

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017



## MATHS GAMES CONGRATULATIONS & NEWSLETTER FOOTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Very many congratulations to all the entrants of both the Maths Games Competition, and Newsletter Footer design competition. Prizes for both competitions have now been awarded.

Well done to each of the winners in the various categories of the Maths games competition and to all those who entered. 5 merits have been awarded to all the entrants, along with some lovely Maths-themed prizes for each of the winners in each year group.



In the newsletter footer design competition, the following overall winner and runners-up were selected, with prizes awarded to all the entrants:-

Overall winner: **Toby Year 3**



Toby's picture will appear in the footer of our newsletter from next week.

Runners-up: **Mia Year R, Georgia-Mary Year 5, Poppy Year 5 & Maisie Year 3**

Well done to these 5 children and all the entrants.

Don't forget, that this week we will be collecting in spare tins or sealed packets of food for the local **'Food Bank'** **harvest collection** for the children to carry into church and present at the start of the service. Please send your child's donation into school this week before Friday.

School Council are shown below putting the finishing touches to our Harvest prayer reeds which will be on display in the church on Friday.



Parents are welcome to join us for the Harvest Festival. Please meet us at 1.30pm in the playground to walk along to the Church for a 2pm start on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

With all best wishes for the week ahead,  
Mrs Skillern

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Further to my email message last week, I write to reinforce the School and County policy on attendance. I am receiving numerous requests for time off for children during school term-time and feel it is necessary to reinforce that time off during term-times can only be authorised in exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

The school is expected to expect 100% attendance from all pupils, and appointments for dentists or doctors should be booked outside school-time whenever possible unless there is an urgent need for your child to be seen in school hours. In the rare event that you do need to request for your child to be absent for some reason- a leave of absence form should be completed and returned to the office, giving as much notice before the anticipated leave as possible. Please note that the school is required to monitor attendance of its pupils and report to Cambridgeshire County Council about levels of unauthorised absence. Penalty Notices may be issued for single event absences of 3 consecutive school days or more

where these absences are unauthorised because they are neither exceptional nor unavoidable. In addition, repeated patterns of absence may also result in penalty notices being issued.

I received a query last week about Reception class attendance too, querying why some children are expected to attend full-time when others are not. Although it is our school recommendation that all children attend full-time from the start of the Reception year in order to fully benefit from all the learning and social opportunities on offer for their child(ren), it is Cambridgeshire County Council's policy that all children may be part-time in the Reception year until the start of the term after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, although all summer birthdays must be full-time by the summer term if reserving a space in the Reception year. (E.g. Reception children must be full-time from January if birthdays fall between September and December inclusive, and from April if birthdays fall between January and August inclusive.) Parents who feel that this option of a reduced timetable may benefit their child are asked to speak with the Headteacher to agree a suitable pattern of attendance.

## MENU

### LUNCHES THIS WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Local pork grill in a bun	Beef Bolognese with penne pasta	Barbeque chicken with rice	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers or salmon bites with tomato sauce and chips
	Quorn grill in a bun ✓	Cauliflower and broccoli bake with garlic bread ✓	Bean and vegetable bake with herby diced potatoes ✓	Quorn fillet, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes ✓	Pasta Neapolitan ✓
	'Grab and go' lunch bag				
DESSERTS	Mini chocolate brownie with fresh fruit 50%	American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce	Wicked fruity Wednesday 100%	Vanilla cheesecake	Special 'Harvest' cupcake
	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot 50%	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

### 'GRAB & GO' - THIS WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tuna roll	Cheese roll	Ham baguette	Egg roll	Tuna roll
Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit
Flapjack	Biscuit	Cake	Flapjack	Special Harvest cupcake
Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of 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.



### VALUE OF THE WEEK

In our assemblies this week, we are thinking about our school value of 'Respect'. Each week this term we will be thinking of other children in Church schools nearby- this week, we will remember in our prayers



those in all schools in Ely Deanery: Ely St Mary's, Sutton, Wilburton, Mepal & Witcham, Little Thetford, Rackham at Witchford, and all the Choristers of Ely Cathedral and pupils of King's Ely. We are looking forward to welcoming some of the Ely Cathedral Choristers with their Director of Music Paul Trepte, to our assembly on Tuesday this week.



### SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

There are still several pupils wearing non-regulation sports clothing for school PE lessons- please ensure your child has a **plain burgundy or white t-shirt for PE/ sport (or one with a school logo only)** and plain burgundy or black shorts, to avoid PE lessons becoming a fashion parade of labelled sports items. School burgundy t-shirts & shorts are available from the office at a reasonable price. Thank you for your support

Children with longer hair which falls over the face, need to please have this clipped back for all school lessons and especially PE. Shoulder length hair needs to be tied in a ponytail or plait for school.

### W.I. Autumn Competition

Your child brought home a piece of paper last week in order to start creating an Autumn poster to enter into the Isleham W.I. Autumn competition. Please bring your Autumn pictures back to school by Friday for a chance to win one of the book token prizes on offer. Many thanks.



What do you like about Autumn?

Isleham W.I. has a competition for all the children at the Primary School

A picture of Autumn – drawing, painting or collage,

Bring it back to your teacher by  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Book token prize for Reception,  
KS1 and KS2

The entries will be on display at The Beeches  
on Saturday afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Remember to put your name and class on the back.



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

# AUDITIONS



ARE YOU AGED 10 – 21 YEARS?  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## hairspray

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017**  
10am – 3pm @ SOHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE  
CONTACT RACHAEL ON 01353 722 228  
EMAIL: [vivayouth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vivayouth@hotmail.co.uk)  
[www.viva-group.org.uk](http://www.viva-group.org.uk)



## Prickwillow Ploughing Festival

Green Farm and Prickwillow Engine Museum,  
Main Street, Prickwillow, CB7 4UN

**7th and 8th October**  
10am - 6pm

Not just ploughing....!

A fun day out  
for all the family!

Adults £7.50 Accompanied children under 16 free  
Adult two day pass £12  
Price includes entry to the Museum with Engine Runs.

[www.prickwillowmuseum.com](http://www.prickwillowmuseum.com)  
01353 720737 / 778442



**ELY ADHD/ASD Parent/Carer Group**

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for parents by parents

**family voice**  
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LOTTERY FUNDED

Are you the parent / carer of a child that has non-diagnosed or diagnosed ADHD / ASD?

Would like to meet other parents to share your experiences and gain practical advice, information and support?

We would like to invite you to attend the following sessions:

- 6<sup>th</sup> October
- 10<sup>th</sup> November
- 12<sup>th</sup> January

**Where:** Ely Children's Centre,  
Spring Meadow Infant & Nursery School,  
High Barns, Ely, CB7 4RB  
**Time:** 12.30-2.30pm

In October Communication Cambridge are running a workshop on language and social communication and reducing anxiety - suitable for verbal children with ASD/ ADHD

Along with Family Voice Peterborough, Pinpoint is running 4 monthly groups for parents / carers whose children are on the waiting list, have had a referral turned down or are accessing services for ADHD/ASD. Each month we aim to invite speakers that will offer advice on how to support you, your child and your family.

We can reimburse your childcare and travel expenses. Refreshments are provided

We also run groups in Peterborough, Huntingdon and Histon - Cambridge, please check our website for further details.  
For latest information and directions see the pinpoint website: <http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events>

To book your place contact: [eve@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](mailto:eve@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) 01480 499043

## DIARY DATES- THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

### AUTUMN TERM 1:-

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September- Visit of Ely Cathedral Choir  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September- 7pm Full Governors' meeting  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September- am- Music Workshop for Year 6 pupils at Mildenhall College Academy  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September- Harvest Service- St Andrew's Church, Isleham 2pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 Parent and child meeting re Year 6 residential trip July 2018  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October- **Year 4 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 STEM Challenge Day at Soham Village College  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October- **Year 2 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Year 5 Bikeability training all week (details to follow)  
Week of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October- No after school clubs on Monday and Tuesday due to Parents' Meetings  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Parents' evening appointments 4pm-7pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October- Parents evening appointments 4pm-7pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October- Year 4 visit to Denny Abbey  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Professional Development Day- NO SCHOOL  
Week of 23<sup>rd</sup> October- Half term- NO SCHOOL

### AUTUMN TERM 2:-

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November- Year 6 to Duxford Museum  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- **Year 1 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November- Year 5 parents and child meeting re Year 6 residential trip September 2018  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November- **Year 3 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November- **Year 5 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November- **Year 6 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December- Christingle Service St Andrew's Church Isleham 2pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December- 2pm- Carol Service for children and families- 2pm St Andrew's Church Isleham  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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