ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 5th November

BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION THIS IN AID OF THE ISLEHAM SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

The deadline for your Bags2School donations is Wednesday 7th November. Please bag up and bring in your unwanted items for re-use: good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys.

'The more they weigh, the more they pay' the school Swimming Pool Association (the ISPA)!

Please see Mrs Cole's message below on behalf of the ISPA:-

ISPA News

Another year of successful swimming has drawn to an end and what a year it has been! Starting with a very successful complete refurbishment of the pool, where the ISPA was able to contribute £2000 towards the costs through to a swimming season that only ended in October where we contributed £1600 towards the running costs.

We were successful as a charity with raising money through Ely Waitrose this year and have just found out the very exciting news that the ISPA is to be the chosen benefactor from Isleham Co Op from October this year through to October 2019, so please be sure to nominate us to receive additional funds each time you shop in the community. This will ensure that the ISPA is able to contribute towards further ongoing costs and for any repairs that may be needed in the future.

Please don't forget the Bags 2 School collection this Wednesday as your old clothes can be turned in to valuable funds.

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On a final note, I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Sam Cadman and Lisa Randall, for helping run the ISPA with me for another year. However… we would like to make this our last. This has been my 8th summer of heavy involvement with the ISPA and as my youngest daughter will be leaving Isleham school next year, I feel it is time for a new committee to come on board. We will be holding an AGM in the new year and will take an active role in supporting anyone who is willing to form a new ISPA committee. Many families have enjoyed swimming outside of school hours from June right the way through the summer holidays to October and it would be a shame if this could not continue for future Isleham school children. The ISPA is also a great support in helping towards the costs of running the school pool, ensuring your children can enjoy free weekly swimming lessons in school, which is a valuable life skill.

We look forward to another great year of swimming in 2019.

Many thanks,
Claire Dalton-Cole

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Cole, Miss Randall and Miss Cadman for all their hard work again in running the ISPA Committee once again in 2017-18. We are incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful resource- the swimming pool- in our school, and to have families who have supported this resource over so many years. THANK YOU.

With best wishes,
Mrs Skillern

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL- DEADLINE THIS WEEK

Once again Pound Lane Free Church in Isleham is acting as a regional drop-off and sorting centre for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. The project aims to offer a Christmas gift box to some of the most needy children around the world, who without this scheme would not have any gifts at Christmas time. A leaflet was sent home with your children before Half term detailing the suggested gifts which could be included in the shoebox and the monetary donation required to cover shipping costs and processing costs.

School families are welcome to fill their own box, and bring this along to school for collection <u>by Friday 9th November</u>, or help to fill one of the two class boxes in each room.

Each of the class boxes will need :-

Toys

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

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Hygiene Items
Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.
Other Items
Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch
A £5 monetary donation
A letter to the child

Thank you in advance for your generosity. This year, it would be great if your child's name could be attached to the box with a post-it note so that we can include them in a photo shoot with their donated box(es).

YEAR 6 STAFF NEWS

I am delighted to report that we have appointed an excellent and experienced teacher to our teaching team to lead our Year 6 Class in the Spring and Summer terms 2019 and into future years. **Mrs Cheryl Tait** is a highly experienced colleague who has been teaching across the primary age range since 2005. Mostly recently, she has worked at the Lantern School & Downham Feoffes School in Year 6, so brings with her a wealth of experience working with this age range. Although Mrs Tait will officially join the school on the 1st January 2019, she has made arrangements to spend several days in school working alongside Year 6 in the run up to Christmas, so that she and your children can be assured of a smooth transition and Mrs Tait can ensure successful routines and progress are maintained. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children and am delighted that I will still be able to continue to support them alongside Mrs Tait & Miss Thickpenny in the new term, through offering booster and extension groups. Thank you for all your ongoing support over the past term and in the run-up to Christmas.

ISLEHAM READING CAFÉ THIS WEDNESDAY

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Don't forget that on Wednesday 7th November, we are holding our information morning to enable parents/carers to learn more about the way we develop reading at Isleham Primary School. The session will include lots of useful tips and ideas for how parents and carers can support the children at home in line with our skills-based approached to inference.

There will be refreshments in a café style setting before parents can then go to their child's class to see reading in action- there will no doubt be lots of enthusiastic children keen to show you what they know! Class teachers will be on hand to answer any questions and information will be available to be taken home to refer to when supporting reading at home.

There will be a KS1 talk first of all in the hall at 9am – 9.30am followed by time in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 classes where teachers and children will be ready to welcome you, until 10.00am. Then the KS2 presentation will start at 10.15am- 10.45am, followed by time in KS2 classes until 11.15 am.

We hope you will be able to attend as this will be a fantastic opportunity to enable you to support your child's reading at home even more effectively and help to strengthen the bond between home and school further. Please return the slip below so we know numbers to expect. We are very much looking forward to seeing you then!

With best wishes,

Ms Sassoli (English Subject Leader) and all the staff

REPLY SLIP: ISLEHAM READING CAFÉ- WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2018

*** please delete as appropriate**

I will be attending the reading café on Wednesday 7th November 2018 for… KS1 9.am – 10.00am *

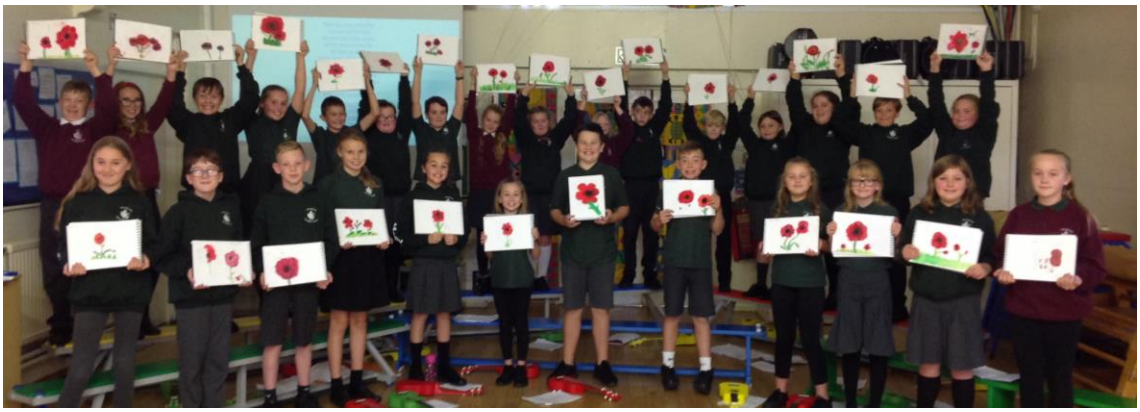
KS2 10.15am – 11.15am *

Number of attendees _____

Signed _____ Parent/ carer of _____

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Well done Year 6 for your exciting assembly on Friday last week:-



Your ukulele playing, poetry recital and readings were excellent.

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Please see the remaining class assembly dates below and overleaf, and in our Diary dates compilation at the end of the newsletter for remaining class assemblies this term:-

Friday 9th November- Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 16th November- Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 23rd November- Year 2 Class Assembly

STAR OF THE WEEK

On Thursday afternoon before half term, the following children were awarded 'Star of the Week' certificates…

Year 1- Sofia for fantastic effort in addition and subtraction
Year 2- Mollie for improving her handwriting
Year 3- Harvey for working hard to produce more writing in class
Year 4- Sophia L for great listening skills and always doing her best
Year 5- Livvy for writing a descriptive Victorian story
Year 6- Ella for all her hard work throughout the week, and Macey C for super hard work and perseverance in Maths this week
WELL DONE TO ALL THESE CHILDREN.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

In our school assemblies each week, we explore some of the school's Christian values and share stories from the Bible. This week, we will be thinking about the story of the great escape from the book of Exodus and how Moses lead his people through the wilderness.

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MENU THIS WEEK

This week's menu options are listed below. Please also see below today's special 'Bonfire Night' menu.

MEAT FREE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshly baked bread	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
Menu choice 1	Cheese and tomato pizza	BBQ chicken with rice	Meatballs with pasta	Roast chicken, roast potatoes & yorkshire pudding	Battered fish & chips with tomato ketchup
Menu choice 2 (VEGETARIAN)	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Cheese cauliflower and broccoli bake	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Cheese tomato quiche	Vegetable wrap
Sides	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads
Desserts	Apple muffin Sliced fresh fruit	Flapjack Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate sponge cake with chocolate sauce Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate crispy Sliced fresh fruit	Shortbread Sliced fresh fruit

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

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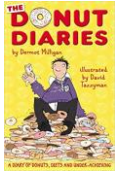
KEY STAGE 2- AUTHOR VISIT- NEXT WEEK- TUESDAY 13.11.18 IN THE AFTERNOON

Anthony McGowan, a children's author, will be coming to Isleham on Tuesday 13th November to visit KS2 classes! If you would like to pre-order one of Anthony's books, please fill in the form below so that Mr McGowan can bring enough with him.

You may order from both key stages if you wish, although Mr McGowan will only be working with the Key Stage 2 classes. Each book costs £3 (a bargain as they retail at £6.99) Please bring £3 with you on Tuesday 13th November as there will be time for you to purchase the book at the end of the day and Mr McGowan will sign them.

Name_____ class _____



Year 3/ 4 suggested book 'The Bare Bum Gang' number of copies requested __

Year 5 /6 suggested book 'The Donut Diaries' number of copies requested __

Books cost £3 each which should be brought in on the day.

POPPY NEWS

Poppies are now available to purchase at the School Office. Children and families can purchase poppies at the following times: 8.30am to 8.45am, and 3.15pm-3.30pm daily.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7th November- Reading café for parents- 9.00am- Key Stage 1 parents, 10.15am- Key Stage 2 parents

Wednesday 7th November- Bags2School collection- please donate any unwanted clothes, shoes, belts, bags etc via the provided bag or in bin bags- the School PTA will receive a monetary donation for the weight of items collected.

Friday 9th November- 2.45pm- Year 3 Class Assembly

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Friday 9th November- Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Sunday 11th November- 10.30am onwards- Year 6 House Captains to represent the school at the Isleham Remembrance Day service
Monday 12th November- Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 13th November- Visit of author Anthony McGowan (pm)
Tuesday 13th November- HOUSE DAY- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY DUE TO FLU VACCINATIONS ON MONDAY! All children are invited to wear their house colours for our 'Royalty-themed' House Day
Friday 16th November- Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby event at Witchford
Friday 16th November- 2.45pm- Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 23rd November- 2.45pm- Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 28th November- Family Worker drop-in at Isleham Primary 9.15am to 10.45am- no need to book- if you have any concerns or queries about your child, Linda Beeton will be happy to chat with you.
Wednesday 28th November- 2pm- Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church Isleham (parents welcome to attend and accompany the children on the short walk to the church, setting off from school at 1.30pm- please wear warm clothes!)
Friday 30th November- 2.45pm- Carols on the playground (weather permitting- please wear warm clothes) followed by PTA Christmas Fair
Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd/ 8th & 9th December- Isleham Festival of Light in St Andrew's Church Isleham
Sunday 9th December- 4pm- Community Carols at St Andrew's Church Isleham
Tuesday 11th December- 2pm- Year R Nativity Concert (1 of 2)
Wednesday 12th December- 10am- Year R Nativity Concert (2 of 2)
Thursday 13th December- 2pm- Year 1 & 2 Performance of 'Hey Ewe!' (Show 1 of 2)
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & Christmas lunch for all year groups
Friday 14th December- 10am - Year 1 & 2 Performance of 'Hey Ewe!' (Show 2 of 2)
Tuesday 18th December- 'Steve Sausage' show for all year groups and Christmas parties (pm)
Wednesday 19th December- Break up for Christmas holidays at the end of the school day

We have two new clubs running this half term:-

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes at The Beeches sports fields. Please sign and return the slip below if your Key Stage 2 child would like to attend.

Name of child _____ wishes to attend Cross Country Club 2018-19

Signed _____ (Parent/ Carer)

Date _____

CHOIR CLUB- CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CAROLS Choir club has moved to a Thursday lunchtime. We are seeking a large group of children, especially from Key Stage 2 to help us make a great sound at the community carol concert in St Andrew's Church Isleham on Sunday 9th December, and to join us singing at Limestone Close when we go to sign for the residents there. Please sign the slip below if your child is willing to join us for these community singing events. The club is open to all children in Year 1 to 6.

Name of child _____ wishes to attend Choir Club autumn 2018

Signed _____ (Parent/ Carer)

Date _____

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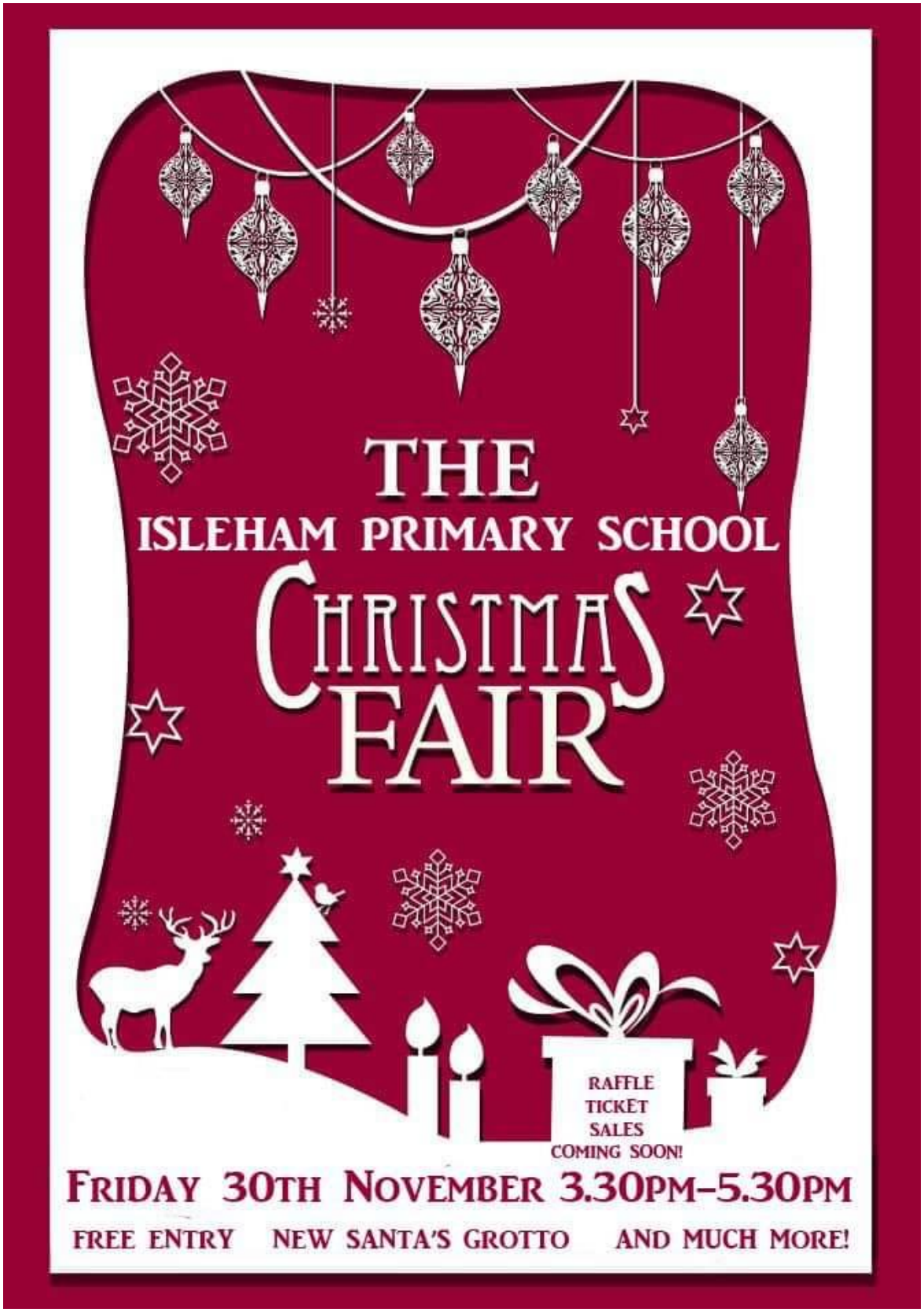

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Parenting Taster Sessions

Thursday 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Starts 8 November for 3 weeks

Understanding challenging behaviour, parenting styles, labelling, sibling rivalry, effective discipline and birth order. Parenting sessions provide an opportunity for parents and carers to learn new skills that will help them and their children. For children aged 2-12 years of age.

To book your place call
Ely Child and Family Centre on 01353 611594

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