

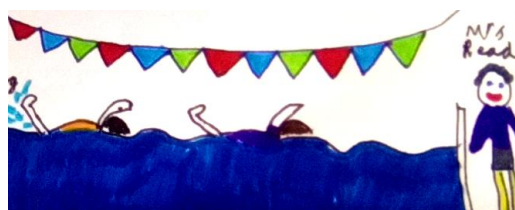
ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 1st April 2019



HELP! YOUR SCHOOL POOL NEEDS YOU...

We have the most fantastic swimming facility here at Isleham Primary School and we want to make the most of it for our children, but we need your help...



Only one parent came to the scheduled meeting last week to discuss the future of the Isleham Swimming Pool Association (the ISPA), and to help to form a new committee to see the pool open for children at least one evening/ after school session per week, and at weekends/ in the holidays according to demand.

If enough parents came forward to support the ISPA, then each parent volunteer would only be needed on an occasional basis to unlock the pool, carry out the necessary safety checks and be there for that session with their child(ren) and any families who wish to attend before locking up. All training would be offered.

However, with current interest levels, it seems it is not viable to offer any opening outside of school hours, and the ISPA will be forced to disband. Long term, this may also impact on the use of the school pool for swimming lessons, as we rely on the ISPA to bolster funds and support the school in meeting the expense of running and maintaining the school pool, and of course enabling children who would benefit from more regular swimming to practice in a familiar setting.

If you are interested in keeping the ISPA 'alive and splashing', please complete the form overleaf by Friday 5th April 2019, and return it to the office.



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DON'T LET THE I.S.P.A. CLOSE - SCHOOL POOL COMMITTEE REPLY SLIP

Name of parent: _____

Name of child(ren): _____

I am interested in forming an ISPA committee and would like to see the pool open for the following hours outside school times for the children's use:-

(Please add in your requested times)

Evenings _____

Weekends _____

School Holidays _____

I would be willing to commit to open & close the pool area, and carry out the necessary safety checks:-

(Please add in the regularity you would be willing to commit to e.g. once a week, once a month etc. The pool is open as a rule between end of April and early October, weather permitting)

Evenings _____

Weekends _____

School Holidays _____

If you are interested in being able to hire the pool for occasional use during daytime hours but outside any other agreed opening times (booked in advance) e.g. for a birthday pool party, please indicate what you feel would be a reasonable hire cost per 2 hours. _____ (Please note that any hiring adult would need to have carried out RESUS training and health & safety training.) THANK YOU!

Mrs Cole has written the following message to summarise the situation...

Due to the very disappointing turnout at last Monday's I.S.P.A. meeting (just one parent) to gauge interest for new and existing members to form a new committee, it is with great regret that the ISPA will be forced to close. This will result in **NO** after school swimming sessions or weekend sessions and **NO** swimming sessions during the summer holidays.

The out-going ISPA's last fundraising activities will include Bags 2 School in the summer term and a possible non-uniform and cake break day, as these have already been planned. This will help to raise valuable funds to assist with the running costs of the school pool, ensuring all children can enjoy **FREE** swimming lessons during school time. Please remember too that the Co-op are raising funds with their help in the community contributions. This money will be used in the future to support the running costs of the pool.

If you feel disappointed by this decision and you are still willing to join the ISPA and are interested in forming a small committee, please complete the form above and hand to the school office by Friday 5th April. It would be such a shame to see this asset not being used for the good of the children and allowing them to access the pool outside of school hours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for their support over the past few years but after nine years of commitment, my arm bands have deflated!

Many thanks
Claire Dalton-Cole

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS PLEA & RECONSIDER WHETHER YOU WANT THE POOL TO BE OPEN BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY AND WHETHER YOU COULD HELP TO SUPPORT THIS.



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END OF TERM NEWS



Dear Parents,

This week, we are looking forward to the Easter holidays which start at the end of this week, after school on Friday.

We have a busy week ahead before we get there. Please see the diary dates below and at the end of the newsletter for highlights:-

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2nd April- Year 6 Class café

Wednesday 3rd April- Year 3 & 4 Production 2.00pm Show 1 of 2

Thursday 4th April- Year 3 & 4 Production 6.00pm Show 2 of 2

Friday 5th April- House Easter craft day- Wear your house colours and decorate an Easter bonnet or crown to wear to school... Prizes available for the best in each year group! We will spend our afternoon carrying out Easter craft in house teams.

Friday 5th April- Break up for Easter holidays after school

Tuesday 23rd April- Professional Development Day for staff- School closed to pupils

Wednesday 24th April- Pupils return to school after the Easter break

Please note that entrance to the Year 3 and 4 show 'Porridge' is via tickets only, which have already been distributed to families, although all school children will have the chance to see their friends perform the show in school as they will be watching the dress rehearsal. We wish all the Year 3 and 4 children every success with the show.

I hope you will all have a wonderful Easter break, and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24th April for the start of the summer term 2019.

We hope to start swimming sessions from Monday 29th April, so please look out for the curriculum newsletters from your child's class teacher to let your know which day of the week your child will be swimming; as usual we are very grateful to you for your offers of help with the swimming sessions, so please sign up by your child's collection door if you can help with any sessions at the start of next term. Please also ensure your child has a suitable one piece costume for swimming, hat if their hair is not



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cropped to their head, and towel for swimming. **Also, that ALL items, including underwear are clearly named with your child's name to avoid them being lost.** Boys please need short fitted shorts for swimming lesson, as long bermuda shorts can be very difficult to swim in.

Please can I also remind parents that children need smart grey or black trousers, shorts or skirts to wear for school, or a red/ burgundy summer dress - **Leggings, jeggings and jeans are not suitable for school.** Children also need PLAIN BLACK footwear- ideally school shoes or solid black trainers.

I hope that we can ensure all children are wearing the correct uniform by the start of the new term.

Many thanks and all best wishes for Easter,
Mrs Skillern

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK



This week, we will be learning about the Easter story and end our week with an Easter assembly, including **an Easter hat parade** for all those who have made an Easter bonnet to wear to school, and an opportunity for our choirs to perform in assembly.

There are lots of simple Easter hat designs on Google images online for any children who wish to take part.



On Friday afternoon, we will also be carrying out a range of Easter crafts in school for your children to enjoy.

JLR PLAY CIC 'HOME FROM HOME' STARTING SEPTEMBER 2019.

The after-school club due to start in Isleham from September 2019 has now submitted its application to Ofsted to offer childcare at the school premises, and is now recruiting for a Play Leader and Play Worker. Do you know anyone this job might suit? <https://www.jlrplaycic.com/job-advert>



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YEAR 2 & YEAR 1 OUT AND ABOUT IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Huge thanks to all the staff involved in supporting the recent visits to Sedgwick Museum (Year 2) for a fossils and dinosaur workshop and Burwell Museum (Year 1) for a wheel trail, rag-rug making and finding out about the past. The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and behaved brilliantly.



MENU THIS WEEK

This week's menu options are listed below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAT FREE					
Freshly baked bread	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
Menu choice 1	Macaroni cheese	Sticky chicken with rice & peas	Beef burger in a bun with lettuce & tomato	Roast turkey with roast potatoes and yorkshire pudding	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 flat bread pizza
Sides	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable 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 *your* day.



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Please note that our menu will be changing after Easter, so the listing below shows the menu options for our first few days after the Easter holiday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAT FREE					
Freshly baked bread	Garlic Bread	Wholemeal	Ciabatta	Poppy seed Wholemeal	Focaccia
Menu choice 1	Quorn dog in a roll with potato wedges	Beef lasagne with salad	Sticky chicken and vegetable wrap	Roast turkey with roast potatoes	Fish fingers & chips with garden peas
Menu choice 2	Jacket potatoes with cheese and coleslaw	Quorn balls in tomato & basil sauce with rice	Jacket potato with cheese & beans	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes	Fishless fish fingers & chips with garden peas
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STARS OF THE WEEK



Our stars of the week last week were:-

Year R- Maisie for a great attitude to learning and trying super hard

Year 1- Kosmo for great enthusiasm throughout the curriculum

Year 2- Rhys for writing a great non-chronological report about Mary Anning

Year 3- George for always working hard

Year 4- Santino for putting 100% effort into the play

Year 5- Barney for being such an avid reader and enjoying books

Year 6- Georgia for a consistently excellent attitude to the learning process

Congratulations to all these children.

WELL DONE!

PTA MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

Thank you to the PTA volunteers who ran the PTA gift stall last week. We hope the Mummies, Nannies and Aunties liked their gifts chosen by the children.



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GATE MESSAGES



Please can I remind all parents that messages about pick-up arrangements can be given to Mrs Skillern or Mrs Deacon on the gate, or telephoned through to the office in advance of 12noon each day. There is no need for these messages to be given in person to the office staff, as this causes a queue of people in the office each morning.

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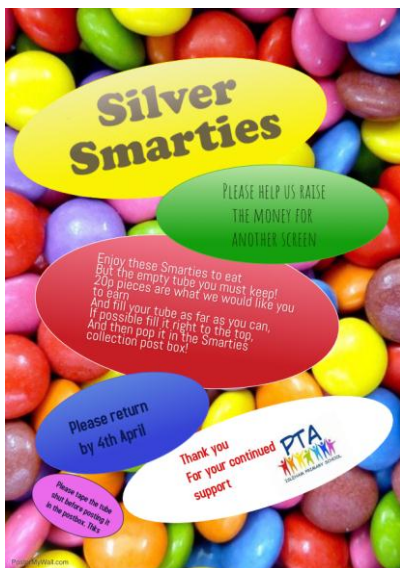
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PTA SILVER SMARTIES COLLECTION

If you have any spare coins to donate to our Silver Smarties collection, please note that the spotty Smarties post box by the hall door will accept coins in smarties tubes or in a bag. All donations will be gratefully received right up until Thursday this week. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



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