

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016



## RECEPTION WELCOME A VARIETY OF PET-RELATED VISITORS TO SCHOOL!

The Reception children were fortunate to have some very special visitors in class this week- they welcomed a friendly tortoise who belongs to Jack (kindly brought along by Jack's Dad), and a dog, guinea pig and bearded dragon also visited with the local vet from Swayne & Partners Veterinary Practice in Newmarket! The children have been really enjoying their 'vets-themed' work in class and have had great fun tending to all the poorly cuddly toys in the Reception vet area, and labelling their pets.



## YEAR 2 IMPRESS WITH THE FIRST SHARING ASSEMBLY OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR

The Year 2 children presented a super assembly to the rest of the school and to their parents on Friday afternoon, sharing their recent work in class. Congratulations to the children and staff on all their super work this year. The dates for the other sharing assemblies this term are as follows (at 2.40pm each day):-

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November- Year 1  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Year 5  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November- Year 6  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November- Year 3  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Year 4



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## ISLEHAM YEAR 6 ENJOY STEM CHALLENGE DAY AT SOHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

The Year 6 children enjoyed an action-packed day at Soham Village College on Friday, taking part in Mathematics, Science & engineering challenges. The children impressed with their tenacity in the tasks, and were superb ambassadors for the school.



## A BUSY WEEK AHEAD

This week sees the children in Year 6 don their cycling helmets for the annual **'Bikeability'** classes here at Isleham.

A group of selected pupils from Year 4, 5 and 6 will also be joining Miss Sassoli, Mrs Boneham and Mrs Dalton-Cole at Witchford Village College for the first **Cross Country running** event of this academic year. (Please note that we only had places at this event for 6 boys and 6 girls from Year 5 and 6 combined, and it is for this reason that some Year 5 and 6 children have been disappointed not to be able to attend on this occasion. We hope to be able to take all of the children who wish to compete (and who attend cross country club regularly) to one of the future events later in the year.)

We wish the children every success with all that is happening this week and hope your children have a lovely half term break. Please remember that school will **be closed to pupils this Friday- the 21<sup>st</sup> October**, as we will be holding a professional development day for staff only. We return to school after half term on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Many thanks,  
Mrs Skillern



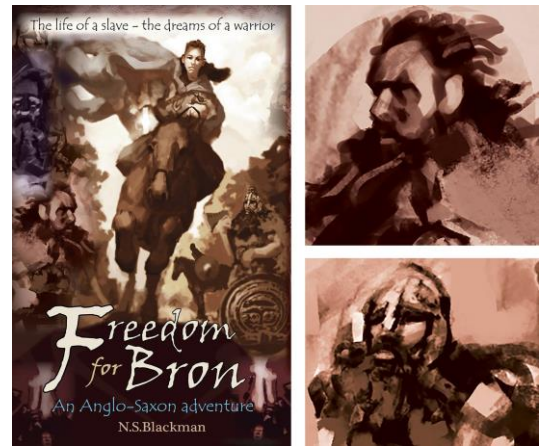
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### VISIT OF CHILDREN'S AUTHOR- NIGEL BLACKMAN

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Nigel Blackman will be visiting the school in order to speak to the children about his work as an author, and the writing of his newest story book- 'Freedom for Bron', as well as his Secret Dinosaur series of books which we have in our school library, and his exciting book for younger children- 'The Lost Dinosaur'. His talk will be especially important to children in Year 3 who are reading 'Freedom for Bron' in class to link with their Anglo-Saxon topic after half term.

If you would like to purchase signed copies of Nigel Blackman's books for your children, an order form will be sent out after half term, with details of prices and how to order these.



### WORLD WAR II INFORMATION GATHERING

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Johnson, Great Grandmother of Year 6 pupil Jayden, last week to speak to the Year 6 children about her memories of World War 2. The children were fascinated to learn how much she could remember about war-time. Very many thanks to Mrs Johnson for sparing the time to come and speak to the children.



### REFRESHING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

The children enjoyed a busy House Day last Monday finding out about our school values: courage, compassion, forgiveness, friendship, generosity, justice, perseverance, respect, service, thankfulness, trust and truthfulness. They have created icons to display in the classrooms as well as the assembly hall, depicting the values. Well done to all involved- the children worked extremely well in their mixed age-group house teams. A photo gallery is available in the news section of our website [www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk)

### BIRTHDAYS



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND DURING HALF TERM.**



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P.T.A. (PARENT- TEACHER ASSOCIATION)



All parents are invited to the first committee meeting of this academic year; please come along to the first committee meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October after school 3.30pm-4.15pm (a crèche will be available).

### MENU

Please find below details of this week's school menu. The daily menu is also on display in school for the children to view. If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please do so in advance via the online payment system- SIMS Agora. [www.payyourschool.co.uk](http://www.payyourschool.co.uk)

<div> <div>WEEK 2</div> <div>Weeks commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> Sept • 26<sup>th</sup> Sept • 17<sup>th</sup> Oct • 14<sup>th</sup> Nov • 5<sup>th</sup> Dec • 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan • 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan • 20<sup>th</sup> Feb • 13<sup>th</sup> Mar</div> </div>					
	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

### CHANGE TO MENU

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON WEDNESDAY, OUR COOK WILL BE COOKING MEATBALLS AND PASTA RATHER THAN MINCED BEEF PIE.

### DIARY DATES- THIS WEEK & REMAINDER OF AUTUMN TERM 2016

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 'Bikeability' classes
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October- cross country event at Witchford Village College for selected pupils in Year 4, 5 & 6.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October- Open Classrooms after school (please note that Reception hold an Open Classroom each Thursday after school)



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- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October- first committee meeting of PTA 2016-17
  - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Year 1 visit to Ely Museum
  - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October- school closed- Professional Development Day for staff
  - Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October- HALF TERM- no school
  - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October- return to school after half term
  - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November- Year 1 Sharing assembly
  - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Year 5 Sharing assembly
  - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November- 10.45am School representative to attend memorial service for Remembrance Day at St Andrew's Church, Isleham
  - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November- Family Worker Parent Drop-in at 8.55am
  - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November- Parents' phonic information session in the hall
  - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November- visit of children's author Nigel Blackman- details to follow
  - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November- 'Spotacular' Day in aid of 'Children in Need'- please wear something spotty or decorate yourself with spots, and bring a donation for 'Children in Need'. We will have a cake sale at break time, so any donations of cakes will be very gratefully received...
  - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November- Year 6 Sharing assembly
  - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November- Year 3 Sharing assembly
  - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December- 2pm Christingle Service in St Andrew's Church, Isleham.
  - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Year 4 Sharing assembly
  - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Family Worker Parent Drop-in at 8.55am
  - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Open Classrooms after school
  - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December- PTA Event- carol singing on the playground, and Christmas Fayre after school
  - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December- End of term- break up for Christmas at end of school day
- (KS1 & Reception Christmas production/ Nativity Play dates tbc)

#### **A NOTE ABOUT OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS**

We have received lots of positive feedback about the weekly newsletters in recent weeks. Thank you to those families who have recently let the school know that they no longer require paper copies of the newsletter... If you have provided your email to the school, you should be receiving the newsletter via email each Monday morning, or indeed you can check online at our website for the newsletter and news articles [www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk) Many thanks.



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