

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 16th March 2020



CORONAVIRUS ADVICE FOR FAMILIES

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you following the national update to COVID-19 advice issued last week.

The Chief Medical Officer provided new advice at the end of last week around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so we would encourage you to review the updated information online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

You must self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- High temperature and/or
- A new continuous cough

If staff or pupils have these symptoms, then they should now take steps to stay at home and not leave their house for seven days from when their symptoms started.

This will help to protect others in the community while they are infectious. Anyone displaying symptoms should not come to school, go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Please report absence in the normal way by calling the school office.

If you keep your child at home, you do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them they are staying at home and Public Health England will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms. If your child's symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, please contact NHS 111 Online at 111.nhs.uk.

If your child is in school and it becomes evident that they have a continuous cough and/or a high temperature, we will contact you immediately and ask for your child to be collected. We will do this not only for the health and wellbeing of your child, but also for the health and wellbeing of the school community.

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please be aware that we cannot reply to individual phone calls regarding this situation. We are receiving daily advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England. We will continue to respond and act accordingly and keep everyone updated via our school communications. Please use the finance@isleham.cambs.sch.uk email address if you wish your message to be collected outside school hours.



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If you have any concerns you can call the DfE helpline. Phone: 0800 046 8687 or Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk between 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

The government has not changed its advice regarding domestic trips. However, the school has carried out a comprehensive risk assessment and taken the decision not to go ahead with trips, sporting fixtures and community events until further notice.

We are taking a number of measures to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors in school. These include additional handwashing and cleaning routines, teaching of effective handwashing to children, provision of an isolation room, consideration of vulnerable children and adults with medical conditions, reducing contact situations (assemblies, carpet time and events outside the school community). We will also be restricting use of some high contact resources such as iPads and increasing cleaning of these items.

We will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation by email and concerned parents should visit the NHS coronavirus webpage <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> in the first instance or phone NHS 111 and seek professional health advice.

We will only close the school if advised by Public Health England that we should do so or if the Government announces blanket closures. However insufficient staffing levels due to illness may also necessitate closure. This may happen at short notice, but we will of course contact you as quickly as possible if this will be necessary.

Meanwhile, if you should find that your family are required to self-isolate or you or your child are diagnosed with Coronavirus, a link to some home learning packs for the weeks of the 16.3.2020, 23.3.2020 and 30.3.2020 can be found on our website. Your child can download and complete the work within the packs if he or she is unable to attend school but well enough to continue with home learning. We are also running a poster challenge- children are being asked to create an information poster about an inspirational person for display in the school (A3 size is ideal).

Please return any completed work to your child's class teacher when he or she returns to school. Don't forget that Key Stage 2 children can also log on to **TTRockstars** and **spag.com** with their online subscriptions, and children should aim to continue reading and practising their year group spellings (these are included in the front of your child's home school book).

We understand how challenging and worrying the current situation is and thank you for your patience and support during this difficult period.

With best wishes,
Mrs Skillern



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FAMOUS AUTHOR VISIT

It was a delight to welcome author James Campbell last week. Thank you so much to parents who supported his book signing at the end of his visit day too - James sold lots of his books. We hope your children will enjoy reading them.



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

This week, our assemblies will take place in classes and cover a variety of themes including current affairs, personal, social and health education.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Last week, our Stars of the Week were: -

Year R - Evie for developing her skills by attending an out of school gymnastics club

Year 1 - Carly for responding to feedback and aiming high in everything she does

Year 2 - Finley for extending his writing by listening to feedback

Year 3 - Evelyn for learning all of her ERT practice words

Year 4 - Isabelle for competing in a Swimming Gala for Mildenhall Sharks Swim Club

Year 4 - Lilly W for her enthusiasm and commitment to learning guitar both in school and at home.

Year 5 - Harry for rising to challenges and great learning behaviour

Year 6 - Harison for looking to the future and what he wants to achieve.

SCIENCE WEEK 2020 LAST WEEK



Thank you Mrs Deacon for organising our excellent woodland visits last week and Ms Bazeley-White for leading our polar exploration assembly 😊



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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHARITY FUNDRAISING FOR PETS AS THERAPY: READ2DOGS



We are still hoping to create a fantastic giant dog picture made of coins in the playground at the end of this term on our Pets as Therapy Charity Day...

Please send in any coins you can spare to school by Monday 23rd March (so that we have a good idea of the number we can include in the finished design). There is a collection tub in the office.

Basil (our Reading Therapy dog) will be visiting at the end of the day on Friday 27th March 2020 (weather and Coronavirus permitting- reserve date Thursday 2nd April) to have his photograph taken with his coin picture friend and all of the children in our school. We will aim for each child to help place some of the coins into the outline as part of this fundraiser.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. Mrs Skillern

MENU

Please find below menu choices for the week ahead: -

	MEAT FREE Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshly baked bread	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
Menu choice 1	Macaroni cheese	Homemade nuggets with rice & peas	Beef burger & potato wedges	Roast turkey, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers & chips with tomato ketchup
Menu choice 2	Jacket potato with toppings, cheese, beans, tuna mayo, coleslaw	Vegetable lasagne	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Broccoli & tomato pasta bake with melted cheese	Vegetable pitta bread pizza
Sides	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads
Desserts	Iced vanilla sponge Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate cookies Sliced fresh fruit	Jam sponge & custard Sliced fresh fruit	Ice cream Sliced fresh fruit	Gingerbread man Sliced fresh fruit
Our mission is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of <i>your</i> day.					



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PTA MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

The PTA will be running Mother's Day gift stalls during morning break time on **Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March**. Gifts cost £3, which should be sent in to school with your children. For this price, the children will get to choose two items and we will gift wrap them, ready to surprise you with on Mothering Sunday :-)

We have sourced some really lovely items for the stalls this year so I'm sure your children will find a perfect gift for you. Thanks for your support, the PTA.



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THE REST OF THIS TERM- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16.3.20	3.30pm- ISPA meeting - CANCELLED
Tuesday 17.3.20	9.15am- Class café Year 3 - CANCELLED
Thursday 19.3.20	Year 2 visit to Sedgwick Museum - CANCELLED PTA Mother's Day gift stall- break time
Friday 20.3.20	PTA Mother's Day Gift Stall- break time
Sunday 22.3.20	Mothering Sunday
Monday 23.3.20	Pets as Therapy coin collection week
Tuesday 24.3.20	9.15am- Class café Year 5 - CANCELLED
Thursday 26.3.20	6pm Full Governors Meeting
Friday 27.3.2020	Pets as Therapy charity day- coin dog artwork
Monday 30.3.20	2pm- Year 3 & 4 dress rehearsal - CANCELLED 3.30pm- Staff RESUS training 6pm- Parent RESUS training
Tuesday 31.3.20	9.15am- Class Café Year 6 - CANCELLED 2pm Year 3 & 4 Production 1 of 2 - CANCELLED
Wednesday 1.4.20	2pm Year 3 & 4 Production 2 of 2 - CANCELLED
Thursday 2.4.20	Easter hols start after school
Monday 20.4.20	PD Day- whole staff- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 21.4.20	Summer term starts for pupils



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