

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017



## PTA NEWS



Many thanks to everyone who brought in bags of clothes for the 'Bags2School' collection last week. The PTA continue their fundraising this term with the school Christmas fair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.



The raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair have arrived! The PTA have been busy putting these into envelopes ready for each child to bring home from school today.



Tickets are 50p each the whole book is £2.50 please sell to your family, friends, neighbours or even the milkman!



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New for this year is the PTA 'Returns Postbox'. This will be securely attached to the fence in the playground this week. Please return ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets to the box during school hours. The postbox has been specially made for the PTA for free and I'm sure you'll agree it's a lot easier than having to take it to the office. It will be emptied each day so money will not stay in the box overnight.

Please use the envelope provided to return ticket stubs and money and ensure you fill in all of the tickets with your contact details not just the top one.



Tickets will be available to buy after school in the playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week leading up to the fair.

The raffle will be drawn at 4.30pm on Friday 8th of December.  
See you all there!



## VALUE OF THE WEEK

In our assemblies this week, we are thinking about our school value of 'Truthfulness' and we are remembering all schools in Shingay Deanery and St Ives Deanery: Thriplow, Petersfield at Orwell, Steeple Morden, Guilden Morden, Barrington, Holywell & Bury



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## CROSS COUNTY CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 30 children from across Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 travelled to Witchford Village College with Miss Diplock and Mrs Dalton-Cole to compete in the East Cambs Primary Schools' Cross Country Competition.

We are delighted to report that Zac in Year 3 came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of all the runners in his year group competition, and that the Year 3 runners were 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, and Year 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the competition. In all year groups, our runners performed extremely well- congratulations to all the children who took part. We have an excellent cross country team and the children excelled in this event, even when completing against much larger primary schools.



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## SHARING ASSEMBLIES

The Year 1 and 3 children have presented the past 2 assemblies- well done to both classes for their clear singing and speaking in their assemblies.



## HOUSE CAPTAINS JOIN LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SCOUTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our Year 6 House Captains laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the school at the Isleham war memorial during the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017. There were many children from our school at the service also representing the Scouts and cubs, and bearing flags. Despite the extreme cold, all the children were superbly behaved and respectful during this special service.



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## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION

Your child should have brought home a collection candle ready for the Christingle service on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please fill the candle with any spare coins/ monetary donations and bring it along to the church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Each of the children will once again be provided with a Christingle orange and candle from the service, kindly put together by St Andrew's Church.



## MENU- LUNCHES THIS WEEK

<b>Week 3</b> Week commencing: 13th Nov • 4th Dec • 1st Jan • 22nd Jan • 19th Feb • 12th Mar					
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> Jacket Potato Bar	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Pasta Bar	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>MAINS OPTION 1</b>	Margarita pizza ✓	Chicken korma and naan bread	Beef Bolognese or dry-fried beef and onion	Roast chicken breast with stuffing and gravy	Seaside chunky fish finger
<b>MAINS OPTION 2</b>	Mediterranean quiche ✓	Five bean chilli ✓	Cheesy vegetables ✓	Veggie sausage and Yorkshire pudding with gravy ✓	Falafel wrap with yoghurt mint dip ✓
<b>MAINS OPTION 3</b>	Jacket potato with cheese and baked beans ✓	Jacket potato with cheese and baked beans ✓	Jacket potato with cheese and baked beans ✓	Jacket potato with cheese and baked beans ✓	Jacket potato with cheese and baked beans ✓
<b>ON THE SIDE</b>	Couscous • ½ Jacket potato • Coleslaw • Sweetcorn	Rice • Pea and sweetcorn medley	Sweetcorn • Vegetable sticks • Garlic bread	Crispy roast potatoes • Creamed potatoes • Baton carrots • Cauliflower cheese	Chips • ½ Jacket potato • Spaghetti hoops • Garden peas
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Banana and pineapple cake • Fruit yoghurt • Fresh sliced fruit • Cheese and crackers	Tutti fruity Tuesday • Fresh yoghurt • Cheese and crackers	Oat and raisin cookie • Fresh yoghurt • Fresh sliced fruit • Cheese and crackers	Pancake bar with tasty toppings • Fresh yoghurt • Sliced fresh fruit • Cheese and crackers	Chocolate crispy cake • Fresh yoghurt • Fresh sliced fruit • Cheese and crackers
Salad bar and wholemeal bread available daily. Unlimited fresh fruit available to accompany all desserts.					



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a special Pudsey Bear biscuit available for BBC Children in Need.



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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



We are pleased to once again be supporting Pound Lane Free Church Isleham (PLFC) in their endeavour to collect as many shoebox gifts for needy children as possible in the run-up to Christmas. We will be collecting shoeboxes up until the 16<sup>th</sup> November. PLFC is an official Drop-Off point for shoeboxes, and is open to receive boxes from the 1st - 18th November. For many years PLFC has operated as a Satellite processing centre for OCC. This means that all boxes provided from within the CB6, CB7, and CB8 postcode areas are brought to PLFC for processing.

If you would like to contribute your own filled box or an item towards a class shoebox, please approach the class teacher, who will let you know which items are still needed for the class box. Please see the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child website for more details. Thank you to everyone who feels they can contribute towards this wonderful scheme for children in need at Christmas- time in any way.

## HANDWRITING AWARDS



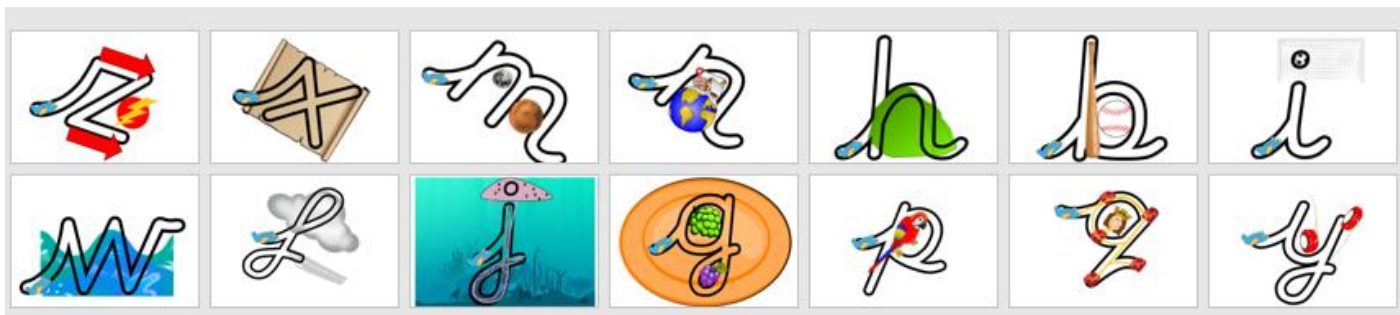
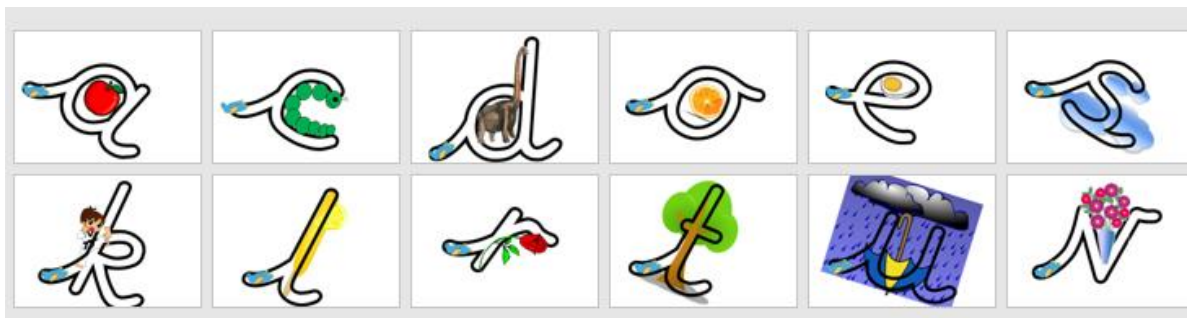
The recipients of the Handwriting award last week were:-

Week commencing:-	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Laurence	Lottie	Dexter	Sophia

Well done to all four super handwriters who have been using their cursive/ pre-cursive handwriting in class this week. Just a reminder that at Isleham, we teach cursive writing from the start of Reception. Each lower case letter 'takes off' from the line with a lead in stroke. There are words and pictures to support the formation of letters in the younger years if any of your children need help to remember how to write them- see overleaf.



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a	Take off, reverse around the apple, up down flick.
b	Take off, up, down the bat and around the ball.
c	Take off, reverse around the caterpillar.
d	Take off, reverse around the dinosaur, up to the sky, down, flick.
e	Take off, loop around the egg, come in to land and stop.
f	Take off, loop around the foggy sky, down, loop around and land.
g	Take off, reverse around the green grapes, up, down, loop around the purple grapes.
h	Take off, up, down over the hill, flick.
i	Take off, up, and i i into the net.
j	Take off, up to the jelly fish, down, loop around and dot for the eye.
k	Take off, hiiiya up, down, karate kick around, flick.
l	Take off, up, down the lemon lolly pop, flick.
m	Take off, down and zoom over the moon and mars, flick.
n	Take off, down and over the North Pole, flick.
o	Take off, reverse around the orange and flick at the top.
p	Take off, down Pretty Polly, up around Pretty Polly.
q	Take off, reverse around the queen's necklace, up, down, flick.
r	Take off, up, down the red rose, over the red rose.
s	Take off and swish through the sky.
t	Take off, up, down the tree trunk, flick and across the branches.
u	Take off, up, into the umbrella, up, down and flick.
v	Take off, down the vase, up the vase, flick.
w	Take off, wow, waves, wow, waves, flick.

x	Take off, x marks the spot.
y	Take off, up, down like a yo-yo, up like a yo-yo, swing like a yo-yo.
z	Take off, zoom, zap, zoom.



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## SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION REQUESTS

### MORNINGS

Please can we ask that children remain with their parents and bags until the bell goes in the morning, and that children do not go off to play running games in the playground? With toddlers and parents waiting in the mornings, this is not the ideal time for children to be running at speed. (The playground gates are open for drop-off from 8.45am so that children should not be waiting for too long in the cold before the bell goes.)

Once the bell has sounded, please can all parents also step back from the lining up area and wait by the tree if they wish to see their children going into school, as it makes the class lining up area very busy in the mornings for the children to see the queue or when it is moving if there are too many adults in the line. If your child is clinging to you, please wait outside the lining up zone and bring him or her to the line when you see the teacher or assistant arrive, so that the member of staff can take him or her in for you.

### AFTERNOONS

We would also like to request that children remain with you at collection time rather than giving you bags and going off to play or climb. The school gates need to shut promptly once children have been collected so that we can commence our after-school meetings or clubs. Please therefore move away from the collection zone once you have your children, as otherwise it becomes congested for the remaining children and staff to see the next set of adults arriving. We would also like to politely request that sweets and food are not given out on the school premises each day at collection time, as numerous sweet and food wrappers are being dropped and left behind.

## DIARY DATES- THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

### AUTUMN TERM 2:-

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 4<sup>th</sup> December- pm Choir to sing at Limestone Close

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December- pm- Choir to sing at Gracewell Care Home Kennett

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December- 3.30pm onwards- **PTA Christmas Fair**- details to follow- entry via main front door

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December- 1.30pm Visiting Pantomime- 'Jack & the Beanstalk' in School hall- all years

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production (1 of 2) 9.30am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Year R Nativity Play (1 of 2)- 2.00pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production (2 of 2)- 9.30am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas lunch day and Christmas Jumper Day for charity

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Year R Nativity Play (2 of 2)- 10.00am

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 will now be returning to school at the end of the day to collect their belongings rather than being dismissed from the church.**



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