

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 9th October 2017



THE ISLEHAM SCHOOL P.T.A. (PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION) NEEDS YOU



Last Friday- the 6th October 2017- at 3.30pm, the Annual General Meeting of the Isleham Primary School P.T.A. took place. The committee group are celebrating another amazing year of fundraising in 2016-17 for the children at Isleham Primary.

As in previous years, **over £3500** was raised enabling the PTA to subsidise **£700 towards school trips**, **£350 towards Year 6 leavers' gifts** & **£2000 towards resurfacing the new reflection area** used by all of the children at playtimes and in the summer months. The PTA helped raise these funds through exciting events for the children such as the Christmas Fair, school discos, Mothers/Father's day stalls, sports day house colour kits & summer concert refreshments.

Without the hard work of the committee and volunteers, none of the above could happen- parents would need to pay more for school visits in order for any trips to be able to go ahead... extra projects outside school budget would not be able to take place, and there would be no extra budget for treats like ice lollies on sports day, leavers' gifts or discos without charging parents a huge amount to subsidise these extras.

Sadly, in recent years, there have been fewer and fewer parents contributing to the PTA, which means that our PTA has come to a crisis point. The same few people cannot always plan, set up, deliver and clear away after all events for the children and families without exhaustion setting in.

The PTA needs more members to contribute to the group's success and join the committee this year, in order to help with organising and supervising/ running fun events for the year ahead for the children and parents. By agreeing to do this, you will also be able to help shape the development of the group and projects, and help to decide upon the extra things which you would like to fund to make our children's experience of school special.



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At last Friday's meeting, the group have made the difficult decision that they will need to disband if more supporters from throughout the school do not come forward to contribute as it is simply not possible to organise events for the school with no support... This would seem especially unfair for the children who are now in school who will not enjoy the same benefits or fun events as children in previous years.

Can you help?

If you can spare a morning, afternoon or evening just once a month to meet with the other committee members and volunteers, and support the work of the PTA in planning exciting new fundraising ventures for 2017-18, your help could be the difference between the group continuing or not.

There will be an exceptional meeting of the PTA again on Friday 13th October at 3.30pm in the hall, with free creche provided in the group room.

PLEASE complete the slip below indicating your interest in being involved in this year's group. A decision will then be made about whether the group can continue and the best possible time and place for PTA committee meetings to take place.

WE NEED AT LEAST 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH YEAR GROUP IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE EXCELLENT WORK OF THE ISLEHAM P.T.A.

Thank you.

P.T.A. EXCEPTIONAL MEETING 13.9.17- REPLY SLIP

I will attend the exceptional meeting of the Isleham PTA on Friday 13th October 2017 at 3.30pm and am willing to become a committee member for the 2017-18 academic year.

OR

I am willing to become a committee member for the 2017-18 academic year but am unable to attend the exceptional meeting of the Isleham PTA on Friday 13th October 2017 at 3.30pm. My preferred monthly meeting time would be _____ (time and day of the week)

Name of parent _____

Child(ren)'s name _____ Year group _____



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CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 4

Year 4 kicked off our rounds of Class Sharing assemblies last week with an excellent summary of all they have been learning recently in class in a TV-show-style presentation. Well done to all the children.



FAMOUS ISLEHAM PUPILS

Theo had a very exciting day filming for a famous bank's new advertisement the week before last. The advert will initially be shown in America, but we hope we might get to see it in the UK online too! Theo will appear as a footballer.



Some of our pupils- **Solomon, Anya and Oliver** have also spotted themselves in the photos on the new 'Wild Tracks' Christmas promotional poster, so have a look out for them this festive season!



FORTHCOMING PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

We look forward to seeing you next week for your booked parents' evening consultation appointments on 16th and 17th October, in the school hall. If you have not already done so, please log-in to book your 10-minute appointment slot for Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents or 15-minute appointment for Reception class parents. All are bookable via the Starz online platform. Please log on with your username and password from the green login button on our main website page www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk Booking closes on Thursday 12th October at 12 noon.



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Please note that it will not be possible to book to see staff on different evenings during the week of the 16th October, as the staff will have been in school later than usual on two separate evenings already. Appointments must run to 10 minute time-slots (or 15 minutes for Year R parents) to avoid long delays for others.

Your child may attend the appointment, but needs to remain with you throughout the time they are in school and listen to the teacher's comments with you, rather than being left to roam the school or play with friends/ technology at the side of the hall.

Members of the school's Governing Body will be in attendance throughout the evenings, with a short questionnaire for you to complete. Please take the time to complete the form if you possibly can as response to the Governors' questionnaires help to guide the school's development priorities.

GREEN FINGER BRIGADE THANKS!

Very many thanks to all who helped to clear the pond area and school garden ready for the winter. It was great fun rediscovering the pond fence, the bug hotel and multiple snails, slugs, spiders, centipedes and ladybirds, as well as a family of newts! Many hands really did make light work so THANK YOU to everyone who gave up their time to help out.



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VALUE OF THE WEEK

In our assemblies this week, we are thinking about our school value of 'Perseverance'. Each week this term are thinking of other children in Church schools nearby- this week, we will remember in our prayers those in all Schools in Fordham & Quy Deanery: Cheveley, Great Wilbraham, Burrough Green, St Andrew's at Soham, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior, Fordham, & of course, Isleham.

BMX CHAMPION ANNALISE

Annalise in Year 4 won her latest race in the East Anglian BMX championships. She also competed at the end of August in the British championships and came 6th overall. A fantastic achievement- well done Annalise!



TRAILBLAZERS DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

Well done too to Faith and Georgia in Year 6 who had a wonderfully successful summer after competing throughout the year and passing two qualifying rounds in the Trailblazers Dressage Qualifiers. Georgia and Faith competed at the National Dressage Championships in Warwickshire, on the Stoneleigh Show ground. The event ran for 3 days with competitions on each day; the competition was tough with most of the other competitors were much older than the girls. We are delighted to report that Faith came 14th and Georgia 10th, against nearly 90 competitors! Georgia's journey continued last weekend with her quest to join the British Youth Dressage Team.

CCS AWARDS 2017











I am delighted to report that our school catering team of Sharon King and Christine Marsh have been recognised by CCS (Cambridgeshire Catering Services) for their outstanding contribution to our school and the school meals provided. They were presented with the 2017 award for 'Going the extra mile' at a special ceremony at Shire Hall last Tuesday, which really does sum up how they approach mealtimes for the children at Isleham. Thank you ladies for all you do, and congratulations to you both!



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MENU

LUNCHES THIS WEEK

MAINS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Option 1 Option 2
	East Anglian pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes	Chicken pasta bake with garlic bread	Yorkshire pudding with beef strips and herby diced potatoes	Roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce and gravy with roast potatoes	Oven baked battered cod fillet with tomato sauce and chips	
	Quorn chipolatas with gravy and mashed potatoes 	Vegetable samosas with mint and yoghurt dip and rice 	Mac 'n' cheese with garlic and herb focaccia 	Cheese quiche and roast potatoes 	Quorn dippers with tomato sauce and chips 	
Option 3 - 'Grab & Go' – see below						
DESSERTS	Fruit flapjack with a slice of fresh fruit 	Apple and cinnamon crumble with custard 	Wicked fruity Wednesday 	Strawberry mousse and a fresh fruit slice 	Fruit muffin with fresh milk	
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot 	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	

Please see below for the 'grab & go' packed lunch menu:-

'GRAB & GO'- THIS WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salmon Baguette	Cheese roll	Ham roll	Tuna roll	Egg roll
Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit
Flapjack	Choc chip muffins	Cake	Biscuit	Fruit muffin
Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water

Please note that on days when the 'grab & go' option is NOT vegetarian, vegetarian children may order a cheese roll in place of the meat roll, wrap or baguette.



LUNCHES AFTER HALF TERM

After half term, jacket potatoes will be making a come-back in place of the 'grab & go' option 3! YIPPEE!

HEALTHY SCHOOLS- BREAKFASTS, SNACKS & PACKED LUNCHES



As a Cambridgeshire 'Healthy School', we encourage all children to enjoy a balanced and healthy diet each day. Our school lunches provided by the Cambridgeshire catering Service include fresh fruit, salad and vegetables every day.



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We ask that all packed lunches are also nutritious and provide children with the energy they need for their work and play...

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Please also ensure your child has a hearty and healthy breakfast before school each day so that he or she is not hungry during morning lessons, and if wanted, a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to enjoy at morning playtime.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack as part of the 'free fruit' scheme, OR parents may send in a fruit or vegetable snack in a named bag or container for their child to enjoy.

Please do not send any other items for children to eat at break-time in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Many happy returns of the day to all the children who celebrate their birthdays this week



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PREHISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Saturday 21st October 2017

10.30am - 4.00pm

Displays and hands-on activities to show how our ancestors may have lived and how archaeologists work to unveil the past. Learn about rock art, 'hunt' with a spear thrower and a bow and arrow, marvel at displays of metal smelting as done in the Bronze Age and get messy with potting clay. Join our hugely popular event and inspire your inner archaeologist. A fun and educational day out for amateur archaeologists of any age.



Cambridge Archaeological Unit
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PLUS: A visit from the Vikings!



<http://www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk/events/prehistory-and-archaeology-day>



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DIARY DATES- THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

AUTUMN TERM 1:-

Monday 9th October- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am

Wednesday 11th October- Year 6 STEM Challenge Day at Soham Village College

Friday 13th October- **Year 2 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

Monday 16th October- Year 5 Bikeability training all week



Week of Monday 16th October- No after school clubs on Monday and Tuesday due to Parents' Meetings

Monday 16th October- Parents' evening appointments 4pm-7pm

Tuesday 17th October- Parents' evening appointments 4pm-7pm

Wednesday 18th October- Year 4 visit to Denny Abbey

Thursday 19th October- **Cake Bake and non-school uniform** day £2 suggested donation to include cake donation.



Friday 20th October- Professional Development Day- NO SCHOOL

Week of 23rd October- Half term- NO SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2:-

Wednesday 1st November- Year 6 to Duxford Museum

Wednesday 1st November- Deadline for initial payments towards current Year 6 residential trip in July 2018

Friday 3rd November- **Year 1 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

Wednesday 8th November- Year 5 parents and child meeting re next year's Year 6 residential trip to take place September 2018

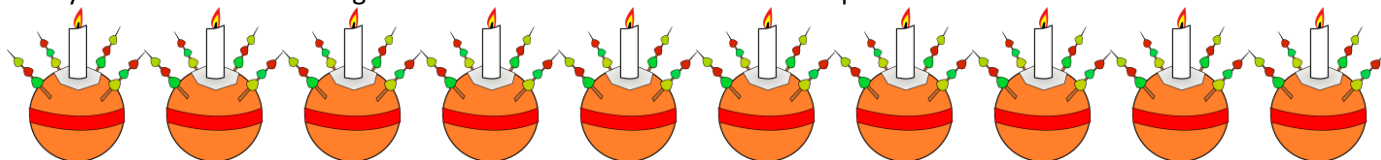
Friday 10th November- **Year 3 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

Monday 13th November- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am

Friday 17th November- **Year 5 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

Friday 24th November- **Year 6 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

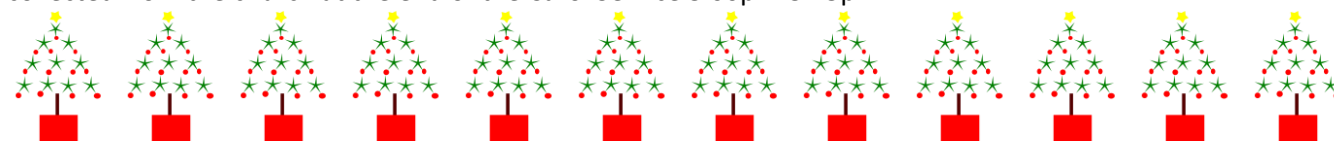
Friday 1st December- Christingle Service St Andrew's Church Isleham 2pm



Monday 11th December- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am

Tuesday 19th December- 2pm- Carol Service for children and families- 2pm St Andrew's Church Isleham

Tuesday 19th December- End of autumn term 2- Start of Christmas holiday at end of school day Children may be collected from the church at the end of the Carol Service 3.00pm-3.15pm



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