



December 2023 Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year! Once again, it has been a pleasure for me to guide your children through their education and spend time at the wonderful Isleham C of E Primary School. I feel blessed to be working in such an amazing school!

It has been the usual packed, final few weeks of term, with the KS1 nativity production, Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, craft making tasks, Christingle service at church, Year 3 Roman day, planting bulbs and trees with the Eco Council, and all alongside a large number of illnesses passing around the school community. There was one evening, where I went to bed knowing that the Vicar was not able to be at the Christingle service and one of the catering team was too unwell to be in school to cook the Christmas lunch, the following day! I also had very little voice to talk about it! I can tell you, that I did not get much sleep that night. It all worked out in the end though and that is through the teamwork and commitment of all the staff at the school.

I hope that you have all see the diary sheet, added to the main class dojo page, as it contains all the future dates for the first half term of the Spring. As always, there are lots of exciting events planned, and I'm sure that there will be more added to the sheet, over the coming weeks.

I asked the children to show their school value of compassion this Christmas time, and to consider the lives of others across the country, who will not be having such a happy time. Some will be in grief and others will not receive a special meal or presents. Maybe take a few minutes at the end of Christmas day, with you child(ren) and consider others as a final thought about the school value of compassion.

With kind regards, Dawn Deacon

Staffing

It is with sadness that we said a fond farewell to Miss Sasolli and her daughter, on the last day of the Autumn term. She has been teaching at Isleham for 9 years and has proven to be a strong teacher, helpful school leader and a committed person. Personal circumstances have caused her to find an alternative school, and we know that they are lucky to have gained her amongst their team. We wish her well for future adventures! To cover her teaching commitments in Year 6, we have been pleased to let the Year 6 parents know that Miss Williamson will be stepping in, alongside Mrs Gibbs and Miss Eatock. We are sure that this will be a smooth transition.

We are also incredibly pleased to have employed Ms Ellen Bazeley-White for support in the Year 6 classroom. She will offer support to the lessons in Year 6, and across the school. I am sure that you will offer her your usual Isleham welcome, especially as she is already a known parent.



Christingle Service

The church was full of excitement and eagerness to receive a Christingle orange, when we attended last week. It is always anticipated by the Year 6 children, who look forward to passing the light along the church aisle to show how Christians believe that God's love can be shared.

The house captains read about why there are various components of the Christingle orange, and there were very aware of the process of making them, as they had helped to pierce sultanas on cocktail sticks, and add a red ribbon around the orange, only the previous day. (A massive thank you to the staff of the Co-op who so generously provided the oranges for the children)

The replacement Vicar to lead the service, Rev Virginia, praised the children for being so polite and respectful and it was clear to see how the children take care of each other, as they made their way back to school holding hands with a child from a different year group!



PTA Fundraising

May I say a HUGE thank you to the PTA for the amount of money they raised at the Christmas Fair. More than £2,000 has been made since September, and they still have ideas for the coming weeks! No matter how small you believe that your contribution has been, all the small acts have accumulated into this amazing amount of money for the school.

On the 6th of January, 'The Beeches' are holding a jumble sale and the PTA have booked a table. They already have some items left from the fair to sell, but if you have any further items for them, please bring them into school after the Christmas break. Now is a great idea to have a sort out of unwanted toys and clothing.



Have a clear out of unwanted items, after Christmas!

The PTA will welcome toys, games, books, clothing,



Welcome to Isleham Church of England Primary School

Our school motto is "Let your Light Shine" (Matthew 5:16) Flourishing together in a Christian Community



St Andrew's Church, Isleham

There will be a Crib
service held on:

Sunday 24th December at
4pm, Christmas Eve,

Children are welcome to
dress up as their favourite
nativity character and
take part in the service.
Please attend if you are
able.

