

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Wednesday 5th September



## THE SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19



Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Isleham Primary. The staff are looking forward to working with your children this year, and to welcoming the new Reception pupils later this week, who will also be meeting their Year 6 buddies on Friday.

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break. Just a few quick messages for the first week back:-

- Year 1 to 6 children will no longer be lining up in the playground at the start of the school day, as we would like to make a more prompt start to lessons by enabling children to filter into school from 8.50am ready for a prompt start at 9.00am. Please ensure your child is in the playground by 8.55am at the very latest so that he or she can come straight through the gates to the classroom. (If you need to speak to the teacher, please wait until the end of the day or send a note or message via your child or the office for the teacher to call you at breaktime).
- **At collection time from today, Year 1 and Year R can be collected from the Reception playground (Year R from their classrooms door and Year 1 from the group room door) to help ease the congestion near the Year 2 classroom/ pond area. Please can all parents and carers collect children promptly and move away from the doorways once their child is safely with them.** There were many families remaining on site a long time after collection in the summer months, with parents allowing school children and younger siblings to play with school equipment, climb on the triangular 'quiet space' hut and tables, swing on the disabled ramp bars, and to play on the field and climbing frame at the end of the school day. Please note that all children should be leaving the site promptly after collection, and the school site cannot be made available for families after the close of the school day as we need to ensure all gates are locked and the site is safely secured. Staff are often in meetings or have additional duties at the end of the school day, and cannot be expected to be



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collecting additional litter, supervising children, opening doors for toilet access and dealing with injuries when families and children should have left the site. The Beeches Community centre is available for children who wish to play and families who wish to chat. Thank you for your co-operation.

- Your child's class teacher will be sending home a class newsletter on Friday this week. Please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher at the end of the school day or to send a note if you have any queries or concerns.
- We will aim to publish the whole school newsletter to the website by 11am each Monday morning. Please read the newsletter regularly and let me know if there is anything you would like added in, such as news of your child's achievements outside school (e.g. an award gained at an outside club or event.) I can be emailed at [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) Please also look regularly at the school's website for updates and information about your child's class and the school. The school's website address is: [www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk)

With all best wishes for the year ahead,

Mrs Skillern

## NEWSLETTER DESIGN COMPETITION



As we start the new school year, we will be running a competition once again to design the 'footer' picture for our school newsletter to be used throughout the school year. The children are invited to draw a long thin picture or pictures of the school, of Isleham village or of the school children, and submit it to the competition. We have some lovely art prizes for them to win. If your child would like to enter the competition, please print out the entry form page of the newsletter (overleaf) and return it to school by the morning of Friday 21st September 2018. Your child should hand his/her completed entry form to his/her class teacher. The entries will be judged by our school art co-ordinator Mrs Barber on the 21st September, with winners announced in the newsletter and assembly on the 24th September. The winning design will also be included in our weekly newsletter beneath the burgundy line below! HAPPY CREATING!

## SWIMMING TIMES THIS TERM

Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 has been arranged once again this half term. We are fortunate to have Mrs Read leading the sessions with teaching staff again. Swimming will start next week (from 10<sup>th</sup> September). Please ensure your child has a named costume, towel and goggles/ hat if needed on their swimming day. The days for each year group will be indicated in the class newsletters.



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## ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Just a quick reminder to all parents that the school expects 100% attendance from all children, except in the case of extreme illness or injury. If your child is very unwell and cannot manage a day at school, please let the office know on 01638 780336. Your child needs to see a GP if absence exceeds 3 days or if more and may require a medical plan to be drawn up if he or she is frequently missing school due to illness.

In return, we will aim to only send children home if they are not coping in school due to illness or have a contagious illness or suspected illness which a GP need to verify.

We wish to enable children to be in school if at all possible, and staff are trained to administer medicine if needed during the school day. Please note though that GPs confirm that '3 times a day' medicines can be taken before school, after school and at bedtime, so as to avoid them needing to be taken in school. Please ensure '4 times a day' medicines or specific medicines for your child are provided in the original named container along with a signed medicine form.

Please note that term-time absence for holidays cannot be authorised under our policy, and holiday absence of over 3 days will be most likely to incur a penalty notice fee.

## SUMMER CELEBRATIONS & AWARDS

Very many congratulations to all of the children who received awards at the end of last term for their hard work, good effort, excellent attendance and achievement in the school year 2017-18. We look forward to presenting numerous awards this year as the children begin work in their new classes.

Just a quick reminder about how our merit system works... Children can earn merit points or tiny stickers in class each day for excellent work and acts of kindness and helpfulness. 20 merit points accumulate towards a certificate awarded in assembly, and after each 100 merit points a badge is also earned...



100	Bronze
200	Silver
300	Gold
400	Diamond
500	Headteacher award (Red)



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600	Headteacher award (Bronze)
700	Headteacher award (Silver)
800	Headteacher award (Gold)
900	Special award shield
1000	Mini trophy

### AUTUMN TERM MUSIC LESSONS WITH MR WRIGHT

Mr Wright will be recommencing music lessons today for children in Year 2-6 who wish to learnt to play a musical instrument either in individual lessons or a small group. In addition, Mr Wright will be offering class music lessons in ukulele this term to the children in Year 6. Please support your child with practice in between lessons to enable him or her to make rapid progress.



### VALUE OF THE WEEK

*In our school assemblies each week, we explore one of the school's Chrstian values. This week, we will be thinking about Justice & Peace as we set up our class snd school rules for the school year ahead.*



### MENU THIS WEEK

From September 2018, the Lunchtime Company will be serving the lunchtime meals to the pupils at Isleham C of E Primary School in place of CCS who cease trading in December 2018.



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The Lunchtime Company is run by award-winning Master Chefs who will provide training and support to our existing kitchen staff Mrs King and Mrs Marsh.

All meals will continue to be cooked from fresh ingredients every day, sourced locally (where possible within a 60 mile radius of the school) and prepared on-site.

Over the course of the academic year there will be various theme days, activities, cookery classes and charity events – these will be advertised around the school and in the newsletter. The Lunchtime Company want to help children gain a real appreciation for good quality food, where it comes from, how it is produced and why healthy food is important.

A parent information leaflet about the Lunchtime Company is available from our school website. Don't forget that meals are completely free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and just £2.40 each for children in Key Stage 2 (with some children entitled to free school meals)- please ask in the office if you are unsure if your child is entitled to free meal.

The Lunchtime Company will be offering a birthday table scheme as the school has previously offered under CCS- if your child is celebrating his or her birthday, he or she can book a table for their special day via the school office. The birthday table for Key Stage 1 and Reception children is completely free for up to 6 children. At Key Stage 2, parents can pay for 6 children to enjoy the birthday table. Cakes are provided for the birthday child and for all birthday table guests.



This week's menu options are listed below:-

<div> <div>LUNCHTIME CO</div> <div>WEEK ONE MENU</div> <div>WEEKS COMMENCING: • 3RD SEP • 24TH SEP • 15TH OCT</div> </div> <div> <div>NUTRITIONALLY PACKED</div> <div>All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and exceed The School Food Plan.</div> </div> <div> <div>WE BUY LOCAL</div> <div>We use local suppliers because we only use food we can trust which is of a high standard, properly produced, fresh and good value.</div> </div>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Freshly Baked Bread</b>	<div>MEAT FREE</div>		Freshly baked ciabatta bread	Freshly baked sunflower seed bread	Freshly baked garlic & herb bread
<b>Main Choice 1</b>			Beef lasagne	Roast beef, with roast potatoes and yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers & chips with tomato ketchup
<b>Main Choice 2</b>			Vegetable stew served with rice	Penne pasta with tomato and basil sauce	Vegetables fingers with chips and tomato ketchup
<b>Available every day</b>			Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads
<b>Desserts</b>			Sticky Toffee Pudding Sliced fresh fruit	Iced Vanilla Sponge Sliced fresh fruit	Jelly and Ice Cream Sliced fresh fruit



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## CONCERNS OR QUERIES

We hope that any concerns you may have can be easily resolved by speaking to your child's class teacher, one of the Teaching assistant staff or one of the ladies in the office. Mrs Deacon as Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Skillern as Headteacher are also always happy to respond to any queries or concerns. If you prefer, an email or note can be written to [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) We aim to respond to all messages and emails within 24 hours. **Please see the complaints policy on the school website for further details.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September- Professional Development Day for staff

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September- Return to school after summer holidays for ALL Year 1 to Year 6 children

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September- Year 6 residential meeting- drop-in & information session for pupils and parents 6pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September- new Reception class home visits.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September- New Reception class first full day in school

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September- Termly clubs published in Monday newsletter

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September- After-school and lunchtime clubs commence

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Year 6 Residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September- Family worker drop-in at Isleham Primary School- 9.15am to 10.45am - see attached leaflet for other parent & carer events

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September- 2.00pm- Harvest Festival in St Andrew's Church (Parents welcome- further details of harvest service to follow. Each child is invited to bring a tin or sealed packet of food for 'The Three Rivers' Churches' Harvest collection. Thank you in advance. )

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October- Ely Cathedral Schools' Day- Year 6

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October- Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm (booking online from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 12noon)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October- Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm (booking online from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 12noon)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 visit to Duxford Air Museum

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October- Professional Development Day for staff (School closed to pupils- Premier Education Sport camp on offer- further details to follow)

Week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- HALF TERM WEEK (School closed to pupils)

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018-19

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Professional Training Day - School Closed
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Term Opens Years 1-6
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception class home visits at pre-arranged appointment times
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception class pupils first full day in school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Professional Training Day – School Closed
19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October (inclusive)	Half Term
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Term Closes
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Spring Term Opens
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (inclusive)	Half Term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Term Closes
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Professional Training Day – School Closed
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Opens



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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
24<sup>th</sup> May – 3rd June (inclusive)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

May Day Holiday – School Closed  
Professional Training Day – School Closed  
Half Term  
Professional Training Day – School Closed  
Term Closes

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Local youth acting company- 'Viva'- in Soham have sent details of their forthcoming Open Evening for families.

Would you like to be in a  
**viva!**  
show?

or volunteer with costume, hair &  
make up, backstage crew, props..

..Come along to our  
**OPEN EVENING**

On Thursday 13 September  
7.30pm at  
The Performing Arts Centre  
Soham Village College

For more information contact the Viva Office on  
01353 722228/ vivayouth@hotmail.co.uk



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