

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 24th September



HARVEST FESTIVAL- THIS FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2pm IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, ISLEHAM

Our annual harvest festival and service of thanksgiving for all the wonderful food we have to eat, will take place this Friday at 2pm in St Andrew's Church.

Any parents who would like to watch the service are welcome to meet us in the playground from 1.30pm to walk along to the church with their child's class group.

Our new School Council representatives have been busy organising and creating a display for the church for you all to see on Friday.

Please send in any packet foods, dry foods or tinned produce which your family is willing to donate to the local food bank. We will be presenting our produce for the church collection on arrival at the church. Please ensure the food items are in date for at least 6 months so that they are not past their 'use by' date before they make it to a needy recipient!



Thank you in advance,
Mrs Skillern

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

Your child's class teacher will be available to discuss your child's start to the year, and targets for development during appointment slots on:-

Monday 8th October- 4pm to 7pm

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Tuesday 9th October- 5pm to 8pm

Appointments will go live on the Starz+ platform from today (Monday 24th September) at 12 noon- please use your parent log-in to select your preferred appointment time with each of the teachers who teach your children.

Please try to attend during the times allocated rather than asking for an alternative date/ time- the teachers have allocated these evenings for work duties and it is not feasible for them to be asked to stay late on other evenings in addition to these dates, or take time away from other commitments in order to see parents at other times.

Your child may attend with you if you have no alternative childcare, but must be prepared to remain with you whilst you are in school and listen to what the teacher has to say- we are unable to offer a crèche or supervise children who are not being supervised during the appointments.

Thank you.

FOREST ADVENTURES FOR YEAR 6

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic time during their 3-day residential to Thorpe Woodlands last week. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and really did themselves, their parents and the school proud with their go-getting positive attitude, teamwork and determination to conquer even the highest and most daunting activities! They enjoyed a range of exciting adventures including canoeing, tree-trekking, the 'power-fan', zip-wire and mountain biking, as well as team games, toasting marshmallows by the campfire and team challenges. Well done Year 6 and huge thanks to the Isleham staff, Mr Stevens and the Thorpe Woodlands instructors who looked after the children so well throughout their stay!



SMILE PLEASE!

Your children's school portrait photographs taken last Tuesday will be sent home with your child today. There is of course no compulsion to buy the photographs but all orders need to please be received at school by **Friday 5th October** if you do wish to order through the school- alternatively, please order online.
Many thanks

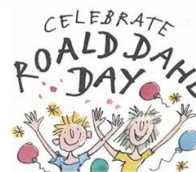


NEWSLETTER DESIGN COMPETITION

You may have noticed the blank footer at the bottom of the page, awaiting this year's overall winning design to be added from next week... the winners will be announced in assembly on Tuesday 25th September and included in the newsletter next week. Thank you for all your entries.

BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK AT ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Scholastic 'Travelling Books' Book Fair will be at Isleham Primary School this week- please pop along to the group room after school 3.30pm-4.00pm daily to browse the books and purchase any you may want for your family or friends. The school receives commission on all your purchases so that we can supplement the books in our library with extra new titles. We hope you may be able to find some books for your child to



enjoy or perhaps as Christmas presents? **Please note that Year 1 children will need to be all dismissed from the group room door before parents can enter the group room for the Book Fair. Thank you for your understanding.**

WELCOME FROM YOUR NEW PTA COMMITTEE



We start the new school year with a new PTA committee in place. Your new committee is raring to go and we hope you can help us to continue to raise much needed extra funds for the school and to support your children in their amazing primary school. This year's committee members are: Kerry Piccaver and Catherine Judkins (joint chair), Lara Kinnett and Nicola Espley (joint secretary) and Tracey Minshall (treasurer). Please feel free to approach any of us if you have ideas or want to get more involved in the PTA (Photo left to right: Catherine, Tracey, Nicola, Kerry, Lara). Please also sign up to our Facebook page 'Isleham primary school pta' to get up to date information or contact us at islehampta@gmail.com.

Our first **open meeting**, which will cover Christmas Fair planning, will take place next **Thursday 4th October at 3.30pm in the Group room**. We would love to see as many parent helpers there as possible as we will need plenty of support with this event; our biggest fundraising event of the year. Any contribution, big or small, would be hugely appreciated, so do come along and get involved! Children are welcome to come along to the meeting (if possible, please bring some suitable entertainment in case they don't want to listen to the planning discussion!).

And another date for the diary - we will have a **Non-uniform day** on the last day of this half term, **Thursday 18th October 2018**. Suggested donation for children in non-uniform is £1 each OR, if you prefer, please send instead a Tombola prize in preparation for our Christmas Fair Tombola (e.g. Un-opened tins, jars, bottles, boxes etc - please do check they are in date into 2019!).

Thanks for your support and hope to see you next week.

MARBULOUS STRUCTURES- CARDBOARD TUBES REQUEST



The Year 6 children have already started testing out the best methods to join their cardboard tubes to

make their 'marbulous' marble-runs... We would be very grateful for any further donations of kitchen roll tubes, wrapping paper tubes or even toilet roll tubes in order to help make our marble runs for our buddies. Please keep saving and sending in any you may have! Thank you in advance.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Each class will be presenting a class assembly this term for family and the rest of the school at 2.45pm on their allocated date. Entry for visiting parents is via the Reception playground door. Please see the dates below and in our Diary dates compilation at the end of the newsletter:-

Friday 5th October- Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 12th October- Year 4 Class Assembly

Friday 2nd November- Year 6 Class Assembly

Friday 9th November- Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 16th November- Year 1 Class Assembly

Friday 23rd November- Year 2 Class Assembly

Please note that Reception do not present a Class Assembly in this first term but instead can share their work with parents on a weekly basis via their open classrooms- Thursdays after school until 3.35pm.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

In our school assemblies each week, we explore one of the school's Christian values and share stories from the Bible. This week, we will be thinking about the the call of Abraham (Genesis 12, 17-18) and The story of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27)- linking to our Christian values of Trust, Friendship, Justice and Truth.



STAR OF THE WEEK



On Thursday afternoon, the following children were awarded 'Star of the Week' certificates...

Year 1- Harrison for perseverance despite tricky maths problems

Year 2- Louise for staying positive and working really hard in Maths this week.

Year 3- Freya S for her hard work in class

Year 4- Cassie-Mai for her excellent work on Perimeter in Maths

Year 5- Adam for his hard work throughout the week

WELL DONE TO ALL THESE CHILDREN.

MENU THIS WEEK

This week's menu options are listed below:-

<div> <div>LUNCHTIME CO.</div> <div>WEEK ONE MENU</div> <div>WEEKS COMMENCING: • 3RD SEP • 24TH SEP • 15TH OCT</div> </div> <div> NUTRITIONALLY PAOKED All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and exceed The School Food Plan. </div> <div> WE BUY LOCAL We use local suppliers because we only use food we can trust which is of a high standard, properly produced, fresh and good value. </div>					
MEAT FREE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshly Baked Bread	Freshly baked wholemeal bread	Freshly baked focaccia	Freshly baked ciabatta bread	Freshly baked sunflower seed bread	Freshly baked garlic & herb bread
Main Choice 1	Quorn pasta bolognese served with grated cheese & spaghetti	Chicken sausages with mashed potato	Beef lasagne	Roast beef, with roast potatoes and yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers & chips with tomato ketchup
Main Choice 2	Roasted vegetable risotto	Vegetarian sausages with mashed potato	Vegetable stew served with rice	Penne pasta with tomato and basil sauce	Vegetables fingers with chips and tomato ketchup
Available every day	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads
Desserts	Eves pudding with custard Sliced fresh fruit	Marble cake Sliced fresh fruit	Sticky Toffee Pudding Sliced fresh fruit	Iced Vanilla Sponge Sliced fresh fruit	Jelly and Ice Cream Sliced fresh fruit

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 26th September- Family worker drop-in at Isleham Primary School- 9.15am to 10.45am

Wednesday 26th September- 6pm-8pm- Ely College Roadshow evening for Year 6 pupils and parents

Thursday 27th September- 6pm-8pm- Soham Village College Open Evening for Year 6 pupils and parents

Friday 28th September- 2.00pm- Harvest Festival in St Andrew's Church (Parents welcome. Each child is invited to bring a tin or sealed packet of food for 'The Three Rivers' Churches' Harvest collection. Thank you in advance.)

Tuesday 2nd October- 6pm-8pm- Mildenhall College Academy Open Evening for Year 6 pupils and parents

Thursday 4th October- 5pm-7pm- Littleport & East Cambs Academy Open Evening for Year 6 pupils and parents

Thursday 4th October- 3.30pm- PTA Meeting open to all in Group Room

Friday 5th October- Ely Cathedral Schools' Day- Year 6

Friday 5th October- 2.45pm- Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 5th October- Deadline for photograph orders

Monday 8th October- Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm (booking online from Monday 24th September 12noon)

Tuesday 9th October- Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm (booking online from Monday 24th September 12noon)

Wednesday 10th October- Year 6 visit to Duxford Air Museum

Thursday 11th October- Year 6 STEM Challenge at SVC

Friday 12th October- 2.45pm- Year 4 Class Assembly

Thursday 18th October- PTA Non-uniform day- suggested donation of £1 to wear own clothes!

Friday 19th October- Professional Development Day for staff (School closed to pupils- Premier Education Sport camp on offer- further details to follow)

Week commencing Monday 22nd October- HALF TERM WEEK (School closed to pupils)

Friday 2nd November- 2.45pm- Year 6 Class Assembly

Friday 9th November- 2.45pm- Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 16th November- 2.45pm- Year 1 Class Assembly

Friday 23rd November- 2.45pm- Year 2 Class Assembly

AUDITIONS!

**Sunday 4th November 2018 at the Performing Arts
Centre, Soham Village College, CB7 5AA**

ALL WELCOME



Time 11am-1pm

Age Range Year 1 - 12 years *

CHICAGO
HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

Time 1pm-4pm

Age Range 12 years plus *

* on the date of the audition
Wear clothing you can dance in!

viva!

**For more information contact the Viva Office on
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