally busy and exciting term at Ifield, with fantastic learning opportunities and experiences for our pupils. Thank you to all our staff for their creativity and ensuring our pupils continue to engage, play and learn successfully.

Thank you to all parents who joined The Cedar Federation World Book Day Parade and attended our Stay and Learn sessions last term. I hope all parents found the in-year Parents' Evening productive and an opportunity to celebrate your child/ren's progress and success.

A special thank you to our volunteers for all their support and hard work at Ifield's School Woodlands Working Party Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The group of parents, staff and their family members made so much progress clearing paths and openings and creating dead wood fences, so that our pupils can continue to access Forest Schools. The sun was shining and all volunteers certainly enjoyed their well-deserved sausage baps, cooked on the fire for lunch.

Please take note of the save the dates for this new term. I hope to see many pupils, staff, families and friends at our annual Bluebell Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

With very best wishes,

**Maddie Arnold-Jones**  
**Headteacher**



# Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose or dressed in red at school for the day on 15<sup>th</sup> March. There were some very creative outfits and as a school community we raised £141.00! Thank you to everyone for their support.



# Buckingham Palace

The WOW Girls Festival Bus Tour has been brought to a close at a reception hosted by President of WOW, Her Majesty The Queen, following International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The WOW Girls festival is a force for change across society in how it sees girls, their potential and the opportunities it offers for their future. Accompanied at the reception by The Queen of the Belgians and The Duchess of Gloucester, The Queen visited the WOW Bus, parked at its final tour destination, and met young people who were taking part in activities in the recording studio and craft sessions on board. Three pupils from Ifield School were fortunate to receive a formal invitation to the prestigious event. The pupils had an amazing day and enjoyed speaking to Helen Mirran and Scary Spice.



# World Book Day

Families from Ifield School and King's Farm Primary School came together to join in a Federation parade to celebrate World Book Day. Refreshments were served whilst parents waited for the parade to begin. Pupils and staff dressed in some amazing costumes this year, and it was lovely to see pupils from both schools parading together and enjoying the event.



## PTFA News

The PTFA have been very active in the spring term organising the family Disco in February and buying the Easter gifts for pupils taking part in the Easter Egg Hunts organised around the school and at the school's woodlands.

The group also supported the Online Safety workshop facilitated by Emma Partington, Senior Assistant Headteacher, which was open to all parents and carers of Ifield School pupils.

The PTFA met in Term 4 to plan forthcoming events, including a coffee morning on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May between 9am and 11am and Bluebell Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 11am to 2pm. More information is available on Ifield's School website and our Facebook page.

At the meeting, the group also heard about the planned project to develop the sensory garden to make it an outdoor learning environment for all our pupils. This project has been part funded by the money raised over the years by our Ifield parents and friends of the community, which we are truly grateful.

We really hope to see you at the next events.

**Mandy Braisted**  
PTFA Co-Chair



Last term, Ifield School changed its Management Information System (MIS) and as a federation, we selected Arbor. The system holds data about your child, such as personal data, attendance records, family contact information.

**Why do we need to make the change?**

The Local Authority is ceasing its MIS contract and require Kent schools to choose.

**What does the change mean?**

- A Parent App is available to download and accessible via a web browser
- Communication i.e. emails/push notifications/SMS
- Making payments
- Consent forms
- Parents evening arrangements

**When will the change happen?**

- Arbor will go live during Term 4 for staff.
- Families will receive further information, including log in details during Term 5, but please continue to use ParentMail for payments until notified.

## Save the Dates

Arts Week - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Coffee Morning - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

Bluebell Day - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am- 2pm

Lower PE Enrichment Afternoon - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm

