# **ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS**

Week commencing: Monday 21st June 2021

This newsletter includes a consent form on the last page for ALL parents to complete prior to 25.6.21

### COVID RESTRICTIONS & THEIR IMPACT ON OUR SCHOOL'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Following the government announcement last week stating that COVID restrictions will not be completely lifted from today, we have had to make some revisions to our forthcoming events in school.

We are keen to invite selected visitors and parents onto site for some events with careful risk assessments in place, especially those where we can remain within the recommended guidance, there is just one year group and/or their parents at any one time, and when the event is outdoors or social distancing is possible, but have had to cancel some indoor events where social distancing would not be possible or larger groups would be required.

Please take a look at our diary sheet at the end of the newsletter and our quick grid below to see which events will now move to video link and which activities will still take place:-

| Event                         | Date                                    | Arrangements   |   |                                  |
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| SWIMMING<br>SESSIONS          | 21.6.21<br>onwards on<br>allocated days | Arrangements will continue as prior to 21.6.21- volunteers who have carried out safeguarding and COVID-safety training will support in school. They must carry out a lateral flow test prior to visiting the school site.  |   |                                  |
| WHOLE SCHOOL<br>PHOTOGRAPH    | 25.6.21                                 | Kittle Photographic will be taking a whole-school photograph on the morning of Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June. All children are expected to please were smart school uniform including a back polo shirt for Year 6 with grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt and BLACK plain footwear, and a burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan for other year groups with white or burgundy polo, or red & white/ burgundy & white school dress with plain black footwear. Socks should please be grey or white. The photograph will be taken in bubble groups and edited together by the company in their studio. (Please see consent form at end of this newsletter) |   |                                  |
| SPORTS EVENTS                 | Week of 28.6.21                         | Each class group will have an individual time when parents will be able to attend<br>and watch their child's races and events on the field. Parents are asked to<br>adhere to social distancing whenever possible when spectating.   |   |                                  |
| ·                             |   | Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June  | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                         | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July      |
|                               |   | 11 -11.40am (Y6)<br>2 -2.40pm (Y3)   | 9.20 -10am (YR)<br>11 -11.40am (Y4)<br>2 -2.40pm (Y2) | 9.20-10am (Y5)<br>2 -2.40pm (Y1) |
| PHUNKY FOOD<br>CURRICULUM DAY | 30.6.21                                 | Visiting specialist staff will carry out lateral flow tests before attending. They will<br>run workshops with one class bubble at a time. If visiting more than one group<br>across the day, they will sanitise areas between groups and adhere to social<br>distancing wherever possible. They will wear masks in communal areas. A video<br>of the activities undertaken will be taken for internal sharing in school. (Consent<br>for this can be provided via the form at the end of the newsletter)   |   |                                  |





| YEAR 5 & 6 DRAMA<br>PRODUCTIONS                               | 2.7.21              | The Upper Key Stage 2 productions will be filmed in school time and a google drive link shared on 2.7.21 so that parents can view the video for their child's year group at home.<br>(A consent letter for Year 5 & 6 parents is included at the end of this newsletter)   |
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|   | 14.7.21             | <ul> <li>A video link will be shared via google drive on 14.7.21 so that parents can enjoy the summer concert video at home.</li> <li>(A consent letter for ALL year group parents is included at the end of this newsletter)</li> </ul>   |
| MOVE-UP DAY   | 8.7.21              | The move-up day will continue as planned with areas sanitised well between groups. PE kits will not be required on the move-up day. Children will go straight to their new classroom and be dismissed from there at the end of the day to avoid moving between spaces.   |
| SCIENCE WEEK &<br>YEAR 6 SCIENCE-<br>THEMED SHARING<br>STALLS | WEEK OF<br>5.7.21   | The Year 6 Science stalls will go ahead on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July with Year 6 pupils able<br>to take part in well ventilated spaces or outside, and where they can distance<br>from other groups. Items will be sanitised between bubble groups wherever<br>possible. Visiting experts will be invited for Science week and follow the school<br>COVID-safety advice as mentioned for the Phunky food curriculum workshops<br>on 30.6.21. |
| PTA AFTER-<br>SCHOOL DISCOS                                   | 15.7.21             | These have unfortunately been cancelled as there is no way for us to run the discos cost-effectively and efficiently for all year groups separately within the time available. However please see below re Year 6 leavers' events. We will of course also celebrate the end of term in class bubble groups.  |
| YEAR 6 PIZZA<br>PARTY & GAMES                                 | 15.7.21             | Year 6 are invited to stay after school on Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July for a pizza party and games on the field to 5pm, with costs covered by the PTA. Any Year 6 parents who can help supervise are welcome to do so. (Please see reply slip at the end of this letter)  |
| YEAR 6 LEAVERS'<br>SERVICE                                    | 16.7.21             | A Leavers' Service will take place on the field at 2.15pm for our Year 6 children<br>and up to 2 guests from each family.<br>Year 6 children will leave school with guests after the service. This will be their<br>final afternoon in school due to the residential taking place in the final week<br>(Please see reply slip at the end of this letter)   |
| YEAR 6<br>RESIDENTIAL   | 19.7.21-<br>21.7.21 | The Year 6 Residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands is due to take place in line<br>with the latest guidance for residential school trips. A representative from<br>Thorpe Woodlands will attend the parent meeting on 29 <sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm IN<br>THE SCHOOL HALL to discuss arrangements at the centre. Please try to come<br>along- ideally one adult per Year 6 child to ensure social distancing.                                  |

# RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) & HEALTH EDUCATION MEETING FOR ALL ISLEHAM FAMILIES VIA ZOOM

TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2021 4.30pm



Don't miss our Zoom meeting about the Relationships & Sex Education and Health Education lessons at Isleham Primary. The meeting takes place on Tuesday this week.



Zoom in for our meeting where will go through the content to be covered and resources in each year group to be delivered at the end of the summer term. This content was detailed in our autumn term survey for parents and offers a chance for parents to see the resources we use in school and hear about what is covered in our classes as part of the statutory RSE curriculum.

# Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 4.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82528533303?pwd=MnFkMDc4MUliaVF4WllkNmYwSnRzZz09 Meeting ID: 825 2853 3303 Passcode: RSE123

# NEXT PTA MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PTA MEETING after the RSE meeting via Zoom. The meeting is open to all parents of the school Tuesday 22nd June at 5pm Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81857061119?pwd=T2JKRVVCMy9MSIBXd25pcGV4Y3F2UT09</u> Meeting ID: 818 5706 1119 Passcode: PTA123

# ISLEHAM PRIMARY COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

We published our revised communications policy in the Spring Term 2021. Please see our website under 'raising concerns guidance' in 'Key Information' for further details.

https://www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk/web/raising concerns guidance/410001

If any parents have concerns about the school, please contact us at the earliest opportunity so that any concerns can be responded to and hopefully resolved quickly. Thank you.

# JUNIOR TRAVEL AMBASSADORS COMPETITION



it closes this Friday. There are some fantastic prizes to win including water bottles and bike lights, and a road safety pencil for all entrants!

# The Junior Travel Ambassadors

Details are included in last week's newsletter. Thank you

Please don't forget the Year 5 Junior Travel Ambassadors competition-

# TERRIFIC TRIATHLON

Thank you for supporting your children in taking part last week in the active triathlon events, and to all who came to spectate at The Beeches, come rain or shine!

The children all showed great resilience in setting personal challenges and we were impressed with their tenacity despite the inclement weather- either extreme heat or pouring rain! Well done and thank you to all who have been collecting sponsor money. We hope to complete our swimming tasks this week in the class lessons now that the pool can reopen. Thank you for returning your sponsorship money when you can within the next 14 days. All donations large or small are greatly appreciated.





#### **GREAT NEWS TO SHARE**

Here are some photos from Thursday's Year 5 Cambridgeshire Maths Challenge. Both teams were amazing. Team B (Henry G, Aurelia, Lila and Remi) came joint 1st place and should be heading to the final on 5th July. Team A (Soren, Freya, Isla & Henry T) were also highly commended. Incredible work Year 5- well done!



#### YEAR 5 EGYPTIAN DAY

Congratulations go to our Year 5 children too for their great work on Egyptian Day the week before last. They made flatbreads, studied and sketched artefacts, dressed up and had a feast! **It looked and sounded like a very busy & productive day!** 











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

This week we will be thinking in our Picture News assembly about the following question:-



We will also be considering our Christian values.

#### SCHOOL MENU THIS WEEK





# TERM DATES- SUMMER 2021 THE WEEKS AHEAD

21st June- Year 3 swimming (am) instead of 22.6.21

22<sup>nd</sup> June- No Year 3 swimming 4.30pm- RSE & Health Education Zoom meeting for parents Meeting ID: 825 2853 3303 Passcode: RSE123 followed by 5pm PTA Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 818 5706 1119 Passcode: PTA123

25<sup>th</sup> June- 2.00pm-2.45pm New intake Reception playground games session

29<sup>th</sup> June- 9.30am-10.15am New intake Reception playground games session,

3.30pm Residential Meeting for Year 6 in hall

30<sup>th</sup> June- Phunky food curriculum day all classes

2<sup>nd</sup> July- Date for publishing of Year 5 and Year 6 production videos via Google Drive link

5<sup>th</sup> July- SCIENCE WEEK (all classes)

8<sup>th</sup> July- Move up day (Year 6 day trip in locality)

New Reception children visit session am & pm groups (9.15-11.15 OR 1.00pm-3.00pm)

9<sup>th</sup> July- Science Fair (Year 6 to create stalls), Sharing Friday and end-of-year reports home.

13<sup>th</sup> July- 3.30pm Year 5 residential meeting in hall

14<sup>th</sup> July- Summer Concert video to be shared by Google drive

15<sup>th</sup> July- after school- Year 6 Pizza party and games on field to 5pm

16<sup>th</sup> July- pm- Year 6 leavers' service and final day in school

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July- Year 6 residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands

21st July- last day of summer term all pupils

22<sup>nd</sup> July- Professional Development Day for staff- school closed to pupils

1<sup>st</sup> September- Professional Development Day for staff- school closed to pupils, home visits to new intake Reception families

2<sup>nd</sup> September- Professional Development Day for staff- school closed to pupils, home visits to new intake Reception families

3<sup>rd</sup> September- Year 1 to 6 autumn term starts, home visits to new intake Reception families

6<sup>th</sup> September-New intake Reception pupils start full-time

# COMMUNITY NEWS



# Amazon Smile and Amazon Prime Day Bonus and funds for the PTA!

Isleham School PTA has an AmazonSmile account. Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon. It features the same products at the same prices as the standard Amazon site. The only difference is, when you shop on Amazon Smile, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the cost of all eligible products to the PTA.

The PTA get a small amount of income each few months from Amazon Smile, but it would be brilliant to increase the amount. So please use to place your Amazon orders via Smile and boost our income.

Prime members who shop for Amazon Prime Day deals from 21st – 22nd June using AmazonSmile will DOUBLE donations to Isleham Primary School P.T.A. So don't forget Prime Day!

Isleham School PTA AmazonSmile: smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1109379-0





Weds mornings at Isleham Playground

A weekly get-together at Isleham play area for parents and carers of under 5s. Bring your own picnic blanket, toys and drinks and come along to see who else has young children in the local area.

Weather permitting and for the next few weeks, a member of the Busy Bees team plan to be in attendance from 9:15 to 10:30, so join us to find out more about "Busy Bees Stay and Play" or offer your help for when sessions can start up again.

Busy Bees was a 'Stay and Play' baby and toddler group held in The Beeches that provided play and crafts for children and an opportunity for parents and carers to socialise. Groups like this aren't meeting again yet but we have a Facebook group to share info about local groups and services that are active or offering online support or activities.

Please join the group or email to find out more and please spread the word to parents and carers that aren't on social media or don't yet have children at the school or pre-school.

Social distancing will be observed during the Play & Chat gatherings.

Facebook Group: Busy Bees Isleham (a visible but private group)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/islehambusybees

Email: isleham.busybees@gmail.com

Isleham Under Fives Association (IUFA) run the Isleham Pre-school and coordinated Busy Bees:

https://www.facebook.com/islehamunderfives

https://www.islehamunderfives.co.uk/



#### PARENTAL CONSENT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS- ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNE 2021

# Please delete any statements which you do not agree with or do not apply, and sign & date, returning to school before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. THANK YOU

#### For completion by ALL PARENTS:

I consent to my child being included in the whole school photograph to be staged on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. I understand that children will be positioned in class bubble groups and that there will be no whole school mixing of groups.

I consent to my child taking part in the upcoming sports events on the school field during the week of the 28.6.21. I understand that parents, family members and school representatives will be in attendance at this event and that adults who are not part of the bubble group will remain distanced whenever possible. I consent for those present to take photographs or videos at this event for the school archive and for their own family albums, as long as family photos are focused on their own child and are not shared outside the parent & family network. I agree to remain distanced at this event from other families whenever possible and for me or my guests to not attend if they are experiencing any possible or proven symptoms of COVID-19.

I consent to my child being part of the Phunky Foods Curriculum Day video to be shared within school to promote healthy eating.

#### For completion by YEAR 5 PARENTS & YEAR 6 PARENTS ONLY:

I consent to my child taking part in the Year 5/ Year 6 videoed school production, to be shared with parents via Google Drive link. I agree not to share this link with those outside the parent and family network.

#### For completion by YEAR 6 PARENTS ONLY:

My child would like to attend the Pizza Party and games session on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July after school on the school field until 5pm. My child's pizza preference is:

I can/ cannot help to supervise children at this event and agree to take a lateral flow test prior to attending if supervising, and to not attend if I am experiencing any possible or proven symptoms of COVID-19.

I will require one/ two tickets for the Year 6 leavers' service on the school field on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm. I agree to remain distanced at this event from other families whenever possible and for me or my guests to not attend if experiencing any possible or proven symptoms of COVID-19. I understand that after the leavers' service, my child will be leaving the school site with me having collected all personal belongings from the classrooms.

| Signed:          |   |
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| Parent/ Carer of |   |
| Date:            |   |
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