

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 9th March 2020



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2020



Well done and thank you to Mrs Gibbs for organising our fun day of activities last Thursday on World Book Day, and to all families who supported our World Book Day event through dressing up or sharing favourite books and authors. There were so many fantastic costumes on display and book cover designs created on the day.

Just some of our fantastically dressed children are pictured above. Awards for costumes this year went to: Reception Class - Eloise C, Y1 - Mia, Y2 - Lois, Y3 - Wesley, Y4 - Evans, Y5 - Ophelia, Y6 - Oliver.



Book tokens for the best book cover designs went to: Reception Class - Denas, Y1 - Daisy, Y2 - Finley, Y3 - Evelyn, Y4 - Freya, Y5 - Ashton Par, Y6 - Tillie.

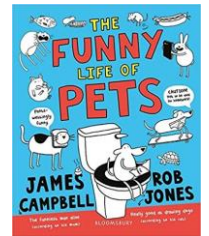
Thanks also go to our catering team Mrs King and Mrs Marsh who always love an opportunity to dress up this year, as 2 of 'The 101 Dalmatians' written by Dodie Smith, they created some tasty spotty iced cookies!



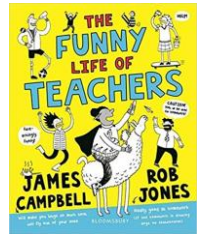
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## FAMOUS AUTHOR VISIT- WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

A famous children's author- James Campbell- is coming to our school this week on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. He is an author, storyteller and a comedian. James' books are available in all the usual bookshops and online places but he is going to bring a box of them with him so they can be sold after school. He is very happy to sign and dedicate them to your child. Hopefully this will help cement the experience of meeting a real author and inspire our children to write for themselves.

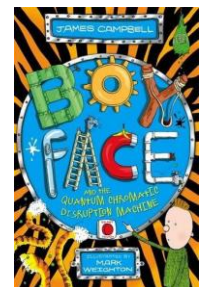


James' latest series of books are called **The Funny Life...** and are published by Bloomsbury. The first book is **The Funny Life of Pets** and is published by Bloomsbury. This is a hilarious look at the world of pets that everyone from Y2 to Y6 will love. It's particularly good for reluctant readers. This book costs £7.



The latest book is called **The Funny Life of Teachers**. This is also for Y2 to Y6 and is rib-ticklingly funny for anyone who has ever been to school. This book is also £7.

James' four **Boyface** books are published by Hodder Children's Books. These are quirky and imaginative stories about a boy learning to find his place in a world of magical machines and unusual zebras. The titles are: **Boyface and the Quantum Chromatic Disruption Machine**, **Boyface and the Tartan Badger**, **Boyface and the Uncertain Ponies** and **Boyface and the Power of Three And A Bit**



The Boyface books cost £6 each and are aimed at Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. However, Y1 and Reception can enjoy them with a bit of help.

There is also an audio book available which is aimed squarely at Reception, Y1 and Y2. This is called **The Wimpety Wam and Other True Stories**, is a book to listen to on CD and includes The Umbrella Tree which James usually performs as part of his time with the younger children. This CD costs £7.

You can meet James and purchase some dedicated copies of his books after school on Wednesday this week:

**Isleham CE Primary School – in the Library, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 3.15pm - 4.00pm**

(Please note: Sales will be cash only).

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK



**This week, we will continue to focus on our curriculum star for 'Extending opportunities' - we will be thinking about the ways in which we can offer opportunities for children to try new skills and share their knowledge.**

This week, our Monday assembly will focus on 'sacrifices' and things we have given up, or changes we can make for Lent.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Last week, we did not have separate 'star of the week' awards as the children were celebrating the World Book Day competitions.**



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## SCIENCE WEEK 2020 THIS WEEK



This year, children will be enjoying some additional Science activities during Science week. They will even have a scientist visit for the assembly on Thursday 12th March!

One of the activities will be to visit Suzie's wood for a session led by Mrs Deacon based on the learning of the class, but in a different, woodland setting. They will be finding minibests, making models, exploring using the senses and looking for signs of living things, to name but a few items for the sessions.

You will have already received a consent form to attend the woods. Below is the timetable for each class to attend the wood. If the class are going in the morning then please send them to school in their woodland clothing, with school uniform in a bag to change into. However, Year 6 are attending in the afternoon so they need to arrive at school in uniform and have their kit ready in a bag so they can change to go after lunch.

Please remember to use clothing that is warm, waterproof and can get muddy. Also footwear should be sturdy and waterproof. (Wellies or old sturdy trainers are fine)

### Monday 9th March - Woodland session

9.15 Year 3, 10.15 Year 4, 11.15 Year 5

### Tuesday 10th March - Woodland Session

9.30-10.15 Reception, 10.15 Year 1, 11.15 Year 2, 1.45 Year 6

Hopefully the children will enjoy the full range of science activities provided to them over the week and have lots of exciting experiments to explain to you!

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHARITY FUNDRAISING FOR PETS AS THERAPY: READ2DOGS



This half term we would like to encourage you to save any coins you can spare (any denomination from 1p to £2) to help us create a fantastic giant dog picture made of coins in the playground.

*Please send your coins into school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (so that we have a good idea of the number we can include in the finished design). Basil (our Reading Therapy dog) will be visiting at the end of the day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (weather permitting- reserve date Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April) to have his photograph taken with his coin picture friend and all of the children in our school. We will aim for each child to help place some of the coins into the outline as part of this fun and creative fundraiser.*

*If there are any parents who are willing to help with the coin artwork on this date, please email: [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! Mrs Skillern*



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## MENU

Please find below menu choices for the week ahead:-

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Freshly baked bread</b>	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
<b>Menu choice 1</b>	Cheese and tomato pizza	Hot dog with diced potatoes	Meatballs with pasta	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Battered fish & chips with tomato ketchup
<b>Menu choice 2</b>	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Quorn sausage with diced potatoes	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Cauliflower & pasta cheesy bake
<b>Sides</b>	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads
<b>Desserts</b>	Apple muffin Sliced fresh fruit	Flapjack Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate sponge cake with chocolate sauce Sliced fresh fruit	Fruit muffin Sliced fresh fruit	Shortbread Sliced fresh fruit

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

## HANDWASHING ADVICE & COVID-19

The school continues to follow the advice of the government for educational settings in relation to the Coronavirus (Covid-19)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

### Preventing spread of infection

We are aware that the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- \*washing your hands often – with soap and water, or using alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- \*covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- \*people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting

We will continue to encourage pupils, staff and visitors to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly in school. According to the NHS, you should **wash your hands for at least 20 seconds**, or as long as it takes you to sing “**Happy Birthday**” **twice**. People are encouraged to **wet their hands with water before applying enough soap** to cover their hands and rubbing them together. Please also encourage your children to do the same at home.

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or come to the school. See further information on the [Public Health England Blog](#) and the [NHS UK website](#). Alternatively, you may wish to telephone the Freephone DfE helpline for advice:

HM Government

### Coronavirus

Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline

0800 046 8687

8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk



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## PTA MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

Hello! As you are no doubt aware Mother's Day is just around the corner. To help your little ones get ready for this day, the PTA will be running **Mother's Day gift stalls during morning break time on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March. Gifts cost £3, which should be sent in to school with your children.** For this price, the children will get to choose 2 items and we will gift wrap them, ready to surprise you with on Mothering Sunday :-)

We have sourced some really lovely items for the stalls this year so I'm sure your children will find a perfect gift for you. Thanks for your support, the PTA.



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## THE REST OF THIS TERM- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Monday 9.3.20</b>	<b>Science Week Woodland Visits- Year 3, 4 &amp; 5</b>
<b>Tuesday 10.3.20</b>	<b>Woodland Visits- Year R, 1, 2 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Wednesday 11.3.20</b>	<b>Visit of author James Campbell- book purchase &amp; signing (cash only- 3.15pm to 4.00pm in the library) Sale of the Beeches Entertainers pantomime tickets 9.30am- Reception vision screening</b>
<b>Thursday 12.3.20</b>	<b>2.45pm- Ellen Bazeley-White assembly to speak about polar exploration</b>
<b>Monday 16.3.20</b>	<b>3.30pm- ISPA Meeting for parents</b>
<b>Tuesday 17.3.20</b>	<b>9.00am- Class café Year 3</b>
<b>Thursday 19.3.20</b>	<b>Year 2 proposed visit to Sedgwick Museum PTA Mother's Day gift stall- break time</b>
<b>Friday 20.3.20</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Hi-5 netball tournament PTA Mother's Day Gift Stall- break time</b>
<b>Sunday 22.3.20</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
<b>Monday 23.3.20</b>	<b>Pets as Therapy coin collection week.</b>
<b>Tuesday 24.3.20</b>	<b>9.00am- Class café Year 5</b>
<b>Thursday 26.3.20</b>	<b>6pm Full Governors Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 27.3.2020</b>	<b>Pets as Therapy charity day- coin dog artwork</b>
<b>Monday 30.3.20</b>	<b>2pm- Year 3 &amp; 4 dress rehearsal 3.30pm- Staff RESUS training 6pm- Parent RESUS training</b>
<b>Tuesday 31.3.20</b>	<b>9.00am- Class café Year 6 2pm Year 3 &amp; 4 Production 1 of 2</b>
<b>Wednesday 1.4.20</b>	<b>9.15am- CP out pool carers course 2pm Year 3 &amp; 4 Production 2 of 2</b>
<b>Thursday 2.4.20</b>	<b>Easter hols start after school</b>
<b>Monday 20.4.20</b>	<b>PD Day- whole staff- school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 21.4.20</b>	<b>Summer term starts for pupils</b>

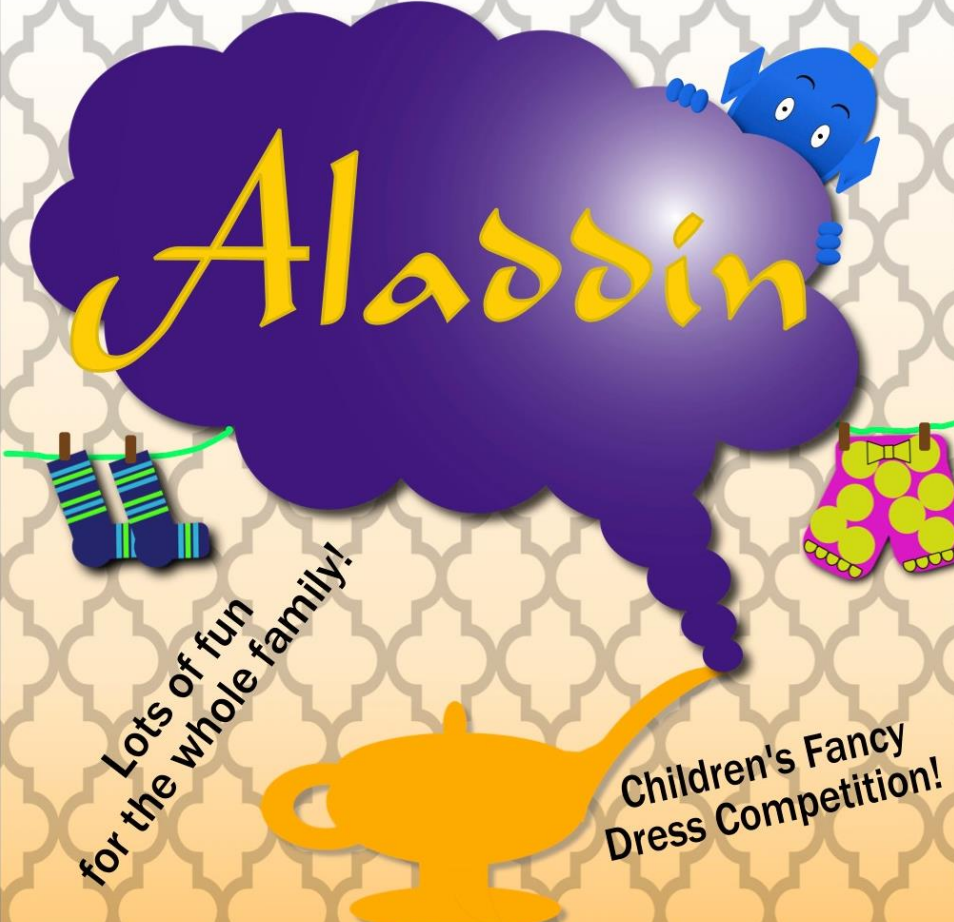




## COMMUNITY NEWS

Don't forget the local panto coming soon to The Beeches...Tickets will be on sale this week outside the school office on Wednesday 11th March from 2.45pm

**The Beeches Entertainers proudly present**



**Aladdin**

*Lots of fun  
for the whole family!*

*Children's Fancy  
Dress Competition!*

**The Beeches, Isleham  
March 27th @ 7.30pm  
March 28th @ 2.00pm & 7.00pm**

**Tickets £7.50 adults/£3.50 children (cash only)**  
**Available from The Beeches Bar,  
February and March Farmers' Markets,  
or call 07510 173412**

*Written by Lesley Gunn*



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# Isleham Parish Clean Up

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

10 - 12noon

Starting at the Social Centre



All welcome  
Children must be accompanied



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