# **ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS**

Week commencing: Friday 1st May 2020



#### **FOCUS ON YEAR 5**

Thank you once again for all your submissions via ClassDojo this week.

These are just some of the fantastic decimal board games created this week by Year 5- well done to Toby, Harry Belle, Oscar, Theo, Oliver, Ophelia & Ashton Pa for your great games. We're looking forward to playing these when we get back to school.



#### **CLASSDOJO WORK**

Please note that if you hand in or submit a photo or video to ClassDojo, only your class teacher and the school teaching assistants, Mrs Deacon and me can see these initially. However, we do like to repost ideas for others on our class page and to share some of the great work you submit in our school newsletter just as we would in school. If you do NOT wish a photo or video to be shared beyond the teaching team please let your class teacher know when you submit it.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS- MRS FIONA BORLEY

We are now in week six of self-isolation and I'm sure we are all feeling the strain of living with so many restrictions. There will be a lot of anxiety for all our children, as well as ourselves, and not knowing when school is likely to reopen will be making this worse. As soon as there is any news about a return to school Mrs Skillern and the staff will let you know, and will keep everyone up to date as more information comes in.



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In the meantime, all the staff are working incredibly hard running an online school for all our pupils on ClassDojo and providing emergency childcare for the children of key workers. I know that every one of them loves seeing what the children are up to at home so please do encourage them to continue sending in their work, artwork and messages. Eventually this time will be a memory and we will have the dojo contents as a wonderful reminder of a difficult time. The children who are still attending are having an amazing experience and the pictures of their activities in the newsletter each week are lovely to see.

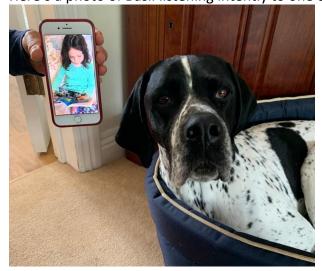
Like everyone else the Governors have had to move to a new way of working and we are about to have our second Full Governors' Meeting via Zoom. While a lot of our time is taken up with the school's response to the pandemic we are still dealing with regular business and I would like to remind you that we are available if you would like to talk to us or need our help, my email address is foorley@isleham.sch.cambs.uk.

I hope that you all stay safe and the Governors all look forward to seeing you in school again in the future.

Mrs Borley

#### **BASIL THE DOG**

Many of you have seen that Basil the Pets as Therapy dog, has sent a link to a video of himself with his owner Sarah Asbury. Thank you to those of you who have sent through a video of you reading to Basil. Here's a photo of Basil listening intently to one of your stories! I think it might be a scary bit!!





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# CAPTAIN (/HONORARY COLONEL) TOM MOORE'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Thank you to all of you who sent money recently to support the fundraising by Captain Tom Moore for the NHS- current funds raised sit at over £32MILLION. Many of you also sent birthday cards for Captain Tom's 100th birthday yesterday- and he received over 125,000 cards which were collected together in the great hall at Bedford School. They look amazing. Thank you to everyone involved.









#### **VE DAY- BANK HOLIDAY**

Don't forget that this Friday and weekend (the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May) is the 75<sup>th</sup> commemoration of Victory in Europe Day at the end of the second world war. There are multiple resources available online to support children in finding out more about VE Day and the Second World War. Please let us know if you have done anything to celebrate VE Day at home.



#### PE KITS/ LOST PROPERTY

There are still a large number of PE kits which were not collected from school when we closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. I will put these outside the main school door on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May NEXT WEEK so that you can collect during the school day if you are passing by on your walk or exercise for the day. Please take what you can and if possible take for any neighbours or friends if you can leave it on their doorstep. We do need to clear the school for ongoing deep cleaning.

### **ISLEHAM EMERGENCY CHILDCARE**

Our childcare facility remains open throughout next week, including Bank Holiday Friday. If you require childcare for your children as they cannot be cared for at home, please email <a href="mailto:head@isleham.camb.sch.uk">head@isleham.camb.sch.uk</a> for an information pack.



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