

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 15th October

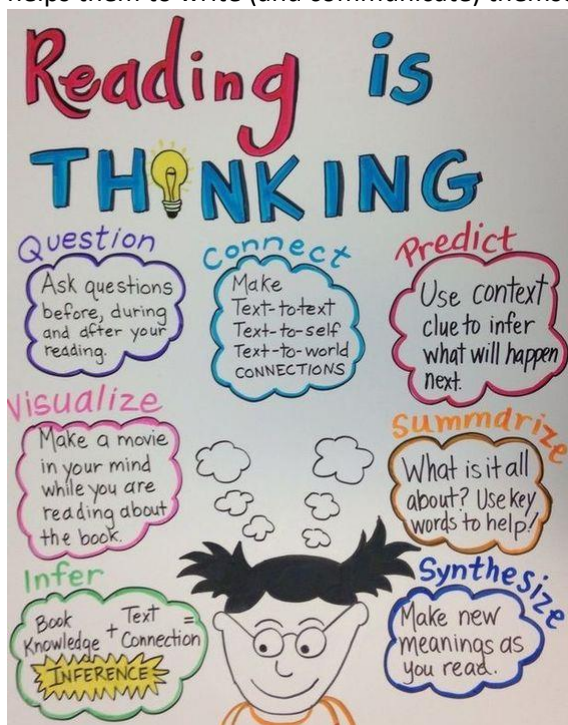


## HALF TERM DRAWS TO A CLOSE ALREADY!

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy half term in school - thank you as always for your support of all we do, and of your children. Daily reading and weekly homework tasks completed with support from home can have a huge impact on your child's attainment, confidence and engagement in school.

Please encourage your child to read aloud to you throughout the half term break and to ask and answer questions about what they are reading. This helps them to answer comprehension style questions about their reading, but also helps them to write (and communicate) themselves using a wider range of vocabulary and understanding.



At our recent Parents' Evenings, many parents said that they no longer hear their child read as their child prefers to read to themselves. However, this does not always help them to think about the text in more detail...

Overleaf are some possible questions you could ask your child after or during their reading. Obviously not all need to be asked each time, but please encourage your child to highlight words they have not met before, and find out what they mean.

Wishing you a lovely half term break.

With best wishes,

Mrs Skillern



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## Reading- possible prompts/ discussion questions

What has happened in the story so far?  
What do you think will happen next?  
Who is your favourite character? Why?  
Who is the character you like least? Why?  
Do you think the author intended you to like / dislike this character? How do you know?  
Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?  
Find two things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable?  
If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him / her?  
Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?  
Would you change any part of the story? How?  
Would you change any of the characters? How?  
Which part of the story was the funniest/scariest/ saddest/ happiest? Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.  
What is the purpose of this book? How do you know?  
Why is this page laid out in this way? Could you improve it?  
Pick three favourite words or phrases from this chapter. Can you explain why you chose them?  
Did this book make you laugh? Can you explain what was funny and why?  
Have you read anything else by this author? Is anything similar?  
Does this book remind you of anything else? How?  
When do you think this book was written? How do you know? Does it matter?  
What would it be like if it was written now?  
Do you think the title of the book is appropriate? What would you have called it?  
What is the genre of the book: sci-fi, mystery, historical, fantasy, adventure, horror, comedy?  
What are the features that make you think this?  
Find two sentences which describe the setting.  
Is the plot fast or slow moving? Find some evidence in the text, which supports your view.  
If the author had included another paragraph before the story started what do you think it would say?  
Would you like to read another book by this author? Why/ why not?

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA- THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018



Hello all. Don't forget that this Thursday the 18th October- the last day of this half term- is non uniform day in support of the PTA. If your child would like to come to school in their regular clothing, we would very much appreciate a £1 donation per child or, if you prefer, a tombola prize donation would also be gratefully received.

And a quick heads up for after the half term holiday....the PTA will be selling glow sticks after school in the playground on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd November, in preparation for your bonfire night celebrations.

Thanks for your support,  
Isleham PTA



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## KEEPING ACTIVE THIS HALF TERM



**Don't forget to check out our website for details of local events happening during the half term break, including a Premier Education multi-activity day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October this week.**

[https://isleham.eschools.co.uk/website/school\\_games\\_sport\\_at\\_isleham\\_primary/75488](https://isleham.eschools.co.uk/website/school_games_sport_at_isleham_primary/75488)

Please see the 'Sport & Games at Isleham Primary' page on our website- in the 'Our School' section for more details.

## NEW SCHOOL GOVERNOR WANTED

Our School Governing Body is made up of great people, who represent the community, parents, staff, diocese and local authority as Governors. All are volunteers who work with the Headteacher to manage and lead the school for the benefit of all its pupils.

We are currently looking for one new community or parent Governor to join our successful Governing Body, and would be delighted to hear from someone who:

- has an interest in the improvement, performance and success of our school
- possesses a desire to contribute and represent the community
- has an open and enquiring mind
- is able to look at issues objectively
- is confident to ask questions and join in debate
- has a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- can contribute at least 2 evenings, and occasional day visits each term to support the running of the school

A background in finance and IT literacy would be of benefit.

If you are interested, please write to Mrs Barrett, Clerk to the Governors via the school email address [office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) and include a rationale for your application which can be shared with existing Governors to help aid the selection process.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

**Well done to our Year 4 Class for presenting their class assembly on Friday. We enjoyed the very detailed explanation of how our digestive system works! And finding out about what the children have been doing in class.**



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**Our next Class Assembly will be led by the Year 6 children after half term on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.45pm. Entry for visiting parents is via the Reception playground door.**

**Please see the dates below and overleaf, and in our Diary dates compilation at the end of the newsletter for remaining events dates this year:-**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November- Year 6 Class Assembly

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November- Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November- Year 1 Class Assembly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **STAR OF THE WEEK**



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

**Year 1- Lewis Piccaver for using the preparation time really well for his big write.**

**Year 2- Joshua Durham for great effort in his learning.**

**Year 3- Freya McTurk for always being a fabulous role model.**

**Year 4- Ashton Parsons for excellent work in Maths.**

**Year 5- Daniel Collen & Livvy French for both producing interesting art pieces.**

**Year 6- Niamh McTurk, Esme Leeson and Holly Winnington for consistent hard work, and super behaviour at all times.**

**WELL DONE TO ALL THESE CHILDREN.**

### **ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK**



In our school assemblies each week, we explore some of the school's Christian values and share stories from the Bible. This week, we will be thinking about the story of the birth of Moses (from Exodus 1-2) and the call of Moses (the burning bush) from Exodus 3-4. We will be focusing on the Christian values of love, courage and faith.





## MENU THIS WEEK

This week's menu options are listed below:-

MEAT FREE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Freshly Baked Bread</b>	Freshly baked wholemeal bread	Freshly baked focaccia	Freshly baked ciabatta bread	Freshly baked sunflower seed bread	
<b>Main Choice 1</b>	Quorn pasta bolognese served with grated cheese & spaghetti	Chicken sausages with mashed potato	Fish fingers & chips with tomato ketchup	Roast beef, with roast potatoes and yorkshire pudding	
<b>Main Choice 2</b>	Roasted vegetable risotto	Vegetarian sausages with mashed potato	Vegetable fingers with chips and tomato ketchup	Penne pasta with tomato and basil sauce	
<b>Available every day</b>	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	
<b>Desserts</b>	Eves pudding with custard Sliced fresh fruit	Marble cake Sliced fresh fruit	Sticky Toffee Pudding Sliced fresh fruit	Iced Vanilla Sponge Sliced fresh fruit	

## YEAR 6 PUPILS FLYING HIGH AT DUXFORD IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM & THE SVC STEM CHALLENGE

Our Year 6 children enjoyed two more visits away from Isleham last week- to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, to find out about World War II aircraft and the lives of local people during the Second World War, and to Soham Village College to take part in the Primary Schools' STEM Challenge in Technology, Science and Maths. The children worked well in their teams for the STEM challenges and were awarded two certificates for their maths and technology work. Well done Year 6.



## CROSS COUNTRY

We are extremely proud of our Year 3 & 4 Cross Country runners who competed in the Primary School cross country event on 5.10.18. Isleham runners came 4<sup>th</sup> in both the Year 3 and Year 4 competition. Many



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thanks to Mr Walker, Mrs Dunsmuir, Mrs Cole and Miss Cadman for accompanying the large group of 40 Isleham children to this event.



### ALL EYES ON YEAR 6!

Year 6 were delighted to welcome Mrs Fleming on Friday morning for a talk about 'eyeballs' linked to their current Science topic on light. Mrs Fleming detailed her work as an ophthalmologist and shared the fascinating differences between the eyes of humans and various animals and creatures. Thank you Mrs Fleming for coming in to speak to us...



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Year 4 visit to local farm

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October- Professional Development Day for staff (School closed to pupils- Premier Education Sport camp on offer- further details provided in leaflet)

**Week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- HALF TERM WEEK (School closed to pupils)**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November- PTA sale of Glowsticks after school

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November- 2.45pm- Year 6 Class Assembly

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November- 2.45pm- Year 3 Class Assembly

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November- HOUSE DAY- all children are invited to wear their house colours for our 'Royalty-themed' House Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November- Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby event at Witchford

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November- 2.45pm- Year 1 Class Assembly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November- 2.45pm- Year 2 Class Assembly

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November- 2.45pm- Carols on the playground (weather permitting) followed by PTA Christmas Fair

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December- 4pm- Community Carols at St Andrew's Church Isleham

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- 2pm- Year R Nativity Concert (1 of 2)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December- 10am- Year R Nativity Concert (2 of 2)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December- 2pm- Year 1 & 2 Performance of 'Hey Ewe!' (Show 1 of 2)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December- 10am - Year 1 & 2 Performance of 'Hey Ewe!' (Show 2 of 2)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- 'Steve Sausage' show for all year groups and Christmas parties (pm)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Break up for Christmas holidays at the end of the school day



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