

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS



Week commencing: Monday 20th January 2020

FIREFIGHTER VISIT

Newmarket Fire Service came to visit the Reception Class children at school last week. They had great fun finding out about the role of a firefighter. The firefighters showed them their special uniform and equipment.

Luckily, the fire crew didn't get called out on an emergency and we were able to have a look inside the fire appliance vehicle. We saw so many different pieces of equipment and the children found it very interesting. They created some beautiful writing labelling different parts of the appliance following the visit and wrote some wonderful sentences too.



MISS DIPLOCK'S ASSEMBLY

The School Council helped us to wish Miss Diplock well in our Friday assembly last week as she embarks on her maternity leave. We hope she will be able to put her feet up now for a little while before the baby is born!



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PREMIER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES - MUD ALERT!



As well as our weekly clubs led by school staff, Premier Education are offering these activities on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Archery- indoors	Circuits-indoors	Hockey- field	Football-field	Team games-field

CHILDREN MUST HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR OUTDOOR LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES ON THE FIELD (JOGGERS AND TRAINERS)

These **MUST** be different to the clothes worn in class and/or for indoor PE and sport, as muddy shoes and clothes should not be worn inside the school.

Thank you for your understanding.

GOLDEN MILE AT ISLEHAM

The school has relaunched the Golden Mile this week in an assembly linked to the overall school star value of 'Promoting health'. The children were very excited to be holding a running/walking session in lesson time each week where they can build the number of circuits covered and claim certificates. The class teacher will arrange a time (only 10 or 15 minutes) each week to take the children outside to complete a number of laps. They don't need to change their shoes or clothing (which is why we always ask for sensible footwear for all times in school) as this is a quick fitness break. There are set milestones to reach, which quickly build up, when certificates are presented. Mrs Deacon will collate all laps covered and prepare the certificates for presentation at the Star of the Week assembly.

The children all know that any park run miles will also be counted, so well done to: Abigail in Year 5, Evans in Year 4, Freya M. in Year 4, and Elsa in Year 3 who all completed 3 miles this weekend at Soham. It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces, and they were all excellent ambassadors for the school!

Look out next term for more opportunities to run/walk with your child each morning and one night after school to build the number of laps covered and to provide you with the opportunity to include some regular healthy exercise into family time, as well as spending some quality time with your children!



ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK



This week, our curriculum star to focus upon is the blue 'Sharing happiness' star. We want learning to be fun at Isleham, and also for children to enjoy their shared playtimes and golden time. The PTA will be supporting us in purchasing further resources this year to help make learning and play outside even more fun and engaging. Please let us know if you have any exciting suggestions of games or equipment we could invest in.

This week is the second Sunday after Epiphany: we will be thinking about how Jesus encouraged others to follow him, and why and who we follow. We will be thinking about making good choices. BIBLE READING: John chp 1 vss 29-42

BEHAVIOUR POLICY UPDATED

Thank you for your comments about the Dojo behaviour reward system. We are relaunching our behaviour policy this week with the children as a result of all the children, staff and parent comments made, and have made the decision that we will no longer be using the Dojo system for rewards and sanctions in our school.

Please see our updated Behaviour policy online on our website in the 'Key Information' 'Policies and Procedures' section (the 2020 update is at the bottom of the page).

Our new policy is based upon spotting children 'getting it right' and behaving positively- recognising, praising and rewarding those who are behaving well at all times in line with our golden rules. We know that at Isleham almost all of our children fit into this category of 'getting it right' and we want them to all feel valued and recognised. **We are moving our Golden Time to Friday afternoon in order to celebrate with children in their class free choice 'Golden Time' all the great work and behaviour we see.**



We have also developed the Isleham Behaviour 'Pitch' to show you how we will aim to respond on the occasions when reminders may need to be given to help children behave in a positive way. Our behaviour response aims to understand why any antisocial behaviour is happening and give children multiple opportunities to understand what they need to do differently to succeed. We want all children to be part of the **class free choice and Golden Time** on a Friday afternoon which they help to plan each week, so warnings and reminders are intended to enable that to happen. Staff will give at least 2 reminders to help children succeed, and we envisage every child being successful in gaining their Golden Time with this support.



Our new policy also explains what happens when children repeatedly break the rules (after warnings) or whose behaviour is significantly impacting others. They will receive a protective consequence in the form of a **Yellow card**- time will be given for them to reflect upon and discuss what has happened with an adult and how this is impacting others, but the key message is that they can still get back on the pitch for golden time. Parents will be made aware of any yellow cards via a brief note in the home-school book but can be assured that the issue has been resolved in school and the child has discussed how to avoid any recurrence.

3 yellow cards or SERIOUS ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR =

RED CARD
REFLECT, REPAIR & RESTORE
 MISSED GOLDEN TIME
 Headteacher/ Deputy Head involvement
 Communicated to parents via home school book and conversation

In the very rare instance that a child should receive 2 yellow cards in a week, this is the ideal time for parents to talk through with their child how they can help them to avoid any further yellow cards. Children whose behaviour is serious and leaves the safety or wellbeing of themselves or others at risk, or whose behaviour has repeatedly resulted in 3 or more yellow cards in a week, will receive a **red card**. Parents in this situation will be contacted by the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher to set up a behaviour support plan or risk management plan for their child to help them get back on track.

Please see the 2020 draft behaviour policy for more details. The next Full Governors' Meeting on the 29th January 2020 will be the opportunity for us to make any needed amendments and formally adopt our new policy.



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MENU

Please find below menu choices for the week ahead:-

	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	Hot dog with diced potatoes	Meatballs with pasta	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Battered fish & chips with tomato ketchup
Menu choice 2	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
Sides	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
Desserts	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.

CLASS CAFES THIS TERM



This term, your children will be presenting a class café and information session for parents of the class between 9.15am and 10.00am on the following dates:

Year R- Tues 3rd March

Year 1- Tues 11th Feb

Year 2- * **Weds 12th Feb**

Year 3- Tues 17th March

Year 4- Tues 25th Feb

Year 5- Tues 24th March

Year 6- Tues 31st March

Please come along if you can so that your child can share with you what they have been doing in school. You are welcome to join us from 9.00am after school drop-off for tea or coffee and biscuits, followed by the children joining us in the hall from 9.15am. Entry will be via the Reception playground gate and group room door. Thank you!

*The Year 2 café date has been amended as above to ensure all parents can attend including those who may have Key Stage 2 children intending to arrive later on the original 05.02.2020 date due to the Young Voices event the day before.



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STARS OF THE WEEK



Last week's children to gain stars of the week certificates for inspiring achievement were:

Reception - Noa for making great progress in her reading and writing

Year 1 - Starr for working really hard when writing independently

Year 2 - Kosmo for making amazing progress in phonics

Year 3 - Wesley for working hard on his martial arts and showing everyone at 'Isleham's Got Talent'

Year 4 - Sophie for working so hard at her reading and making wonderful progress

Year 5 - Theo for achieving the most work he's done

Nicole for her achievement in gymnastics

Abi for beating her personal best at the park run

Year 6 - Tillie for setting high targets for herself and using strategies to help her learning

Congratulations to all!

CONGRATULATIONS AUBREE!

Aubree was the lucky winner of the Cambridgeshire 'Name the Gritter' competition this year. She had the opportunity to meet her gritter on Saturday! Well done Aubree... We are looking forward to hopefully seeing 'Stephen THAWking' on the roads around Isleham.



THE TERM AHEAD- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 23.1.20	6pm- Finance Committee training followed by Resources Governors' Cttee Meeting
Friday 24.1.20	Year 1 Circus Skills event
Saturday 25.1.20	CHINESE NEW YEAR
Tuesday 4.2.20	Young Voices trip to O2 11am- 11pm
Wednesday 5.2.20	Late arrival permitted for staff and children who have attended the O2



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	trip
Friday 7.2.10	PTA Discos at end of school day (details to follow)
Tuesday 11.2.20	9.15am- Class café Year 1
Wednesday 12.2.20	9.15am- Class Café Year 2- revised date Spring Term Parents' Evening 1 of 2 - 4pm to 7pm- SENCo available to 6pm
Friday 14.2.20	Half term starts after school
Monday 24.2.20	Back to school after half term
Tuesday 25.2.20	9.15am- Class café Year 4 Spring Term Parents' Evening 1 of 2 - 5pm to 8pm
Friday 28.2.20	Year 5/6 Quicksticks tournament
Tuesday 3.3.20	9.15am- Class café Year R 6pm- Performance & Standards Gobs Meeting
Thursday 5.3.20	World Book Day- dress up as a book character or bring in your favourite book to share
Wednesday 11.3.20	Visit of author James Campbell 9.30am- Reception vision screening
Monday 16.3.20	3.30pm- ISPA Meeting for parents
Tuesday 17.3.20	9.15am- Class café Year 3
Friday 20.3.20	Year 5/6 Hi-5 netball tournament
Tuesday 24.3.20	9.15am- Class café Year 5
Thursday 26.3.20	6pm Full Gobs Meeting
Monday 30.3.20	2pm- Year 3 & 4 dress rehearsal 3.30pm- Staff RESUS training 6pm- Parent RESUS training
Tuesday 31.3.20	9.15am- Class café Year 6 2pm Year 3 & 4 Production 1 of 2
Wednesday 1.4.20	9.15am- CP out pool carers course 2pm Year 3 & 4 Production 2 of 2
Thursday 2.4.20	Easter hols start after school
Monday 20.4.20	PD Day- whole staff- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 21.4.20	Summer term starts for pupils



AN EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY!

SOHAM ART SCHOOL

FREE art workshops for
Key Stage 2 students in the
Fitzwilliam Arts Lab, Soham
Village College

THURSDAYS 4-5
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