

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Tuesday 13th April 2021



WE'RE BACK- WELCOME BACK FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2021!

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school from Tuesday 13th April for the summer term 2021.

At this stage, the school's Covid-safe risk assessment remains as before the Easter break, with the children grouped in class bubble groups, although we are now fortunately able to welcome back all members of shielding staff.

Teachers are looking forward to providing you with information about the term ahead in their information sessions taking place via Zoom this week and next. Please log in if you can. A copy of the slides shared will also be posted on ClassDojo and the school website. Please see the diary sheet at the end of the newsletter for proposed event dates this term. We will obviously make arrangements for the end of the school term based on the latest guidance to schools to ensure the safety of all children, parents and school site users, but do hope we may be able to offer Upper Key Stage 2 plays and services by the end of the term, as well as a summer concert and sports events for all year groups.



Dates and times of your curriculum information sessions this term via Zoom:-

14/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 5 Information session for parents
15/04/2021	3.45pm- Reception Information session for parents
15/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 4 Information session for parents
19/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 3 Information session for parents
20/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 2 Information session for parents
21/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 6 Information session for parents
22/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 1 Information session for parents

There will also be regular opportunities for children to share their 'wow' work with you throughout the summer term via ClassDojo:-

23/04/2021	'Sharing Friday' for sharing pupil wow work with parents
28/05/2021	'Sharing Friday' for sharing pupil wow work with parents
09/07/2021	'Sharing Friday' for sharing pupil wow work with parents

Thank you again,

Mrs Skillern and the staff team



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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATING ISLEHAM SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION)



The next PTA (& ISPA) meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday 21.4.21 at 4pm.

The Zoom code for the meeting is

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SCHOOL SWIMMING SESSIONS, RESUS FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND PARENT SWIMMING HELPER TRAINING

We aim to open the school pool for swimming lessons in class bubble groups for all pupils from the week commencing Monday 10th May 2021, and are delighted that experienced swimming coach Mrs Read will once again be joining our teaching team to lead the sessions.

With this in mind, we will be holding a **RESUS session for parents** who may wish to use the school pool with their children, in the school hall on Wednesday 28.4.21 at 3.30pm. The area will be well ventilated and social distancing rules will apply. It would be best for alternative arrangements to be made for children due to space constraints on this occasion. There will be no crèche available this year for school-aged pupils or for younger siblings. **ALL PARENTS WISHING FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO USE THE POOL OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS THIS YEAR WILL NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED THE RESUS TRAINING.**

Please book using the Survey monkey link at the bottom of this page

We will also be running **Volunteer safeguarding sessions** for ALL parents who wish to support school swim sessions. Parents play an essential role in supervising children in the to-ing and fro-ing to the school pool.

Obviously, our practices will need to be Covid-safe this year and ALL parent volunteers will need to have carried out our safety training and agree to follow our updated protocols, so it is essential that each parent books in for one of our PARENT VOLUNTEER safety sessions which will cover Covid-safety and safeguarding.

Again, please book via the link below:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLQSWSY>



WORK TO SHARE

Please find below 3 of the fantastic poems by Year 6 pupils based on Maya Angelou's poem 'Life doesn't frighten me'

Someone passing away,
I really hope they stay,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
I'm sad and alone,
I miss them a lot back home,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Getting older every day,
Life pushes me away,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
People should respect me,
I really hope they let me be,
Life doesn't frighten me at all,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Ashton Pa

Shadows in my room,
Footsteps in the gloom,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Figures in my room,
People out to get me,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Figures in the mirror,
Ready to pounce,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Figures outside my room,

Drowning in the sea,
Fish ready to bite,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Not at all.
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Alex

The thought of death,
Leaves me out of breath,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Scary figures in the doorway,
Strangers taking me away,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Four walls closing in,
A cold chill on my skin,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
A great white shark,
Strangers in the dark,
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Life doesn't frighten me at all,
Not at all.
Not at all.
Life doesn't frighten me at all.
Oliver

We discussed how it is normal to have fears and how there is a power created by writing these down and taking control over them. We then learnt about the painter who illustrated Maya's poem (Jean Michel Basquiat) and we copied his style to create a painting to go with what we had written about in our poems.... See overleaf.





Well done Year 6- what fantastic poems and artwork.



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YEAR 1 D&T

Look at Year 1's super textiles 'Under the Sea' pictures- well done to all our Year 1 artists.



FAREWELL MRS BURTON



The children waved goodbye to Mrs Burton on the last Wednesday of the Spring term after 32 and a half years working at the school. Thank you Mrs Burton for your long service to the school- we all wish you well in your retirement.



ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK

This week we will be thinking about the death of Prince Philip and the Queen's long reign. We will also be thinking about the passage from the Bible about truth (in Luke 24). Our Picture News assembly is based on the image below:-



SCHOOL MENU THIS WEEK

LUNCHTIME CO. *Week 1*
Commencing - 8th March, 12th April, 3rd May, 24th May
21st June, 12th July 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshly baked bread	Poppy seed bloomer	Wholemeal	Garlic bread	Rosemary wholemeal	Focaccia
Menu choice 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage under wrap	Beef Bolognese with pasta	Roast chicken with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Fish & Chips chips & garden peas or beans
Menu choice 2	Jacket Potato with cheese	Jacket Potato with cheese/tuna	Jacket Potato with cheese	Quorn fillet with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Jacket Potato with cheese
Menu choice 3	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
Desserts	Ginger Cake Sliced fresh fruit	Fruit Shortbread Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate Krispie Cake Sliced fresh fruit	Fudge Tart Sliced fresh fruit	Fruit Jelly Sliced fresh fruit

Our mission is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of your day.

Available every day:

- Seasonal vegetables
- Selection of fresh salad

Some of our fresh ingredients are allergens. Please ask our chef for advice.



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PARENT SURVEY 2020-21

Thank you to all the families who filled out our parent survey. We had a wonderful response rate in the end. Next week, we will send out a summary of the survey's findings, with some of your comments, and our responses too.

TERM DATES- SUMMER 2021- The dates below are provided for guidance- any changes will be notified week by week by marking them in red.

12/04/2021	PD Day for teachers from 9am
13/04/2021	Back to school for the summer term
14/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 5 Information session for parents
15/04/2021	3.45pm- Reception Information session for parents, Year 4 Information session for parents, 6.30pm- Resources Cttee Meeting
16/04/2021	APDRs to SEN parents
17/04/2021	
18/04/2021	
19/04/2021	Letters out to new intake Reception families (for Sept 2021) 3.45pm- Year 3 Information session for parents
20/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 2 Information session for parents
21/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 6 Information session for parents, 4pm- PTA Meeting- helpers plan for the term
22/04/2021	3.45pm- Year 1 Information session for parents, 4.00pm- Parent swim volunteer training via Zoom
23/04/2021	'Sharing Friday' for sharing pupil wow work with parents via ClassDojo
24/04/2021	
25/04/2021	
26/04/2021	4.00pm- Parent swim volunteer training via Zoom
27/04/2021	
28/04/2021	
29/04/2021	9.00am- Parent swim volunteer training via Zoom
30/04/2021	
01/05/2021	
02/05/2021	
03/05/2021	BANK HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL
04/05/2021	6.30pm- Resources Cttee followed by full gov
05/05/2021	
06/05/2021	
07/05/2021	
08/05/2021	
09/05/2021	
10/05/2021	SWIMMING STARTS
11/05/2021	6.30pm- P&S Cttee via Zoom
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27/05/2021	6.30pm Zoom meeting for new Reception (Sept 2021) intake families (tbc)
28/05/2021	'Sharing Friday' for sharing pupil wow work with parents via ClassDojo
29/05/2021	HALF TERM STARTS TO SUNDAY 06/06/2021
07/06/2021	Summer 2 APDR documents to SEN parents; New Reception intake can collect book bags and forms throughout week- distanced tours by appointment (tbc)
08/06/2021	Story time at Pre-School 10.30am (tbc)
09/06/2021	
10/06/2021	6.30pm- Resources Ctte Meeting
11/06/2021	
12/06/2021	
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15/06/2021	
16/06/2021	6.30pm- Full Gobs Meeting
17/06/2021	Story time at Pre-School 2.30pm (tbc)
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25/06/2021	pm- new Reception intake playground games 2.15pm-3.00pm (tbc)
26/06/2021	
27/06/2021	
28/06/2021	pm- Year 5 dress rehearsal
29/06/2021	am- new intake playground games 9.30am-10.15am, pm- Year 6 dress rehearsal, 3.30pm- Residential Meeting for CURRENT Year 6 (kit lists, room preferences etc), 6.30pm- Year 5 play 'Rock Bottom'
30/06/2021	Whole school sports events- timings tbc
01/07/2021	pm- Year 6 final dress rehearsal, 6.30pm- Year 6 production
02/07/2021	Reserve date- Whole school sports events



03/07/2021	
04/07/2021	
05/07/2021	SCIENCE WEEK
06/07/2021	SVC Transition Day (Y6) selected pupils
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08/07/2021	SVC Transition Day (Y6) all pupils; Move up day- all pupils- New Reception visit session am & pm groups (9.15-11.15am & 1.00pm-3.00pm)
09/07/2021	pm- Science Fair Year 6 stalls, 'Sharing Friday' for sharing pupil wow work with parents, End-of-year reports out to parents
10/07/2021	
11/07/2021	
12/07/2021	
13/07/2021	6.00pm- Summer Concert
14/07/2021	MCA transition Day 1 of 2 (Y6), 3.30pm- Year 5 residential meeting for Sept 2021- kit lists, room preferences etc
15/07/2021	MCA Transition Day 2 of 2 (Y6)
16/07/2021	pm- Year 6 leavers' service
17/07/2021	
18/07/2021	
19/07/2021	Year 6 Residential Thorpe Woodlands Day 1
20/07/2021	Year 6 Residential Thorpe Woodlands Day 2
21/07/2021	Year 6 Residential Thorpe Woodlands Day 3
22/07/2021	PD day- no school for pupils. APDR Summer 2 review docs to parents
23/07/2021	Summer hols start
30/08/2021	BANK HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL
31/08/2021	Last day of summer hols
01/09/2021	PD Day 1 of 2
02/09/2021	PD Day 2 of 2
03/09/2021	Autumn term starts for all pupils



Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter

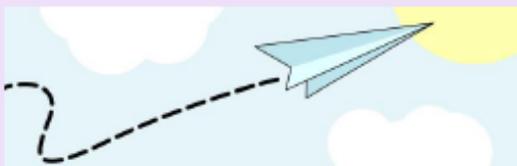
12th April 2021

A Message From Me

Hi! My name's Emily Norman. I'm the Early Intervention Family Worker linked to your child's school. I'll be putting out a newsletter with different tips and ideas each week, I hope you find them useful. If you ever want a bit more information about anything you see, or would like advice around things such as anxiety, sibling rivalry or self-esteem, please get in touch using the details below.

Activity Idea

Flight school! This activity is suitable for all ages. Get your children to design and create their own paper plane. Next, cut 3-4 large holes in a big piece of card and assign points to each hole. Prop up the piece of card and let your children have fun trying to fly their paper plane through the holes, counting up the points as they go. You can even go back to the drawing board and encourage them to improve their design using different folds or pieces of paper. This activity can help with counting, fine motor skills and critical thinking, but most importantly, it's fun!



Parenting Top Tip

It can be really difficult to hear your child talking negatively about themselves. Often a parent's natural instinct is to come back with 'don't be silly' or 'no you're not'. However as adults, we know that doesn't always help. Here are some things you can try if your child is talking negatively about themselves that will support them over time:

1. Empathise with them. Let them know that you appreciate they are having a hard time and that you understand it is difficult.
2. Share your own experiences. Talk with them about similar situations you have been in, either as an adult or a child. This may lead to them asking questions about how you dealt with it.
3. Role modelling. Show your child what positive self-talk looks like. You are their biggest role models.

Another Resource

Gingerbread is a charity run service offering support and advice to single parent families. The website offers lots of information and advice around things such as being off work, mental health, childcare and contact arrangements. Here is their website:
<https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/>

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



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