

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS



Week commencing: 6th February 2017

THE RUN-UP TO THE SPRING HALF TERM BREAK

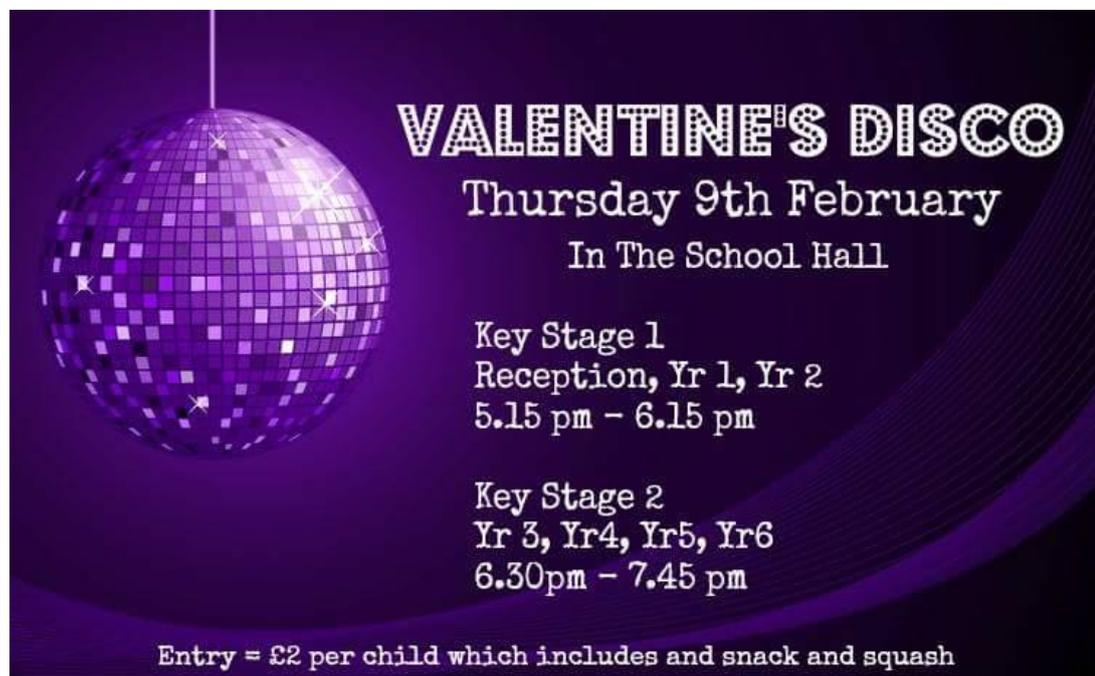
Our parents' evening appointments will run from 4pm-7pm today- Monday 6th February and 3.30pm-5.30pm on Tuesday 7th February, so please note that there will be **no after school clubs** this week, with the exception of Netball on Wednesday with Mrs Galloway and Fencing on Thursday with Mr Stevens which will take place.

If you have not managed to book an appointment online to meet with your child's teacher, please speak to the office staff who will arrange to book a suitable appointment time for you. Please note that these Spring-time parents' evening appointments are to discuss your child's progress, next steps in learning and their personal targets for the coming term.

Please remember that there will be **NO SCHOOL** for pupils this Friday 10th February as the school is closed for a staff professional development day. We return to school after the half term break on Monday the 20th February.

Meanwhile, however, the children can look forward to an exciting start to half term with the P.T.A. Valentine's Disco after school on Thursday- all proceeds will be fed back into the school via the P.T.A.

With best wishes for the half term week ahead,
Mrs Skillern

A purple-themed poster for a Valentine's Disco. On the left is a large, glowing purple disco ball. The text on the right reads: 'VALENTINE'S DISCO' in large, white, dotted letters; 'Thursday 9th February' in a white script font; 'In The School Hall' in a white sans-serif font; 'Key Stage 1' followed by 'Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2' and '5.15 pm - 6.15 pm'; 'Key Stage 2' followed by 'Yr 3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6' and '6.30pm - 7.45 pm'; and at the bottom, 'Entry = £2 per child which includes and snack and squash' in a white sans-serif font.

VALENTINE'S DISCO
Thursday 9th February
In The School Hall

Key Stage 1
Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2
5.15 pm - 6.15 pm

Key Stage 2
Yr 3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6
6.30pm - 7.45 pm

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YEAR 1 ENJOY THEIR FINAL VISIT TO THE WOODS TO PRACTISE THEIR 'LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD' DIALOGUES IN A FANTASTIC SETTING

Please find below a few photos of the Year 1's recent visit to the private woods just near the school, which we are so fortunate to be able to visit with the children.



The visits have been very popular with the children and enabled them to enjoy some outdoor learning in a wonderful setting.

Thank you to the owners of the woods for continuing to make this area accessible to the children and staff, and also to all the Year 1 and Year R parents who have bundled their children up ready for the recent visits so that they could keep warm at the woods even in the coldest weather! The Reception children are also pictured below with their natural patterns created with sticks, cones, bark and stones during their last visit.



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KEY STAGE 1 RESOURCES REQUEST



Over the holiday period you might be cleaning up parts of your home and getting ready for spring time. The Key Stage 1 team would like to request some old items for 'upcycling' to use in their outside area. Could you please look for the following old items and bring them into school after the half term holiday?

- old wellington boots
- egg boxes
- disused and old pots and pans
- old kitchen utensils (it doesn't matter of their condition as they are going to be used in a mud kitchen)
- last year's packets of seeds

Thank you for your help.

YEAR 4 BRASS LESSONS

The Year 4 pupils have got off to a good start with their brass lessons in curriculum time with Mr Wright, funded by 'The Fen or Fifty' local charity partnership. The noise is quite something with all the children playing, so well done to all the children for persevering so far, and to all the Year 4 parents who have been encouraging home practice!



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VALUE OF THE WEEK

In our assemblies this week, we are thinking about our school value of ‘perseverance’- keeping going no matter what happens!



PERSEVERANCE

Hebrews 12.1: *Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us that is before us.*

Deuteronomy 13.6: *The Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you.*

HANDWRITING AWARDS



The recipients of the Handwriting award last week were:-

Week commencing:-	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
30 th January 2017	Louise	Dexter	Oscar	Oliver

Well done to these 4 children for their excellent work in handwriting last week!

MENU

The catering team have arranged some special menu options this week in the run-up to half-term- please see the options below...

	Monday	Tuesday- Favourites Day	Wednesday	Thursday- Valentine's Special
				
Option 1	Pork sausages with gravy & mashed potatoes	Chicken nuggets & waffles	Fish fingers & chips	Roast pork & roast potatoes
Option 2 (V)	Quorn sausages with gravy & mashed potatoes	Vegetable nuggets & waffles	Quorn dippers & chips	Roasted pepper flan & roast potatoes
Option 3	Salmon salad wrap	Jacket potato with baked beans	Ham roll	Jacket potato with tun and sweetcorn
Dessert	Chocolate surprise cake	Ice cream	Chocolate krispies	Valentine's cookies

Each day, a selection of fresh vegetables are available in addition to the varied salad bar.
(V)- vegetarian



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BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND DURING THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY



PARENT DROP-INS

Our Family Worker drop-in in February is on the following date:-

Wednesday 8th February 2017 - 9:15-10:45am

Please feel free to drop in and chat to Tina and Linda about your child or any concerns you may have.

No need to book- Just turn up.

SAFER INTERNET DAY- TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2017



On Tuesday 7th February, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day with a special assembly, led by our ICT Champions and Mr Walker, reminding the children how to stay safe online.

There has recently been increased media coverage of concerning use of Minecraft by adults for grooming children, which parents may wish to read.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-38284216> - Minecraft: Grooming dangers for children gaming online



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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-east-wales-38691882> - Paedophile groomed boys online through Minecraft.

If this is something which you feel could affect your children or which leads you to question how safe your children are online, parents are reminded that they can and should do everything possible to protect children from the dangers posed by online gaming, especially with regard to children giving out too much personal information online, even to gamers or those in chat forums who appear to be the same age as themselves or who are also giving out information about themselves:-

- Be aware of age ratings on some games, and watch game playing as often as possible to check for potentially scary features, child-friendly graphics and inappropriate language or behaviour used within the game.
- Occasionally play the game with your child/ren.
- Try to place online activity in a public part of the house where activity can be seen and heard and not in bedrooms.
- Within some games, it is possible to install a child-friendly graphics option or set a menu option to a 'Peaceful' difficulty level.
- In Minecraft it is possible to access the menu and view a recent history of servers accessed. Some servers are more child friendly than others - check them out/block if necessary.
- Establish some time limits to game playing and suggest activities when game time is finished.
- Talk regularly about the on-screen gaming experience with your child and what others have been saying online.

Cambridgeshire police are also running a media campaign this week focussed on staying safe online and particularly on sexting issues. This also coincides with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February.

The police will use their Facebook and Twitter sites with daily blogs posted.

Follow:      CambsCops | Visit: www.cambs.police.uk | Join: eCops.org.uk



Who's hiding behind those messages?

It's easy for people to lie about their age, sex or profession online.

Do you really know who you are talking to?

For advice, help or to make a report, call 101 or visit cambs.police.uk



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Please note that we have been informed that the children will be able to gain free access to Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey after hours on Wednesday 15th February 2017 4.30pm-7.30pm... a great way to spend one of the half-term holiday evenings.

FARMLAND MUSEUM & DENNY ABBEY, Ely Road, Waterbeach (A10)

<http://dennyeducation.co.uk/news.html>

Drop in event, free admission, free parking, no need to book.

YEAR 4 PARENTS' ASSEMBLY

Congratulation to Year 4 for their superb assembly last week- the 3rd February



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DIARY DATES- THIS WEEK AND AFTER TERM

Week of 6th February- NO CLUBS

Monday 6th February- Parents' Evening Appointments (1 of 2 dates)- 4.00pm-7.00pm

Tuesday 7th February- Parents' Evening Appointments (2 of 2 dates)- 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thursday 9th February- Eco-schools workshops for all pupils throughout the day

Thursday 9th February- Valentine's Disco (Year R & KS1 5.15pm-6.15pm, KS2 6.30pm-7.45pm)

Friday 10th February- NO SCHOOL- Professional Development Day for staff

Week of 13th February- NO SCHOOL- HALF TERM WEEK

Friday 24th February- 2.40pm- Year 5 Class assembly

Thursday 2nd March- WORLD BOOK DAY- Dress as a book character

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be holding our 'World Book Day' Dress-up Day

Please dress up as a book character and donate £1+ to wear your book character clothes

There will be a prize for the winning costume in each class.

All proceeds will go to [CLIC Sargent](#)- the children's cancer support charity.



Throughout the week of the 27th February, we will also be collecting loose change- and welcome any coins from pockets or purses which can be spared to add towards our school totals... every 1p helps!

So please bring in any coppers or silver coins you can spare that week to put in the class collection tubs. Everyone will receive a certificate with their class total, so please help it add up...

Friday 10th March- 2.4pm- Year 2 Class assembly

Monday 13th March- Family worker drop-in with Tina and Linda at school drop-off time

Friday 17th March- 2.40pm- Year 3 Class assembly

Tuesday 21st March- Drama Club performance of 'The Cautionary Tale of Mary Contrary' 3.45pm

Friday 24th March- 2.40pm- Reception Class assembly

Week commencing Monday 27th March- NO CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL & Year 4/5 Production 'Panto Pandemonium' dates to be confirmed

Friday 31st March- 2.00pm- Easter Church Service at St Andrew's Church Isleham & break up for Easter holiday

Tuesday 18th April- Summer Term starts- Return to school after Easter break



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