

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 24th April 2017



CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESSES

16 children represented Isleham on Wednesday last week in the Cambridgeshire School's Cross Country relay championship held in Priory Park St Neots. The children were superb ambassadors for the school; both the boys' and girls' A & B teams ran solidly and achieved well in the competition against much larger schools than ours.

The Isleham A team for boys was 34th out of the 137 school teams entered, and the Isleham A team for girls was 47th out of 108 school teams. All of the children can be very proud of their running and perseverance on the tough Priory Park course. Huge thanks go to Mrs Dalton-Cole who came with me to the competition and supports the children weekly at cross country club, and of course to Mrs Boneham for her excellent training of the team up until recently.



DEVELOPMENT OF REFLECTION SPACE NEAR POND AREA

We are excited that work is due to start this week on the outside 'reflection area' (- currently the mud & grass area outside the classrooms, just inside the playground gates) which will be a quiet space for the children to sit and reflect at playtimes and lunchtimes, and a revamped waiting area for parents and families at the end of each school day.

On Tuesday 25th April, a new rubberised mulch surface will be laid, which has been very generously paid for by the PTA through your generous donations and through the wonderful amount raised from the dividend donations at the local Co-op. Please see a photograph overleaf of Mrs Guest and me with the School House Captains at the Co-op last week collecting the cheque for £1084 which has been raised through shoppers' donations to the school via the Co-op.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this scheme and supported the PTA in recent years.



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Over the next few weeks, we will be adding to the area with the children's requested additions- new seats and a triangular den, plant boxes, cushions, windchimes and a water feature! We will of course be inviting you all to the grand opening in the near future. Meanwhile, we apologise for any disruption on Tuesday this week and in the short-term as some areas may need to be cordoned off whilst works are taking place. Thank you for your patience.

Don't forget that Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday so there will be no school on this day! We hope you will all enjoy the long weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs Skillern

ST GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH & ASSEMBLY

We welcomed St George and the dragon to lunch and assembly last Friday. Well done to Jack P, Theo M and Sophia W for acting out the story of St George in assembly so well.



We also wished a very happy birthday on Friday to Her Majesty the Queen- 91 years old on the 21st April 2017. Happy Birthday Ma'am!



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ATTENDANCE

Please can I remind all parents that holidays should not be booked during school term-time and absence cannot be authorised in this situation. We are looking forward to celebrating with those children who are still on track to receive a 100% attendance award at the end of the school year.

SUMMER TERM 'SPECIAL MENTION' CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This term, each class will be hosting a new format 'Special Mention' assembly. You are welcome to come along to watch your child's class assembly. Each child will be showing or talking about something they have done or learnt about recently in school which they deserve a special mention for, and leading the prayers and hymn for our assembly on that day... These assemblies will be in addition to the musical summer concert performances the children will be giving in class groups on the evening of the 12th July.

Friday 5th May- Year 5

Friday 12th May- Year 3

Friday 19th May- Year 6

Friday 26th May- PD Day- NO SCHOOL

Friday 9th June- Year 4

Friday 16th June- Year R

Friday 23rd June- Year 2

Friday 30th June- Year 1

Wednesday 12th July- 5pm- Summer concert

Friday 21st July- Year 6 parents only- leavers' service 1.30pm

SWIMMING LESSONS TO RECOMMENCE WEEK COMMENCING 15.5.17



Swimming will be on the following days from 15th May:-

Monday am- Year 1

Monday pm- Reception

Tuesday am- Year 3

Wednesday am- Year 5

Wednesday pm- Year 2

Thursday am- Year 4

Friday am- Year 6

Many thanks to the Isleham Swimming Pool association (ISPA) and Mr Patterson for all their hard work in preparing the pool for the swim season. Once again we would also like to thank Mrs Read for leading the swim sessions with each of the class teachers. **DON'T FORGET THAT THE BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK WILL HELP TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE I.S.P.A. PLEASE BRING IN YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHING, BELTS, SHOES AND BAGS.**



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VALUE OF THE WEEK

In our assemblies this week, we are thinking about our school value of 'Trust', and the people and writings we can always trust.



PARKING REQUEST



Please could all parents park considerately when dropping off and collecting their children to/from school. Parents are reminded that The Beeches car park offers ample parking at school drop-off and collection times so that parents do not need to park on the roads illegally. Please note that the staff car park should not be used by parents for parking at pick-up and drop-off times. Taxi drivers and our bus service need to be able to access the car park at these times, and emergency exits must please be left clear. Thank you for your consideration.

HANDWRITING AWARDS



Congratulations to this week's Handwriting award winners:-

Week commencing:-	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
18 th April 2017	Beth	Connor	Sophia	Alisha-Jane

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



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CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2017

Thank you for your responses for your children to join the clubs taking place this term. Letters were sent home on Friday indicating the clubs to which your child has been allocated. The club lists are now closed; we will do our utmost to round up your children for the clubs at lunchtime, but please help us by letting younger children know which clubs they have been allocated to so that they are expecting to join us when we come to collect them!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 12.00pm- 12.30pm	Cross Country Running Club (Y4,5,& 6) with Mrs Skillern & Mrs Dalton-Cole	ICT Club (KS2) with Mr Walker Chess Club with Miss Drayton Y6 Gardening Club with Mrs White 'TAG Group'- Talking about God with Revd Sue Construction Club with Miss Fitzpatrick	'Songs from the Musicals' (KS2) with Miss Hunt Science Club with Mrs Hall (selected Y4 pupils each term)	Eco-Schools Club (Y5&6) with Mrs Staward Animal facts club (KS2) with Solomon, Michael & Ms Sassoli! Colouring Club (KS1) with Miss Diplock	Year 6 Sports Crew with Miss Diplock
After school – 4.15pm			Netball Club with Sports Coach Mrs Galloway (Y4,5 & 6)- £10 payable per term	Football Club with Sports Coach Mr Stevens (KS2)- £10 payable per term	Mini Football Club with Mrs Skillern (KS1 & Reception)

MENU

Please find below the menu for this week:-

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAINS	Local pork grill in a bun	Beef Bolognaise 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	Option 1 Option 2 Option 3
	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 ✓	
	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Tuna and cucumber filled roll with salad garnish	Ham salad baguette with salad garnish	Cheese salad wrap with salad garnish ✓	Jacket potato with cheese and coleslaw ✓	
DESSERTS	Mini chocolate brownie with fresh fruit 50%	American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce	Wicked fruity Wednesday 100%	Vanilla cheesecake	Cappuccino cake with fresh milk	
	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot 50%	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt	



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WINNING HOUSE TEAM- SPRING 2017

'Rubies' enjoyed their extra playtime on Friday with parachute games, giant Connect-4, bats & balls and skipping- congratulations to all members of last term's winning merit tokens house.



SAINSBURY'S 'ACTIVE KIDS' VOUCHERS COLLECTION

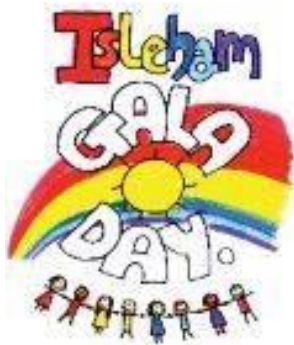


Please look through your bags, wallets and purses and donate any 2017 Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers you may have to the school by posting them in the collection box in the entrance hall by Friday 12th May. The vouchers enable us to purchase a range of additional P.E. equipment and resources to benefit the children. Thank you for your generosity.

<https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/>



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GALA

Committee Meeting

7.30 p.m.

Monday, 24th April 2017

at The Beeches

After another very successful year we are continuing the 2017 campaign as above.

We need more help from willing volunteers to help the stalwarts already working hard for this special day .

The future of GALA is in the hands of VILLAGERS
If YOU want to see the event continue then PLEASE
come forward to help ...



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SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday 24th April- Summer term clubs commence

Monday 24th April – ISPA Parent Resus training 6pm

Wednesday 26th April – Bags2School collection to support the Isleham Swimming Pool Association

Monday 1st May – May Day Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday 6th May – ISPA Parent Resus training 8.30am

Week commencing Monday 8th May- Year 6 SATS WEEK

Monday 8th May- 9.15am-10.45am Family Worker Parent Drop-in with Tina and Linda

Tuesday 16th May- Open Classrooms 3.15pm-3.45pm

Thursday 18th May- New Reception Parents' Meeting 7.00pm (no children please due to timing- familiarisation events for children later in the term)

Friday 26th May- Professional Development Day for staff- SCHOOL CLOSED

Week commencing 29th May- HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 12th June- 9.15am-10.45am Family Worker Parent Drop-in with Tina and Linda

Wednesday 28th June- Key Stage 2 visit to see 'The Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre

Saturday 1st July- ISLEHAM GALA- Brass band and maypole group to perform (details to follow)

Wednesday 5th July- Move-up day. Year 6 at secondary schools. New Reception intake invited EITHER 9.30am-11.15am or 1.30pm-3.15pm

Monday 10th July (am)- Sports morning

Monday 10th July- 9.15am-10.45am Family Worker Parent Drop-in with Tina and Linda

Tuesday 11th July- Open Classrooms 3.15pm-3.45pm

Wednesday 12th July- 5pm- Summer Concert on the School Field (weather permitting)

Thursday 13th July- New Reception pupils to visit from Pre-School 1pm-3pm

Tuesday 18th July- New Reception pupils to visit from Pre-School 9.30am-11.30am

Wednesday 19th July- 5pm- Summer Concert on the School Field (reserve date on if Wednesday 12th cancelled)

Friday 21st July – 1.30pm- Year 6 leavers' play and service (Year 6 parents welcome to attend)

Friday 21st July – 3.15pm- end of school year.

Monday 4th September- Professional Development Day for staff- SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 5th September- Autumn Term 2017 starts- children return to school after the summer holiday



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