

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS



Week commencing: Monday 8th November 2021

CLASS CAFES FOR PARENTS



Starting next week with a café for the parents of children in Year 2 (on Wednesday 17th November at 2.30pm), we will be offering a class café for each class on Wednesday afternoons in the school hall in the coming weeks.

To meet with our Covid-safe guidelines, we will only have ONE class group in the hall at a time, with children coming along to the hall for part of the session, and tea/coffee and biscuits on offer before school collection for those in attendance!

The focus of the cafes is to share more information about year group expectations in reading, writing and maths, and how best to support your child with school work, as well as sharing with you the priorities for each year group in terms of 'catch-up' work after the recent lockdowns.

Please attend if you can.

Class Cafes for other year groups will take place at the following times this term:-

Wednesday 24th November- Reception Class 'class café' in the hall

Wednesday 1st December- Year 1 'class café' in the hall

Wednesday 8th December- Year 3 'class café' in the hall

GOLD MEDALS FOR ISLEHAM TAG RUGBY CHAMPIONS

Huge congratulations go to the 9 children selected to play Tag Rugby at last Friday's tournament in Ely. Isleham was undefeated in all the matches played against other local schools, and the squad came away with gold medals, after playing against teams from much bigger neighbouring schools. **AMAZING!** Well done to all involved for your great team spirit and achievement.



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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

In order to ensure that children and parents from multiple year groups do not mix too widely, we will continue to offer our class assemblies via video link virtually in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Year 1, 2 and 4 who have already created their class assembly videos and shared the links via ClassDojo.



Other classes have their class assembly video publication dates shown below:-

Friday 19th November- Year 3 virtual class assembly

Friday 26th November- Year 5 virtual class assembly

Friday 3rd December- Year 6 virtual class assembly

COLD WEATHER- WEAR YOUR COAT



Please can we ask all children to ensure they bring a warm named waterproof coat with a hood to school each day from now on?

Whilst we do not go outside in the pouring rain, we do occasionally get caught in a shower or go outside in drizzly rain. Fleece becomes very wet in this situation, and children quickly become cold. If your child brings in hats, scarves or gloves, please, please **NAME** these too and ensure that your children come home wearing them, so that we do not end up with lots of lost property items in school. Thank you



CHILDREN IN 'READ' DAY FOR 'CHILDREN IN NEED' & 'PETS AS THERAPY'

On Friday 19th November 2021, the School House Captains and School Council will be hosting a Pyjama Day for 'Children in Need Day'.

All proceeds will be split between 'Children in Need' and 'Pets as Therapy' (the charity who support therapy dogs like Basil who comes to Isleham Primary School with his owner Sarah once a week to read with selected children). In addition to wearing your comfy pyjamas for the day, the school council will also be offering a snack shop ... Please pre-select your preferred choices from the list overleaf and bring your order slip back to school by Friday 12th November at the end of this week.

Basil the reading therapy dog will also be joining our assemblies for story time, although we are not sure yet if he or his owner Sarah will be wearing pyjamas! Please see the poster below and don't forget to send your order slip back if you would like to order some snacks from the snack shop. The suggested donation for the day is £2 per child which covers dress-up day and snacks.

Children in READ
day!

Wear your pyjamas for our bedtime story in assembly with Basil the dog!

Raising money for children in need and pets as Therapy.

Order snacks for the day.
£2 suggested per child

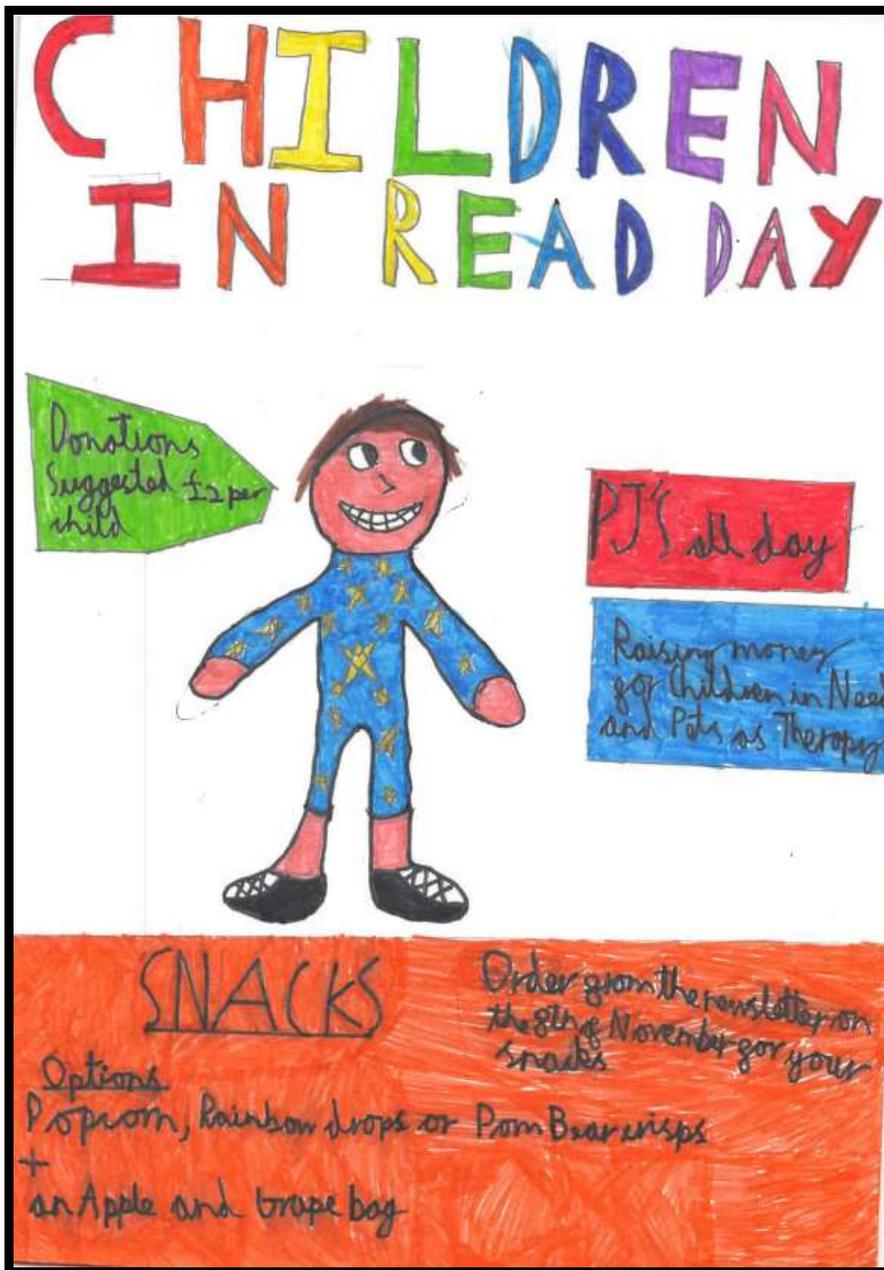
Snack options:
popcorn, rainbow drops or pom bear crisps
+
a FREE apple and grape packet

Order form in the newsletter on 08.11.21
for your snacks

☺ Come in on the
19th November 2021
With your
pyjamas on! ☺

Mrs Lila ☺





SCHOOL COUNCIL SNACK ORDER FORM

Name _____ Class _____

I would like to order:-

- an apple and grape fruit bag

AND

- Pom-bear crisps  OR Popcorn  OR Rainbow Drops 

(Please circle just ONE of the pictures above. You will automatically receive a fruit bag and ONE of the savoury items above of your choice)



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BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN & STAY SAFE

Here are Elio's and Florence's great poster designs about staying safe near the roads at night this winter time.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Just a reminder that whilst we remain incredibly grateful for vigilance in containing any possible cases of COVID-19 within our community and confirming via PCR if a member of the school community has COVID-19, children should please attend school at every possible opportunity unless a GP has or would deem them too poorly for school or unable to attend. Letters were sent last week to those families whose children's attendance rate this year sits below 92%- if this rate of attendance continued, across the course of a year, a child would have missed over 3 weeks of school learning. Please continue to consider the continuity of education for your child before keeping them at home for minor ailments. Thank you. Please note that it is still essential for any child with COVID-19 symptoms to have a PCR test and remain at home for 10 days if positive or until a negative result is received.

PLAYGROUND THANK YOU & PTA UPDATES

Thank you to the PTA, the Isleham Charities Partnership and the Co-op community fund who have funded the playground markings so far installed at our school. I hope you will agree that the markings look superb and we are delighted that we have finally been able to go ahead with installing some of the children's choices to help improve PE lessons and playtimes.



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This winter, Isleham School PTA have again been successful in being selected by The Cooperative as a Community Fund recipient to help us install further playground markings and games. If you shop in The Co-op, at any store, you can become a Co-op member and nominate the PTA as the local cause you wish to receive funds. If you are already a member, you should receive an email and you can choose your fund with one simple click! Remember you need to scan or swipe your card every time you shop! For every £1 members spend on selected Co-op branded products and services, 2p will go into their membership account.

Our cause profile page is: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/60815>

If you aren't yet a member of The Co-op you can sign up at: <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>

The Isleham Cooperative are planning an event to celebrate the project funded in previous years. If you are an ex-committee member or a parent/teacher that raised funds for previous rounds and would like to attend the event as the PTA rep at around lunchtime on Saturday 20th Nov, please email islehampta@gmail.com to volunteer. Otherwise, a member of this year's committee will try to attend.



Isleham School PTA also has an AmazonSmile account. Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon. It features the same products at the same prices as the standard Amazon site. The only difference is, when you shop on Amazon Smile, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the cost of all eligible products to the PTA.

The PTA get a small amount of income each few months from Amazon Smile, but it would be brilliant to increase the amount. So please place your Amazon orders via Smile and boost our income.

Isleham School PTA AmazonSmile: smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1109379-0



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FURTHER GOOD FUNDRAISING NEWS



We are delighted to report that your orders for Christmas cards have generated a further £245.65 for PTA funds this year. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

POPPY APPEAL 2021



Our House Captains have been doing a great job selling poppies each morning in classrooms and will continue this week whilst stocks last. These come with a small pin to attach to clothing. If you would prefer your child to attach their poppy with a safety pin, please send a small safety pin in with your child's £1+ donation. We do have a small number of stationery items e.g. rulers/ bag reflectors/ rubbers available with poppy motifs on for a further 50p each in addition to poppies, whilst stocks last.

Our Year 6 children will be visiting the Isleham war memorial on 11th November to observe a minute's silence at 11am and to attach some of their beautiful poppy paintings to the railings.



Our House Captains will be representing the school on Remembrance Sunday at Isleham for the Remembrance Sunday parade and will lay a poppy wreath on behalf of the school.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have enjoyed making and performing play scripts this term.



UPCOMING PTA FUNDRAISING EVENTS



The School Council will be arranging a second hand uniform sale at the end of November.

Further details to follow next week in the newsletter



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RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

Reception Class had a busy week starting their 'Our Cool world' topic- learning about fireworks. Well done to all.



PARENTS' EVENINGS CONTINUE ON TUESDAY EVENING THIS WEEK



We held our first set of parents' meetings last Thursday. Thank you to all who attended for your consideration, enabling you and the teaching staff to safely meet face to face.

Just a reminder that due to our COVID- safety measures, there will be no waiting area for parents and appointments will be limited to 10 minutes per family.

Please arrive to the playground just a couple of minutes before your appointment time.

Children may attend with you if this is your preference, but must be prepared to sit and listen to the teachers' comments as there will be no separate waiting areas for adults or play spaces for children within the building.



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Thank you for your understanding

SCHOOL MENU FOR THIS WEEK

The school menu is posted on our school website on the home page in the 'News' section as it was not printing clearly in the newsletter in pdf format. Please check there for this week's menu.

CLUBS THIS HALF TERM START NEXT WEEK

Our clubs recommence next week (from Monday 15th November).

We will send out confirmation later in the week of the clubs we have been able to allocate your children to join. Thank you

DIARY DATES COMING UP THIS TERM

08/11/2021		
09/11/2021	3.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' meetings 2 of 2- pre-booked appointments
10/11/2021		
11/11/2021	Am 10.30am 6.30pm	Pupil Flu vaccinations in school until 12pm Year 6 to war memorial Full Govs Meeting
12/11/2021		
14/11/2021	am	Remembrance Day parade- House Captains
15/11/2021		Autumn 2 clubs start
16/11/2021		
17/11/2021	2.30pm	Class Café for Year 2 parents
18/11/2021		
19/11/2021	All day -	Children in Need & Pets as Therapy 'Pyjama Day' (with special guest appearance by Basil the dog) & School Council snack stall Year 3 Virtual Class assembly published
22/11/2021		
23/11/2021		
24/11/2021	2.30pm	Class Café for Year R parents
25/11/2021		
26/11/2021		Year 5 Virtual Class assembly
28/11/2021		First Sunday of Advent
29/11/2021		
30/11/2021		St Andrew's Day



01/12/2021	2.30pm	Class Café for Year 1 parents
02/12/2021		
03/12/2021		Year 6 Virtual Class assembly
05/12/2021		Second Sunday of Advent
06/12/2021		
07/12/2021		
08/12/2021	2.30pm	Class Café for Year 3 parents
09/12/2021		
10/12/2021		
12/12/2021		Third Sunday of Advent
13/12/2021	-	Christmas week- Reception, Year 1 & 2 shows during the week- arrangements to be confirmed
14/12/2021		
15/12/2021		
16/12/2021	12pm 2.45pm-3.15pm	Xmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day Open classroom (if Covid guidelines permit)
17/12/2021	All day -	Christmas craft day End of term

