

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 2nd December 2019



## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS AT ISLEHAM PRIMARY!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Christmas carol singing and fair on Friday. Well done to all the children for their singing, and to those who helped with the actions for the '12 days of Christmas' song!



It was great to see so many children and parents at the fair- we are incredibly grateful to all who helped out too, including the Year 6 children and staff, and to all who came to spend money at the fair. If you did not make the Christmas fair, please note that your child's personalised Christmas craft bag is available in the office to purchase at a cost of £3 per bag. We will recycle any unpurchased bags/ materials which can be reused at the end of this week as the PTA have funded the purchase of materials and items have been created in order to raise funds for the school.



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The PTA have also written the following:-

The PTA would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on Friday. We really enjoyed it and we hope that you did too. Thanks to all the teaching staff, office staff, caretakers, governors, parent/carer/grandparent/ex-pupil helpers and anyone else we may have missed for your help in making this event happen. And thank you to everyone who came along to show their support. We are still finalising the total amount raised, but it will be over £2,000....a tremendous amount. This will go a long way to providing the school with essential equipment - we'll keep you posted further on this.

Please check the Christmas countdown at the end of this letter for details of what's happening in the run-up to Christmas over the next 3 weeks.

Thank you, Mrs Skillern

### **TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS**

Please note that all term-time holidays from school are unauthorised, and that unauthorised absences of three days or over will incur a penalty fee per child for all parents. We enforce the same rules for all families, although in the first term of reception year, we try to avoid fining parents for a short break away from school as long as the school has been notified in advance. Thank you for your understanding.

### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2019**

Thank you once again to all parents and family members who supported our Christingle service on Thursday last week. It is always a delight for the school to gain a sneak preview of the fantastic 'Festival of Light' and for Year 6 to light their Christingles to light up the Church as we approach the start of advent. We are thankful to all the community helpers who helped to put together the Christingle oranges, and to all our families for their donations towards The Children's Society collection.



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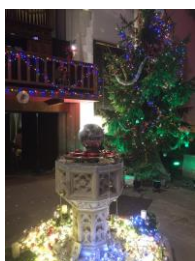


**THANK YOU TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SHOEBOX APPEAL THIS YEAR- MAKING UP A BOX OF ESSENTIALS & GIFTS FOR A CHILD IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS TIME.**

**Some of the children who made up boxes are pictured above.**

### **KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN & CHOIR MEMBERS - WILL YOU BE SINGING AT THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT COMMUNITY CAROL CONCERT IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH THIS WEEKEND?**

If your child enjoyed the carol singing on the playground last week, please encourage him or her to join us for the Community carol concert in St Andrew's Church Isleham from 4.00pm this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. **We are keen to have as many Key Stage 2 children as possible at the event, along with any members of Mrs Tait's choir group who meet on Wednesdays after school.** Please return the slip below if your child can join us. Please ensure that if you will be leaving your child with us during the concert that he or she has warm clothing, and festive head gear e.g. a Santa hat, and that they are carrying their own inhaler if needed. **THANK YOU!**




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### **COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be able to attend the Community carol singing concert in St Andrew's Church Isleham from 4pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

\*I will also be in attendance/ I will be collecting from the concert at around 5pm

Contact telephone number in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/ Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please delete as appropriate



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## STAR OF THE WEEK

We did not have a 'Star of the Week' assembly last week due to our Christingle service



## HOUSE DAY COMING UP- 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Don't forget to order your house coloured top and cap by the end of this week if you don't have anything the right colour for our house day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the PTA have arranged some cost effective options for you...

### PTA HOUSE COLOUR T-SHIRTS & CAPS FOR SALE



If you would like to purchase a T-shirt or cap for your child, in preparation for the House Colours day on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019, then please fill in and return the form below by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please give your form with full payment (cash or cheque) to the office in a sealed envelope. All proceeds from the sales these items will go towards the PTA.

Please tick the colours and size you require below.

House colour	Ruby	Amber	Emerald	Sapphire
Cap £4.50				
T-Shirt £3.50				

Age	3/4 years	5/6 years	7/8 years	9/11 years	12/13 years
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Child's name:.....



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## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK



This week we will be thinking about Advent and introducing the symbolism of the candles on the Advent wreath. In Churches and Cathedrals throughout the world, the first candle on the Advent wreath was lit yesterday for the first Sunday of Advent. There are five candles in total and one more is lit each Sunday in the run-up to Christmas, with the final White Christ candle lit on Christmas Day.

Do you know what each of the outer four candles represents?



## MENU

Please find below menu choices for the week ahead:-

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>MEAT FREE</b>					
<b>Freshly baked bread</b>	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
<b>Menu choice 1</b>	Macaroni cheese	Homemade nuggets with rice & peas	Beef burger & potato wedges	Roast turkey, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers & chips with tomato ketchup
<b>Menu choice 2</b>	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
<b>Sides</b>	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
<b>Desserts</b>	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
<i>Our mission is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of your day.</i>					



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**CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN**  
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM**



<b>Thurs 5.12.19</b>	<b>6pm P&amp;S Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Fri 6.12.19</b>	<b>2.45pm Year 6 Class assembly</b>
<b>Sun 8.12.19</b>	<b>4pm Festival of Light community carol singing at St Andrew's Church</b>
<b>Mon 9.12.19</b>	<b>1.45pm Year R nativity dress rehearsal</b>
<b>Tues 10.12.19</b>	<b>2pm- Year R Nativity 1 of 2</b>
<b>Weds 11.12.19</b>	<b>10.00am Year R Nativity (2 of 2)</b> <b>2pm Year 1 &amp; 2 Xmas play dress rehearsal</b>
<b>Thurs 12.12.19</b>	<b>2pm Year 1&amp;2 Xmas Play 1 of 2</b>
<b>Fri 13.12.19</b>	<b>10am Year 1 &amp; 2 Xmas Play 2 of 2</b> <b>4pm- Maypole dancing club to show dances to parents and visitors</b>
<b>Mon 16.12.19</b>	<b>NO CLUBS IN THE FINAL WEEK OF TERM</b> <b>House Day- children are welcome to wear their House colours as they will be working in house teams for the day</b>
<b>Thurs 19.12.19</b>	<b>Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch</b>
<b>Fri 20.12.19</b>	<b>Autumn Term ends at end of school day</b>
<b>Mon 6.1.20</b>	<b>Spring term starts</b>



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