



Welcome to Isleham Church of England Primary School

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January 2025 Newsletter



Message from the Head Teacher

The end of the Autumn term was so busy with all of the events and special days; it has been far more settling for the children to get back into routines this Spring. All classes are back into the stride of focussed learning and developing their knowledge.

This term we will welcome you to attend the more informal class cafes, where the children will show you their learning and introduce you to some of the methods used in school. Dates of these have been shared by class teachers and also on the event system on the class dojo pages. These all start at 9am and will take place in the hall. Refreshments will be available on entry and there will either be a presentation from a staff member or the children will show you their learning methods. Please do attend if you are available.

We also have some plans going ahead for further school trips. We hope to offer the KS2 children the opportunity to attend a West End show in London as well as individual classes having their own topic trips. As always, lots of fun and learning opportunities in 2025.

With regards
Dawn Deacon



Collective Worship

Over the coming half term, the children will be focusing on the school Christian value of courage. They will hear bible stories such as, David and the Lions, David and Goliath, Moses, and of course how Jesus showed courage during his crucifixion.





Class dojo

In the recent parent survey and also during discussions with the governing body, it has been decided to lessen the number of classdojo entries. You may have noticed that the class teachers are sending briefer messages on the main page and keeping to just one lot of photographs per week. This is to ensure that the system is not overloaded with a huge number of entries.

We are also attempting to use the events option to remind of activities and the website contains the main details of the term of learning, so please do look there for more details of the curriculum.

Reading

We are aware that reading is causing some frustration in school, in the lower year groups. While phonic books have been used in the past to build reading skills at home, we now rely on technology to provide reading material. This is due partly to the Little Wandle scheme that we use for phonics but also due to the fact that we have just 6 copies of each of the books that are used. The children move on quickly through the scheme and you only need one book to be forgotten, and then there is not enough for the next group of children.



Please remember that we are teaching the children to read their phonic book, three times per week in class, with adults in each group. This is far more opportunity to read with a skilled practitioner, than we had in the past. What we would really like you to do at home, is read the phonic book on a technology device, as homework, and then enjoy books from the library area at bedtime or relaxing time. This will increase the love of books and stories.

Parent Forum

I hope that you have all seen that there will be a parent forum, held at 2.30pm on Friday 24th January 2025.

The main topic of conversation will be the school swimming pool. Please do come along if you would like to share your opinion about the pool, hear about the running costs, the challenges and any alternative provision.



Clubs

If you have placed your child's name on the online list, then you have been successful in your choices. The clubs will all begin next week.

Monday: 8.10am Circuits
Monday: 3.20pm Netball
Tuesday: 3.20pm chess
Tuesday: 3.20pm running
Wednesday: 3.20pm dance
Thursday: 3.20pm choir
Friday: 3.20pm Samba drumming



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