

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 5th December 2016



DIARY DATES- CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN!

- Monday 5th December- 2.15pm School Choir to sing at Limestone Close sheltered housing.
- Tuesday 6th December- Year 6 House Captains to help Mrs Bond & Mrs Skillern deliver Isleham Charity Partnership Christmas vouchers to the local community.
- Wednesday 7th December- 2.45pm- Parent Forum- Informal discussion time with Mrs Skillern in the group room- all welcome
- Wednesday 7th December- Drama Club production of 'The Polar Express' at 3.45pm for parents of Drama Club pupils.
- Friday 9th December- 4pm- Maypole demonstration for parents in the hall.
- Monday 12th December- 8.55am Family Worker Parent Drop-in
- Monday 12th December- Visiting pantomime company- 'Cinderella' for all pupils
- Tuesday 13th December- 9.30am Year R Nativity performance 1 of 2
- Tuesday 13th December- 3.15pm Open Classrooms after school
- Wednesday 14th December- 2.30pm Year R Nativity performance 2 of 2
- Thursday 15th December- Christmas lunch in the hall
- Thursday 15th December- 2.30pm Yr 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Sing-a-long performance 1 of 2
- Friday 16th December- 9.30am Yr 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Sing-a-long performance 2 of 2
- Monday 19th December- from 2.45pm PTA Event- carol singing on the playground, and Christmas Fair after school
- Tuesday 20th December- End of term- break up for Christmas at end of school day

CHRISTMAS POST

If your children have any Christmas cards which they would like to be delivered to children or staff before the end of term, please bring them in FROM WEDNESDAY this week. They can be posted in

our postbox outside the hall. Please help your child to ensure that each name is written clearly on the outside of the envelope and the year group of the recipient, so that the cards can be easily delivered by our Year 6 post people! Many thanks.



BOOK FAIR

The last day for our Scholastic Books travelling Book Fair is today 3.20-4.00 p.m. in the group room. Please come along and help us raise money for our library. A super range of children's books are on offer which will make perfect Christmas gifts.



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CATERING NEWS

Meet the team

We are pleased to introduce our new catering team at Isleham Primary School – Sharon King, School Caterer, and Christine Marsh, Catering Assistant.



Sharon and Christine are an experienced team who have worked together for the past 12 years in a variety of school kitchens. They love making lunchtimes fun by running special promotion days with themed menus.

We are very pleased that the kitchen at Isleham has been awarded **5 stars** in its recent Environmental Health inspection.



More Options with our Choice Menu

From 12th December, we will be introducing a choice menu giving pupils the option to select from three freshly prepared dishes each day.

Our menu, accredited with the Food for Life Bronze Catering Mark, has been developed under the guidance of our Dietitian and meets the School Food Standards. We are proud to offer meals that are safely produced, using quality locally sourced ingredients.

Providing meals that young people enjoy eating that also benefit their health is one of our priorities. This is supported by our SMART Choice programme where we are working with schools to encourage children to develop healthy eating habits.

Free Meals for Key Stage 1 Pupils

Please remember that all Key Stage 1 pupils are entitled to a tasty, nutritious, free school meal. The Government provides funding to enable primary schools in England to offer a free meal to every child in Reception and Years 1 and 2. The financial benefit to parents is in excess of **£400 per child per year**.

Introducing SMART Café

We will soon be introducing our SMART Café branding at Isleham Primary School. The new signage is designed to brighten dining areas and menu displays provide useful information for pupils and parents.

Inviting your feedback

Mr Holder from CCS met last week with the school council to gauge some of the children's initial thoughts about their favourite and least favourite meals...

You are also invited to discuss the school meals with your child and contribute to the online survey below within the next week...Your comments will feed into the development of the Spring term menu. As mentioned last week, your children in Key Stage 1 and Reception are all entitled to a free school meal each day, and for other year groups, the meals are kept to only £2.25, offering good value for money. By contributing to the survey, you can help your children's favourite options appear regularly on the school menu! Thank you.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/isleham_primary



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MENU

Our menu for this week is overleaf... The new choices menu will be running from next week

	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 50%	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Strawberry whip and a mini shortbread biscuit	Mini gingerbread and fruit 50%
	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 50%	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Your children will be bringing home a cone today to be personalized and filled with your choice of sweets, stickers, hairbands, lego or other small items. These will be sold at the PTA fair on the 19th. Please bring any completed cones into school on or before the 19th! THANK YOU.



would like to invite you to our annual

CHRISTMAS FAIR & MARKET

Monday 19 December 2016, at school, from 3.15 – 5.30 pm
(following children's carol singing on the playground from 2.45pm)

- Local craft, gift and produce stalls
- Christmas games, tombolas and lucky dip
- Cakes, mince pies and mulled wine
- Grand prize draw, carol singing and even a visit from Father Christmas himself!

Come along for some Christmas fun and support your child by supporting the PTA.



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE SURVEY

Thank you to those families who responded to our after-school care survey. The survey is now closed and we will be reviewing responses this week.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



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ADVENT CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Christingle service on Thursday 1st December, and to Reverend Sue and the congregation of St Andrew's Church Isleham who helped to prepare the Christingle gifts for each child. Your donations to The Children's Society have also been greatly appreciated. It was a lovely start to Advent.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHT



Don't forget that the Festival of Light continues at St Andrew's Church this week, and culminates in the community carol concert on Sunday 11th December at 4pm in the church- at which our school choir will be singing... please come along and listen if you can. There are also a beautiful range of Christmas trees on display including one by our own school PTA.

HANDWRITING AWARDS



The recipients of the Handwriting award last week were:-

Week commencing:-	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
28th November	Mollie	Evans	Ivarna	Anais

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



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