

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS



Week commencing: Monday 2nd November 2020

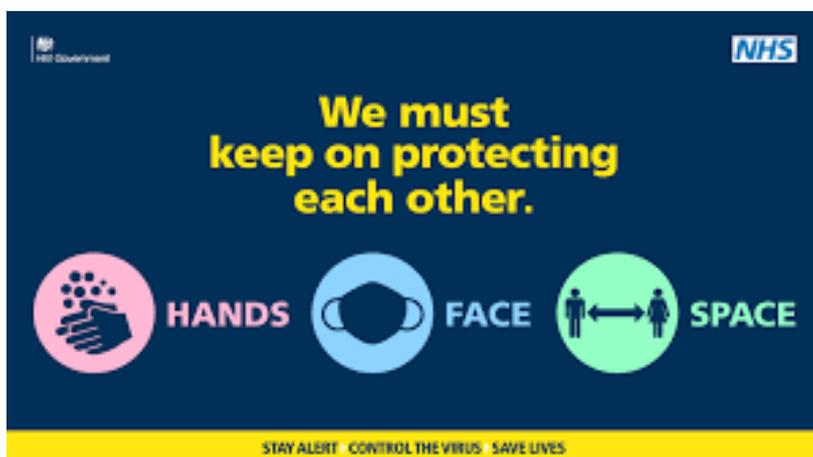
COVID-SAFETY THIS HALF TERM

Obviously, in light of the government's most recent announcement, we will be doing everything possible to offer continuity to your children by staying open and providing a safe and welcoming environment for your children.

Please continue to support us by adhering to social distancing on and near the school site, and encouraging your children to be extra vigilant at home and school about washing hands and affording others plenty of space. We must continue to request that adults and children displaying any possible Covid symptoms are kept away from school, tested promptly and that results are shared at the earliest opportunity with the school.

Please remember that if any member of your household is being tested, the whole household must isolate for 14 days or until a negative result is received to avoid any possibility of passing on the virus. **If your child is isolating, work will be provided via ClassDojo so as to avoid your child falling behind with his or her classwork**- we are aiming to offer 2-3 hours of work per day, and work should be completed UNLESS your child is unwell and unable to complete any schoolwork. The new features within ClassDojo enable staff to record a video presentation for your child to watch before starting their Maths, English or topic task and offer interactive links to other videos and sites each day.

Whilst we do not have sufficient ICT equipment for all children to borrow devices simultaneously, and we have only been able to procure a limited number of resources through the government laptop scheme, if any isolating children do not have access to a suitable tablet, iPad or PC for completing their school work in isolation, a school device can be loaned out, which will be sanitised thoroughly before loan, and on return to school before re-use. Please contact the office if your child is isolating and would like to make use of a school device. We will let you know more about remote learning if your child does need to access their remote learning portfolios of work in the coming weeks.



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KEEPING WARM

As it is clear that the coronavirus is spread through the air, especially in indoor spaces, advice to schools is to keep rooms in all areas as well ventilated as possible. We have, to this point already been doing this, but as the weather becomes increasingly colder we are aware that it would be safer and more practical if children were able to wear more clothes to school.

In the first instance we would like to ensure that all children have their school uniform top layer of jumper, fleece, cardigan or Year 6 hoody available in school at all times. If your child is particularly susceptible to cold weather, than a base layer of thermals, vest, or t-shirt might also be suitable.

Whilst the heating will be on to warm the building before the day starts, the need for constant ventilation of classrooms means that the effectiveness of the heating system throughout the day is compromised.

If the temperatures drops further coats are often too bulky to move around in comfortably in the classroom, so body warmers or gilets might be a helpful further layer. As ever, we ask that all items of clothing are clearly named.

Many thanks,
Mrs Skillern

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Congratulations to our community spirited Year 4 children who organised a litter-pick in Isleham this half-term- what a great turn-out! Special thanks to Florence and Aria for masterminding this idea and to all the parents and children who turned out to support.



ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK

This week we will continue exploring the value of Compassion through considering how we can help others when they are upset. We will also be looking at why footballer Marcus Rashford was in the press during the half term break.





Revd Anna will also lead our assembly about All Saints Day. We will be learning the words for the song of praise 'Who put the colours in the rainbow?'

MENU THIS WEEK

Please see our menu options for this week below. Please help your child to pick their school menu option in advance each day so that they are clear about what they may like to eat when the register is taken.

LUNCHTIME CO		Week 1 Commencing • 2nd, 23 rd November, 14 th December 11 th January 2021				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Freshly baked bread	Poppy seed bloomer	Wholemeal	Garlic bread	Rosemary wholemeal	Focaccia	
Menu choice 1	Macaroni cheese	Beef/Vegetable Burger in bun	Tomato and cheese Pasta Bake	Roast pork and apple sauce with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Cod or salmon fish fingers served with chips & garden peas or beans	
Menu choice 2	Jacket Potato with cheese	Jacket Potato with cheese/tuna	Jacket Potato with cheese	Quorn sausage with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Jacket Potato with cheese	
Menu choice 3	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	
Desserts	Chocolate Crunch Sliced fresh fruit	Mixed berry muffin Sliced fresh fruit	Pancake & sauce Sliced fresh fruit	Carrot cake Sliced fresh fruit	Vanilla Cookie Sliced fresh fruit	

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



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VIRTUAL CLASS ASSEMBLIES- URGENT WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT REQUIRED IF CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE PART

Our virtual class assemblies will be pre-recorded in class as part of our class sessions over the next few days and posted on ClassDojo on the 12th November for parents to see. We would like all children to take part on the proviso that the videos are not shared by parents outside the school network. Please can parents write before Wednesday 4th November to head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk if they do NOT give consent for their child to appear in their class assembly video? Thank you in advance.



DIARY DATES

Please find below our list of diary dates which will be added to as the term goes by- any new additions after this week will be made in red for ease!

02/11/2020		Back to school after half term
03/11/2020		
04/11/2020		
05/11/2020		Lockdown 2 commences
06/11/2020		
08/11/2020		Remembrance Sunday
09/11/2020		
10/11/2020		
11/11/2020		
12/11/2020	3.00pm 6.30pm	Virtual Class assemblies published on ClassDojo Full Govs Meeting
13/11/2020		
15/11/2020		
16/11/2020		
17/11/2020		
18/11/2020		
19/11/2020		
20/11/2020		
22/11/2020		



23/11/2020		
24/11/2020		
25/11/2020		
26/11/2020		American Thanksgiving Day
27/11/2020		
29/11/2020		First Sunday of Advent
30/11/2020		
01/12/2020		
02/12/2020		
03/12/2020		
04/12/2020		
06/12/2020		Second Sunday of Advent
07/12/2020		
08/12/2020		
09/12/2020		
10/12/2020		
11/12/2020		
13/12/2020		Third Sunday of Advent
14/12/2020		
15/12/2020		
16/12/2020		
17/12/2020		
18/12/2020		
20/12/2020		Fourth Sunday of Advent
24/12/2020		Christmas Eve
25/12/2020		Christmas Day
26/12/2020		Day of St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
27/12/2020		Day of St John First Sunday after Christmas

