

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Friday 24th April 2020



## THE STRANGEST SUMMER TERM START

Dear Parents,

It really has been the most strange start to our summer term. After 5 weeks of lockdown, we are all now feeling increasingly isolated... Most of you have now fortunately made contact with the school through ClassDojo and this is providing both staff and children with virtual contact with one another to help through this difficult time. There are now very few families who have not logged in... Remember that you don't need to carry out all of the activities or indeed any of them, but your child's class teacher leaves weekly messages, and they can upload photos of anything they have done at home throughout the week.



If your child is having trouble accessing ClassDojo as they do not have access to a PC or iPad, please do get in touch. Log-in details for ClassDojo were sent to your main email on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, but if you are having difficulty logging in, please email me at [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) and I will be happy to help.

If you are not receiving emails, but have seen this newsletter online and want to register for emails with a different email address, please also let me know via the email address above. We will of course let you know as soon as possible any updates and school news. All letters and communications will continue to be emailed to your main email address and are also posted on the website in the LATEST NEWS section.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that throughout the lockdown we have been providing Coop vouchers for children who are entitled to free school meals. If your financial situation has changes as a result of the lockdown, and you think your child may now be eligible, please apply online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) as soon as possible and we will be notified straightaway and deliver your voucher card.

These are added to each week with your child's entitlement for the week ahead- £3 per weekday.

With all best wishes,

Mrs Skillern and the Isleham Primary School staff 😊

## A Poem by Harison Year 6

We're all stuck in our house,  
Because of Covid-19,  
Everyone walking around the streets,  
Might be the most depressing thing I've  
ever seen.

We're missing things,  
Like friends and school,  
But on the bright side,  
There's barely any pollution at all.

Maybe the virus can help,  
Put the world together,  
If we all follow the rules,  
This world can be saved forever.



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## GOOD NEWS STORIES- YEAR 4

We have been so delighted to see so many photos of what you have been doing at home over the past few weeks, and to find out when you have been inspired about some of the work you have been asked to do... We will be choosing a year group each week to feature in our newsletter.



From Harstonby Over Morton to Crowland

- 1. We looked at paintings by Fenland artists online then I chose one that I liked. It is called "From Harstonby Over Morton to Crowland" the painting was done by an artist called Nick Tearle and it was painted in oils in 2017.

Nick Tearle is a full time artist who lives in West Deeping in Lincolnshire. He paints in oils and he only paints fenland landscapes.

When he paints he paints "en plein air" which is French and means painted outdoors.

He exhibits his paintings in galleries, he has sold over 50 original works to private collections in the UK and abroad.

The areas he paints are Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. He paints seasonal pictures of fens and lots of skies. The flatness of the fens is like painting at sea as you have lots of sky.

He has won a number of awards for his painting. 2017 the Andrew Howarth award and 2018 the Antwerp Exhibition Peoples choice award. His work has been on lots of local magazine covers. I like his paintings as they look very real.

In Year 4 this week, Freya S found out about local landscape artist Nick Tearle and was thrilled to be able to set up a FaceTime interview with the artist himself. She really enjoyed hearing about his artwork. Well done to Freya for your artwork and Thank you to Mr Tearle for responding to these questions:-

### Why do you paint Fenland pictures?

"I like to paint all kinds of pictures but decided to focus on landscapes as not many people painted the fens and they are beautiful".

### Why do you like painting outside?

"I like painting outside as I like to be surrounded by the beauty of nature"

### Have you ever been painting outside and it started to rain?

"When I paint outside I park my car close by behind me so that I can quickly pack my things away if it starts to rain! I have, however been blown over by the wind as it can be very strong in the fens and knocked over my easel which ruined my painting!"



### What is your favourite painting?

"I have many favourite paintings and couldn't choose just one but I like an artist called Edward Hopper who is an American artist as I like the way he uses light and isolation to show how big the world around us is".

### What do you like to do when you are not painting?

"I love travelling in the Far East and enjoy making music. I use the sounds of nature to make ambient soundscapes which is another form of art".

Congratulations too to all these Year 4 children for your super landscape pictures: Freya Mc, Lilly W, Sophie, Henry G, Poppy, Giselle, Isabelle, Isla, Louisa, Dexter, Aurelia, Ted & George



### STAFF & PUPIL NEWS

Ms Sassoli will be returning to work on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 after her maternity leave- she will be job-sharing with Mrs Tait in Year 6. Welcome back Ms Sassoli- we look forward to seeing you again as soon as the school We are also delighted to welcome Isaiah to Year 3 this term as soon as school reopens.

Places have also been allocated to the September 2020 intake of Reception pupils- obviously we will keep parents informed of arrangements for welcoming families and children to the school in these strange times as soon as we can. Please email [office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) if you have any queries about school admission.

### 'SPREADING JOY' LOCAL WINDOW DISPLAY THEMES

Don't forget that if you're spreading joy with your window displays this week, the suggested theme is Flowers, but I quite like next week's smiley faces too! To cheer up the local community, and for others to



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hopefully spot if they are out for a walk near your home... please display something with the theme listed below in your window...

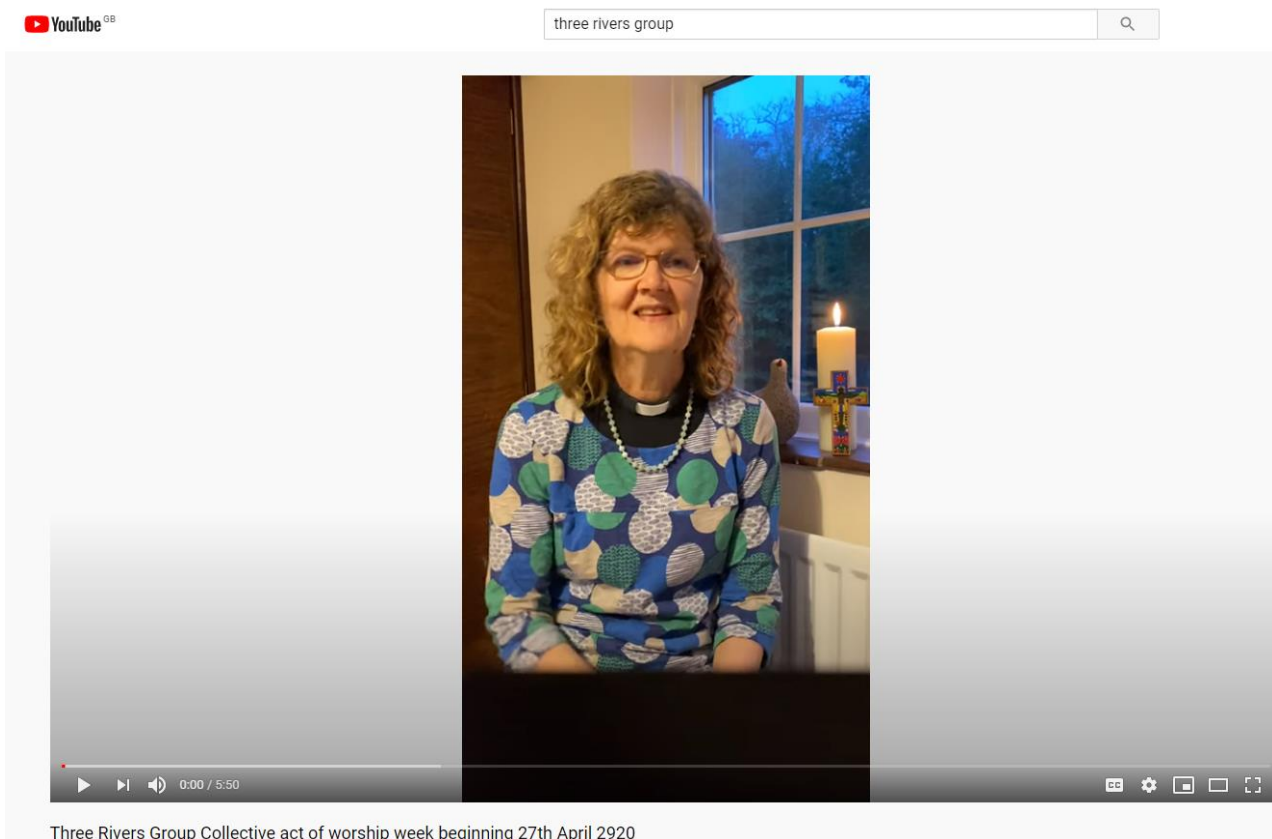


### ISLEHAM EMERGENCY CHILDCARE

Our emergency childcare for those key workers and families who need it most remains open at Isleham, and numbers of children in school have remained low each day, ensuring that staff and children can also practice 'social distancing' and reduce the risk of catching/ spreading the virus. Please contact [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) if you are a key worker and will require your children to attend in the next couple of weeks.

### THREE RIVERS CHURCH GROUP

if your children are missing their weekly assembly with Revd Sue, please encourage them to go to <https://safeyoutube.net/w/3fi8> to watch Revd Sue's assembly for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.



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