

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 2nd October 2017



HARVEST FESTIVAL THANKS

Very many thanks to all the parents who supported our harvest festival last week by walking with the children along to church, attending the service, and enabling the children to bring in so many lovely food gifts for The Three Rivers' Church group harvest collection. The service was lovely, and all the children who spoke did so brilliantly. Thank you to Reverend Sue and all those at Isleham Church for being so welcoming to us, as always.



CALLING ALL WITH GREEN FINGERS!



Green fingers

As the summer draws to an end, we are keen to put the school pond garden and vegetable/ planting zone to bed for the winter. I have had some generous offers of support in tidying up the borders near the main classrooms windows and around the pond, as some have become quite overgrown. I have therefore set a



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time this weekend when hopefully some of the school's green-fingered supporters can get together to get the work done! If you can offer an hour of your time this coming weekend to help in the garden, please come along to school 1.30pm-2.30pm on Sunday 8th October to help us with the autumn garden tidy-up... Please wear suitable clothes for gardening, and bring secateurs and gardening gloves. Older pupils are welcome but obviously need to be old enough to be able to help safely and must remain under adult supervision at all times. Tea and biscuits provided!

VISIT OF ELY CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

We were thrilled to welcome 6 of the boy Choristers from Ely Cathedral to Isleham on the morning of 26th September 2017. The boys visited with the Cathedral Director of Music, Mr Paul Trepte and Assistant Organist, Mr Edmund Aldhouse. We were treated to some wonderful piano playing by Mr Aldhouse, as well as brilliant singing by the boys in the whole school assembly, before our visitors enjoyed some music-themed biscuit treats made by our Isleham cooks, and then Year 3 and 4 classes took part in a vocal workshop with the choristers led by Mr Trepte. It was a really great opportunity for the Isleham Primary children to hear some of the Ely Choristers raise the roof with their voices in our school hall, and we hope there may be an opportunity to hear them again in Ely Cathedral at some point this year. Thank you to all of our visitors for coming out to our school and giving us such a superb sound to listen to.



YEAR 6 VISIT TO MILDENHALL COLLEGE ACADEMY... MISS HUNT WRITES...

On Friday 29th September Year 6, Miss Hunt and Mrs Airey visited Mildenhall College Academy (MCA) for a Music Workshop. The MCA mini buses picked us up from Isleham and we enjoyed the short bus ride. On arrival we were welcomed by the MCA Principal, Ms Byles. Here, Ms Byles told us all about the school and the exciting plans that they have for the future. Ms Byles was very impressed by our children's ambitious career aspirations. There was a lot to see on our way to the music department and everyone was friendly and welcoming. Our workshop was led by Mrs Sayer, Mrs Wright and a super student named Tyler. We all had an African djembe drum each and we were taught different call and response rhythms. We were taught three different drumming techniques and were able to combine these with different rhythms. Also, we used improvisation and a few dance movements to represent each drumming technique. A great time was had by all! Thank you Ms Byles, Mrs Sayer, Mrs Wright, Tyler and to everyone at MCA who made our experience so brilliant. Take a look at the videos of us drumming on the Year 6 page of the school website.



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FORTHCOMING PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

On the evenings of the 16th and 17th October, 4pm-7pm we will be holding our Parents' Evenings in the school hall. Please come along to chat to your child's teacher about your child's work so far this term and his/her targets for development.

10 minute appointments for Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents and 15 minute appointments for Year R parents are bookable via the Starz online platform. Please log on with your username and password from the green login button on our main website page www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk after Wednesday 4th October at 12pm when booking opens, and select your preferred timeslot for your child's teacher. Your booked time is then automatically allocated to you. Booking closes on Thursday 12th October at 12pm.

Please note that it will not be possible to book to see staff on different evenings during the week of the 16th October before half term, as the staff will have been in school later than usual on two separate evenings already. Appointments must run to 10 minute time-slots (or 15 minutes for Year R parents) to avoid long delays for others.

Please note also that your child may attend the appointment, but needs to remain with you throughout the time they are in school and listen to the teacher's comments with you, rather than being left to roam the school or play with friends/ technology at the side of the hall.

Members of the school's Governing Body will be in attendance throughout the evenings, with a short questionnaire for you to complete. Please take the time to complete the form if you possibly can as response to the Governors' questionnaires help to guide the school's development priorities.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

In our assemblies this week, we are thinking about our school value of 'Generosity'. Each week this term are thinking of other children in Church schools nearby- this week, we will remember in our prayers those in all schools in Fincham & Feltwell Deanery: Denver, Duchy of Lancaster at Methwold, Norman at Northwold, Weeting, Hilgay with Ten Mile Bank, St Martin at Shouldham, Runcton Holme, Wormegay & All Saints at Stoke Ferry.



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W.I. AUTUMN COMPETITION

Thank you for your wonderful entries to the W.I. Autumn competition. We will keep you posted of prize winners!



MENU

LUNCHES THIS WEEK

Count me in! Please note that Thursday is 'Census Day' for our school- if your child is entitled to free school meals (i.e. all in Reception or Key Stage 1) or is a Key Stage 2 child who is entitled to free school meals, or a Key Stage 2 children who likes school lunches, please order one on Thursday as this helps to bring in additional lunch funding to the school! The catering staff are putting on a range of popular puddings on Thursday for the children to enjoy. **THANK YOU.**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAINS	Pork meatballs with tomato and basil sauce and spaghetti	Beef shepherd's pie and gravy	Mega ham and tomato pizza	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers with tomato sauce and chips	Option 1
	Herby spaghetti with garlic and herb focaccia ✓	Quorn shepherd's pie and gravy ✓	Mega cheese and tomato pizza ✓	Roasted vegetable filled Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes ✓	Vegetable Bolognese with penne pasta ✓	Option 2
	Option 3- 'Grab & go'- see overleaf					
DESSERTS	Waffle and ice cream	Carrot cake and fruit slice with fresh milk 50%	Wicked fruity Wednesday 100%	Choc ice, Choc muffin or fruit	Oat and raisin biscuit with a slice of fresh fruit 50%	
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot 50%	

Please see below for the 'grab & go' packed lunch menu:-

'GRAB & GO'- THIS WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tuna roll	Ham Baguette	Cheese roll	Egg roll	Sausage under wraps
Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit
Flapjack	Carrot cake	Biscuit	Choc muffin	Oat & raisin biscuit
Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Water

Please note that on days when the 'grab & go' option is NOT vegetarian, vegetarian children may order a cheese roll in place of the meat roll, wrap or baguette.



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CONGRATULATIONS FINLEY!

Many of you will have received this week your purchased copies of the publication of Young Writer's 'Once Upon a Dream- Cambridgeshire' which we were fortunate to have many of our children's wonderful poems and stories included in. A copy of this book is also in the library. I am delighted to report that Finley in Year 6's poem 'Under the Sea!' was selected by the Editorial team as the overall best poem in the publication, and he therefore received a £10 book token prize. Well done, Finley!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Many happy returns of the day to all the children who celebrate their birthdays this week



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PTA- AGM FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 3.15PM

FREE CRECHE AVAILABLE

On behalf of the PTA we would like to thank you all for your help & support last year.

Our numerous fund raising events including Christmas Fair, school discos, Mothers/Father's day stalls & summer concert refreshments raised in excess of £3500.

Many will want to know where the money raised was spent, so, last year the PTA subsidised £700 towards school trips, £350 towards year 6 leaver's gifts & £2000 towards resurfacing the new reflection area.

If our children want to enjoy the extra things the PTA provide then we need more parent help. Our existing committee of four people can't continue to organise events without support & help of others. Unfortunately if we don't get more parent support & volunteers this will mean all of the children in the school will miss out on the extras that the PTA provides.

Our AGM is on Friday 6th October, in the school hall straight after school. Please come along & give your support & allow the extra things the children all enjoy to continue to happen.



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DIARY DATES- THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

AUTUMN TERM 1:-

Wednesday 4th October- Year 6 Parent and child meeting re Year 6 residential trip July 2018
Wednesday 4th October- Booking for parents' evening appointment slots opens at 12 noon
Friday 6th October- **Year 4 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)
Friday 6th October- PTA AGM straight after school- free creche available to enable all to attend
Monday 9th October- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am
Wednesday 11th October- Year 6 STEM Challenge Day at Soham Village College
Friday 13th October- **Year 2 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)
Monday 16th October- Year 5 Bikeability training all week (details to follow)
Week of Monday 16th October- No after school clubs on Monday and Tuesday due to Parents' Meetings
Monday 16th October- Parents' evening appointments 4pm-7pm
Tuesday 17th October- Parents evening appointments 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 18th October- Year 4 visit to Denny Abbey
Friday 20th October- Professional Development Day- NO SCHOOL
Week of 23rd October- Half term- NO SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2:-

Wednesday 1st November- Year 6 to Duxford Museum
Friday 3rd November- **Year 1 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)
Wednesday 8th November- Year 5 parents and child meeting re Year 6 residential trip September 2018
Friday 10th November- **Year 3 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)
Monday 13th November- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am
Friday 17th November- **Year 5 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)
Friday 24th November- **Year 6 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)
Friday 1st December- Christingle Service St Andrew's Church Isleham 2pm
Monday 11th December- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am
Tuesday 19th December- 2pm- Carol Service for children and families- 2pm St Andrew's Church Isleham
Tuesday 19th December- End of autumn term 2- Start of Christmas holiday at end of school day Children may be collected from the church at the end of the Carol Service 3.00pm-3.15pm



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