SUPHAM MERKLY NEWS





BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN & STAY SAFE

We were delighted to have so many entries for our 'Be Safe, Be Seen' competition last half term. Congratulations to our overarching winning entrants from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2... Elio from Year 2 and Millie from Year 5. Here is Millie's design and we will keep displaying some of the amazing posters over the coming weeks.



COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE

We remain very grateful to families for being extra vigilant with regard to their children not attending school if experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 and ensuring children are booked for PCR tests if needed.

Our protective measures will remain as before half term, with adults wearing masks in communal areas, and children mixing less across the school- we will keep the same groups as before half term for assemblies and playtimes to afford more space in the hall and at playtimes- Year R, 4,5 & 6 and Year 1, 2 and 3.

We will continue to ensure that children can regularly sanitise hands and that surfaces & equipment are regularly cleaned.

If your child should need to isolate due to testing positive or being symptomatic and awaiting a test result, if they are well enough to do school work, they should please ensure that they complete the daily work set via ClassDojo.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



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PLAYGROUND UPDATE



We are so thrilled that the funding from the Fen or Fifty Charity partnership and from our own PTA, and Co-op community fund will enable us to start our playground markings revamp from tomorrow.

PLEASE NOTE that as a result of the work taking place, we will NOT be able to dismiss children from the playground on TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER in the usual way. Children in Years 2 to 6 will be walked to The Beeches recreation ground in class groups for collection there from 3.10pm.

Children in Reception Class and Year 1 can be collected from 3.15pm from the Reception playground.

Thank you

POPPY APPEAL 2021



From tomorrow, the House Captains will be selling poppies each morning in classrooms. These come with a small pin to attach to clothing. If you would prefer your child to attach their poppy with a safety pin, please send a small safety pin in with your child's £1+ donation. We do have a small number of stationery items e.g. rulers/ bag reflectors/ rubbers available with poppy motifs on for a further 50p each in addition to poppies whilst stocks last



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YEAR 5 NEWS



On Tuesday 19th October, Year 5 visited Denny Abbey Farmland Museum, which linked to their topic of 'The Victorians'. They had the opportunity to explore and play with Victorian toys- the children particularly enjoyed looking through the zoetrope. Additionally, they learnt how difficult wash days were for Victorian women and had the chance to make their own rag rug. Well done Year 5 for your super participation and excellent behaviour throughout your visit.

CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Our clubs have now closed for the first half of term and restart from 15th November (with the exception of Premier Sports multi-sports Year 1 and 2 club which commences <u>this week</u>). Please see a sign-up form at the end of this newsletter for this half term's activities starting in 2 weeks time. Please return your slips by Monday next week (the 8th November) so that we can hopefully allocate your children to their chosen clubs. Please avoid booking/ arranging childcare until your child's place at a particular club has been confirmed. We will send out confirmations on Thursday 11th or Friday 12th November of clubs allocated.

Meanwhile, we hope you will enjoy these cheery photo t-shirts created by the digital photography club earlier this term.

Well done to all involved in last half term's clubs.





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YEAR 2 ISLEHAM RECOUNTS







In the week before half term, Year 2 learnt about recounts in English. We also looked at some historical photographs of Isleham, learnt about how it has changed over time and created maps of Isleham, showing the current human features. We decided to use these maps to go on a historical walk around our village. Here are some photos of our trip. After our walk we wrote our own recounts.

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

Just a reminder that the last date for online orders of your child's Christmas card designs through 'School Fundraising' will be Wednesday 3rd November (THIS WEEK), so please ensure you log in to order any products you would like to by this date. Thank you.



PARENTS' EVENINGS START THIS WEEK





We will be holding our parents' meetings in your child's classroom so that you and the teaching staff be afforded space to socially distance during your meetings with staff this term; please note however that due to our COVID- safety measures, there will be no waiting area for parents and appointments will be limited to 10 minutes per family.

Please arrive to the playground just a couple of minutes before your appointment time.

Children may attend with you if this is your preference, but must be prepared to sit and listen to the teachers' comments as there will be no separate waiting areas for adults or play spaces for children within the building.

Thank you for your understanding



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SCHOOL MENU THIS WEEK

Please find below our new menu for this week. Thank you



DIARY DATES COMING UP THIS TERM

01/11/2021			
02/11/2021			
03/11/2021			
04/11/2021	3.30pm-7.00pm 6.30pm	Parents' meeting 1 of 2- pre-booked appointments P&S Govs Meeting	
05/11/2021	-	Year 4 Virtual Class Assembly	
08/11/2021			
09/11/2021	3.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' meeting 2 of 2- pre-booked appointments	
10/11/2021			
11/11/2021	am 6.30pm	Pupil Flu vaccinations in school until 12pm Full Govs Meeting	
12/11/2021			
14/11/2021	am	Remembrance Day parade- House Captains	
15/11/2021			
16/11/2021			
17/11/2021	2.00pm	Virtual Class Café for Year 2 parents- details to follow	
18/11/2021			
19/11/2021	All day	Children in Need & Pets as Therapy 'Pyjama Day' (with special guest appearance by Basil the dog) & School Council snack stall- details to follow next week	
	-	Year 3 Virtual Class assembly published	



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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Stetchworth School of

Irish Dancing for Beginners

The Beeches Isleham Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm | Age 5+

> Come along and learn the traditional steps of Irish dancing!! Learn the beginners solo dances followed by group dances.

Contact Sam on 0790 922 9218 or email sjspeed35@hotmail.com to register or for more information.



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CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 2

Please complete the attached slip if you would like to be considered for any of the following clubs this half term- clubs commence during the week of the 15th November, with the exception of Premier Sports multi-sports, which starts this week on Thursday 4th November.

Thank you

Clubs on offer this half term

Before school clubs start at 8am and run until 8.45am Lunchtime clubs will run during the children's lunch breaks after or before eating After school clubs start at 3.15pm and run until 4.00pm

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school		Ocarina (Miss Simmons) for continuing pupils only			
Lunchtime			Cross country (Mrs Dalton-Cole & Mr Nichols) for Year 4,5 & 6		
After school		Speed stacking (Mr Tull) for Years 4, 5 and 6		Year 1, 2 & 3 Multisports (Premier Education)	Christmas Choir for Years 4, 5 and 6 (Mrs Skillern)
		Christmas Craft club for Year 1,2 & 3 (Mrs Skillern)		Cosmic Yoga (Miss Stanley) for Years 1, 2 & 3	
		Drama Club (Mrs Deacon) for Years 4,5 & 6		Mindfulness (Miss Bottomley for Years 4, 5 and 6	
				Coding (Mr Walker) for Years 4, 5 & 6	

Sign up form (choices may also be emailed to office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk)

My child would like to join the following club	s where spaces permit:-
Name of child	
Club choices:	
1	
2	
I understand that places may be limited and basis, based on when reply slips are receive	l will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' ed.
Signed	(Parent/ Carer)



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