

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 5th September 2016



WELCOME



Welcome to the new school year 2016-17 at Isleham Primary School. I am delighted to have joined Isleham Primary School following my relocation to this area from Kent in the summer, and am really looking forward to getting to know you all and working with you and your children over the coming months and years. Please feel free to come and say hello when you see me in the playground at the beginning or end of the day; if you do need to come and speak more formally about your child, please book an appointment via the office.

In each week's newsletter, I will provide information about events which have taken place in school, the key dates coming up in the next week or so, and information about the weekly menu, award winners and birthday celebrations.

We will aim to publish the web-version of the newsletter to the website by 11am each Monday morning and email you a full version. Please read the newsletter regularly and let me know if there is anything you would like added in, such as news of your child's achievements outside school (e.g. an award gained at an outside club or event.) I can be emailed at head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk

With all best wishes for the term ahead,
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MENU

Please find below details of this week's school menu. The daily menu is also on display in school for the children to view. If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please do so in advance via the online payment system- SIMS Agora. www.payyourschool.co.uk

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Local pork and apple grill in a bun	Leek and ham pasta bake with French bread	Organic minced beef pie with gravy and mashed potatoes	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Salmon bites or cod goujons with chips
DESSERTS	Fudge tart with chocolate sauce	Sticky toffee apple sponge with custard 	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Strawberry whip and a mini shortbread biscuit	Mini gingerbread and fruit 
	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

I hope that your children will be able to attend regularly in order to benefit from the wonderful teaching in this school. If your child needs to be absent for any reason, please telephone the school on the morning of absence to confirm the reason. A follow-up note should be sent in when your child returns to school to provide a written record of your child's absence- this is kept with our registers. Please avoid booking holidays, dental appointments, haircuts or non-emergency appointments of any nature during school hours.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & LOST PROPERTY

It is lovely to see all your children back in school ready for the new school year. Our school uniform is very smart and I would like to encourage all the children to wear it proudly from today... I include overleaf the current list of regulation uniform- please do not allow your children to persuade you that they can/ should wear other items or colours! Trainers/ hoodies are not suitable for school, and children need to wear school shoes to and from school (they can bring trainers for PE) and a burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan. We have a small number of second hand items available to purchase from the office if you do not have any burgundy items for your child to wear, or new items can be ordered from the office.

Please also ensure all items of clothing/kit are clearly named with your child's name in permanent marker pen or sew-in/ attached labels so that they can be returned to your child if they are misplaced and found by someone else. Staff in school during the holidays found a large number of unnamed items which had been left on pegs and lying around in school. We will return any items which are labelled to their rightful owners.

Please do not send in any items which are precious or valuable to your child such as jewellery, as these are not suitable for school. Please also avoid fashion accessories and make-up.

Winter	
Blouse/ Shirt/Polo shirt	White or burgundy
Pinafore Dress / Skirt / Trousers	Grey
School Sweatshirt	Burgundy with school logo
Sensibly Styled School Shoes	Dark coloured flat or low heel
School Fleece	Burgundy
Waterproof coat	Plain dark coloured
<i>No fashion shoes for Health and Safety reasons</i>	
Summer	
Blouse/Shirt/Polo shirt	White or burgundy
Skirt/Trousers or Shorts	Grey
Dress	Red and white check or stripe
Sun Hat	Burgundy with school logo
School Sweatshirt/sweat cardigans	Burgundy with school logo
Sensibly Styled Shoes or Sandals	Dark coloured flat or low heel
<i>No fashion shoes for Health and Safety reasons</i>	
Physical Activities	
Plain T Shirt	Burgundy with school logo
Shorts	Burgundy
Outside activities	
Plimsolls/Trainers solely for PE activities. Elasticated for younger children.	
Tracksuits may be worn for outside activities during the winter. Please wear PLAIN BLACK	
Swimming	
One piece costume/trunks – any hair longer than collar length must be covered with a swimming cap	
<i>(Long hair MUST always be tied back for all PE activities.)</i>	

PLAYGROUND USE

Children need to please dismount and push their scooter or bike along the pathway to/from the playground and in the playground. Please also remember that dogs are NOT permitted on the school premises.

SUN SAFETY

The weather remains incredibly variable, but if recent sunny spells continue, please ensure your child has a named burgundy-coloured sun hat in school to wear at break and lunchtimes. Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to school.

RULES FOR RESPONSIBLE INTERNET USE

The school has installed computers and has tablets available for Internet access to help the children's learning. Please read the rules with your child; they are designed to keep

everyone safe. The full school Acceptable Use Policy is available to read via our website policies page. Please then return the attached permission form.

Children's responsible use of ICT agreement:-

- I will use only my own login and password.
- I will not access other people's files.
- I will use the computers and iPads only for schoolwork and homework.
- I will not bring memory sticks or CD-ROMs into school without permission.
- I will ask permission from a member of staff before using the computers and internet.
- I will only e-mail people I know in real life, or those my teacher has approved.
- The messages I send will be polite and sensible.
- I will not send images of myself or others, give my home address or phone number, or arrange to meet someone, unless my parent, carer or teacher has given permission.
- I will not copy or use information that does not belong to me into my school work without referring to its author.
- To help protect other pupils and myself, I will tell a teacher if I see anything I am unhappy with or I receive a message I do not like.
- I will not send virus attachments or open any attachments which seem suspicious.
- I understand that the school can check my computer files and the Internet sites I visit.

RECEPTION INDUCTION VISITS

Our Reception class children will be joining us from Monday the 12th September. Miss Diplock will be visiting the children at home on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week, and the children will then be attending for a familiarisation session, as booked, on Thursday or Friday before they join us full-time on the 12th. Any parents of Reception children who are unsure of their home visit or familiarisation session time are welcome to contact Mrs Barrett, Mrs Dennis or Mrs Burton in the office for confirmation.

BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKINGS

If you require breakfast club bookings for this term, please contact the office for an application form for the term ahead. Please note that this facility is currently over-subscribed and available places are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

NEWSLETTER DESIGN COMPETITION

Throughout the month of September this year, we are running a competition for children of the school to design a new 'footer' for the newsletter which can be used throughout the remainder of the year.... The children are invited to draw a long thin picture or pictures of the school, of Isleham village or of the school children, and submit it to the competition. We have some lovely art prizes for them to win. If your child would like to enter the competition, please print out the entry form page of the newsletter (overleaf) and return it to school by the morning of Friday 23rd September 2016. Your child should hand his/her completed entry form to his/her class teacher. The entries will be judged by our school art co-ordinator Mrs Barber and Mrs Skillern on the 23rd September, with winners announced in the newsletter and assembly on the 26th September.

DIARY DATES- SEPTEMBER 2016

- Monday 12th September- lunchtime and after-school clubs commence. If your child would like to attend any of the offered clubs for his/ her year group, please return the slip below as soon as possible so that places can be allocated.
- Monday 12th September- Reception children commence full-time days in school
- Friday 23rd September- Deadline for Newsletter Design Competition
- Wednesday 28th September- Full Governors' Meeting 7pm
- Friday 30th September- Harvest Service- St Andrew's Church, Isleham 2pm (Parents welcome- further details of harvest service to follow. Each child will invited to **bring a tin or sealed packet of food** for The Three Rivers' Churches' Harvest collection. Thank you in advance.

CLUBS FOR YEAR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 CHILDREN

Please find below a timetable detailing clubs running this term. Please tick any choices your child would like to attend on the choices slip overleaf and return this to the office. A confirmation slip will be sent to you at the end of the week detailing club allocations... Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please do not confirm attendance to your child until you have received a confirmation slip back- if clubs are over-subscribed, it may not be possible for everyone to attend their chosen club this term. Please note that in this first term, the Reception children may join in informal games on the grass on Monday lunchtime, and will have various activities set up for them by the Reception team, rather than needing to sign up for extra clubs. There is a small cost of £10 per term (approximately £1 per session per pupil, to cover specialist sports staffing costs for archery and mulitskills. Payment arrangements will be sent out with club allocation slips.)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCHTIME				
Informal 'Games on the Grass' for anyone who wants to join in! with Mrs Deacon	Chess Club with Mrs Bond ICT Club/ICT Champions with Mr Walker	Recorder Club with Mrs Skillern (KS2 only)	Art Club with Mrs Staward (KS2 only) Construction Club with Mrs Sassoli	Swimming club with Miss Drayton & Miss Diplock (for KS2 invited children who need more opportunities and practice) (until half term)

				Craft Club with Miss Drayton & Miss Diplock (after half term)
AFTER SCHOOL				
Staff Meetings		Hayley from Witchford Sports Partnership Key Stage 1 multiskills session £10 per term Drama Club (KS2) with Mrs Deacon 3.15pm-4.15pm Maximum 20	Lewis Stevens from Premier Sport- Year 3,4,5 & 6 Archery Session Max. 12 £10 per term	Maypole Dancing with Mrs Skillern 3.15pm to 4.15pm- Maximum 15

Clubs choices slip: please return your clubs choices slip (overleaf) to the office **by Wednesday the 7th September at 4pm** so that places at clubs can be allocated and parents can be informed of club allocations at the end of the week. Please note that club allocation slips will be sent home on Friday 9th September.

Clubs reply slip- Autumn Term 2016

Name of child: _____ Year group _____

My child would like to attend the following club(s) this term if there is availability. Please tick all options and place in numerical order of preference (e.g. 1 = most preferred, followed by 2 etc.)

Club	Time	(Please tick if your child would like to attend and place a number next to each tick to indicate order of preference)
Chess Club	Tuesday lunchtime	
ICT Club	Tuesday lunchtime	
Recorder Club (KS2 only)	Wednesday lunchtime	
Multiskills (KS1 only)- £10 contribution per term	Wednesday after school	
Drama Club	Wednesday after school	
Art Club (KS2 only)	Thursday lunchtime	
Construction Club	Thursday lunchtime	
Archery Club (KS2 only)- £10 contribution per term	Thursday after school	
Craft Club (after half term)	Friday lunchtime	
Maypole Dancing Club	Friday after school	

Please note that clubs marked as KS2 only are for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6- they will not be suitable for Year 1 and 2 children.

Clubs marked as KS1 only are for children in Year 1 & 2.

You will be invoiced for the voluntary contribution for Archery and Multiskills clubs if your child is allocated to either activity. Please arrange payment by half term if possible.

I am happy for my child to be allocated to any of the ticked activities above.

Signed _____ (Parent/ Guardian)

Date _____