### **ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS**

Week commencing: Monday 30th November 2020



#### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

This Tuesday will be the 1st December, and Christmas is really on its way! Churches across the world have now lit the first advent candle on the advent wreath to show that there are now only 3 more Sundays before Christmas Day. The centre candle of course is lit on Christmas Day.





CHRISTMAS POST- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY DUE TO DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS THIS YEAR Please note that to adhere to all our Covid-safe guidance but also keep the fun of Christmas card deliveries alive for our children, our Christmas school post boxes both in class and outside the hall will be open from Monday to Thursday each week up until the end of term, to accept post from your children in school.

Deliveries will be made on <u>Mondays each week AFTER the post has been quarantined for at least 72 hours.</u>

<u>Cards to children in your child's bubble should be bundled separately and given to your child's teacher</u> on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or posted in the small box in each class.

If your child has cards for staff or children who are NOT in their bubble, please help them to bundle these cards together and take them to their classroom in the morning on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday before the end of term, and the teacher will send them along to the school post box when it is quiet for just their year group to post to other year groups. Please remind your child NOT to go along to the main school post box unaccompanied to avoid mixing of bubbles.

Please also remind your child NOT to post their class cards in the whole school box- this is only for deliveries outside of your child's class bubble. I hope that makes sense. Thank you!



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#### **ISLEHAM CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY COLOURING**

Brighten the village for Christmas - Christmas Trees & Stars Window Displays

We have been asked to share details of the Isleham Community Christmas window displays project. It was so lovely earlier in the year to see the rainbows and other weekly themed pictures in the windows around Isleham. It would be wonderful to see some more pictures appear over the next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas to accompany the Christmas decorations on display.

As there is no Festival of Light this year, why not design your own Christmas tree picture and display it in your window? Or colour in a bright star to help light the way for the Nativity trail? You just need paper and some creativity, but if you want templates to colour, they are available as a PDF on the Isleham News Facebook Group (see the post or go to the files tab), or by email from <a href="mailto:islehamcolouring@gmail.com">islehamcolouring@gmail.com</a>



## Isleham Community Colouring Brighten the village for Christmas

# Christmas Trees & Stars Window displays

Design your own Christmas trees and stars to display in your windows, or obtain templates from Isleham News Facebook group or by emailing islehamcolouring@gmail.com











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#### 'CAKES FOR JAY' DAY- MONDAY 14th DECEMBER





Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December would have been the ninth birthday of Isleham pupil Jay Davison, who sadly lost his battle with cancer during the first lockdown this year at the start of April.

On this day we will be enjoying a birthday cake and remembering Jay in our class assemblies. We will also be unveiling 'Jay's buddy bench' in the playground which will be a brightly coloured new addition to our playground.

The fantastic cooks have kindly offered to bake a cupcake for each child in the school to enjoy at breaktime whether or not they have school dinners on that day, and the Davison family will be providing cake toppers for the cupcakes.

We would also like to invite your children to dress in a rainbow coloured top (of the colour listed below for each year group) so that we can share a photo of our rainbow bench and our wonderful children with the press to mark this day.

Please wear a top in the following colours- children involved in the photograph for press will not be named and will be part of a group photograph only taken very quickly on the playrgound as it is likely to be too cold to stand around (-they will file out, face the camera and file back into school!) They will be distanced from other class bubbles for the photo by standing in designated zones according to their coloured tops...

- Year R & office staff- red
- Year 1 team- orange
- Year 2 team- yellow
- Year 3 team- green
- Year 4 team- bright blue
- Year 5 team- pink/lilac/ pale purple
- Year 6 team- dark blue/ indigo/dark purple/ black

We hope that this memorial event can be a happy lasting memory of Jay for all the children in our school. If you do not wish your child to take part in the press photo for this event, please let me know in writing prior to the event <a href="mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk">head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk</a>

Thank you in advance, Mrs Skillern

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Thank you for helping us by ensuring your children have the correct items of uniform for school. It is essential please that all children have a plain pair of black shoes or trainers for non-PE days.



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#### **ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK**

This week we will be thinking about the church season of advent and this picture news poster to spark our discussions.



We will also be carrying out our NSPCC 'Speak out stay safe' virtual assemblies with a bit of help from Ant and Dec this year.... In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the NSPCC have changed the way the 'Speak out Stay safe' programme is being delivered. They have developed Speak out Stay Safe online with assemblies to be used in school and additional supporting resources for teachers and pupils to use to help children understand what to do if they are worried about themselves or someone else.

With the help of the NSPCC mascot, Buddy, the programme covers topics like bullying and abuse, but without using any scary words or adult language. Pupils learn about the different types of abuse in a childfriendly and age appropriate way, so they can get help if or when they need it. We help them identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend. And they learn about Childline, and how it can support them.



EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Speak out. Stay safe. programme











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#### **MENU THIS WEEK**





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#### **DIARY DATES**

Please find below our list of diary dates for the weeks up until the Christmas break:-

30/11/2020		St Andrew's Day
01/12/2020		
02/12/2020		
03/12/2020		
04/12/2020		Deadline for additional hoody/polo order for Year 6 pupils
06/12/2020		Second Sunday of Advent
07/12/2020		
08/12/2020		
09/12/2020		
10/12/2020		
11/12/2020		
13/12/2020		<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u>
14/12/2020		Jay Davison's Birthday- 'Cakes for Jay day'. Please wear your coloured tops!
15/12/2020		
16/12/2020		
17/12/2020	-	Christmas Lunch Day & Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/2020	-	Christmas fun- Steve Sausage visits Isleham Primary!
	End of school	Break up for Christmas holiday at end of school day

