

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 7th October 2019



HARVEST FESTIVAL: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER



Our annual Harvest Festival took place last Friday. Thank you to all parents who helped to walk the children to and from the church, and also a huge thank you for all your generous harvest gifts for the local Food Bank. A fantastic collection was made. Thank you too to Revd David and all at St Andrew's Isleham for making us so welcome and to all the speakers who did a fantastic job in leading our reading and prayers.

COATS FOR THE COLD & WET WEATHER

Many children are still coming to school without a coat each day. Please ensure your child has a warm coat in school to wear outside at playtimes. Please also label your child's coat and other clothing clearly with his or her name as they can sometimes look very similar when surrounded by others of the same colour or style. Thank you!

THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please could all parents ensure that children are supervised in the playground until 8.50am when the whistle goes for children to filter into school? Some children are now gathering on the playground unsupervised much earlier than this to set up mini ball games. As there are lots of parents and younger children waiting for the gate to open, there isn't space for ball games at the start of the day. Please encourage your children to wait with you and avoid climbing on the playframe or wooden gazebo. Thank you for your support.

DON'T FORGET: PARENTS EVENINGS THIS WEEK

Our Parents' Evening appointments will be taking place this week on Monday 7th October 2019 (4pm to 7pm) and Tuesday 8th October 2019 (5pm to 8pm). Please speak to the office if you have not yet been able to arrange an appointment and would like to speak to your child's class teacher. Please try to book an appointment on one of these evenings rather than asking for an alternative time. Mrs Deacon and Mrs Skillern will also be available in the Library throughout the evening in order to chat to any parents who may wish to speak in more detail about their child. Thank you!

Please note that there will be NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS ON ANY DAYS THIS WEEK DUE TO PARENTS' EVENINGS. Staff will need to switch meeting dates to other days to ensure they are available for all



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parents at Parents' Evenings and therefore it is not possible to keep clubs running this week. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS FIONA BORLEY

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn half term. Hopefully your children are now settled back into the routine of school and enjoying their new year.

We are likely to be inspected by Ofsted at some point this academic year and I would like to draw your attention to Ofsted Parent View. This is an online questionnaire which allows you to give your views about Isleham Primary School; you will need to register to use it, but please do take the time to give your feedback.



The Governors will have laptops available at the parents' evenings on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October for the use of anyone who has pre-registered with Parent View. If you would simply like to have a look at the site please ask a Governor to show you how it works. Parent View is an important source of information for Ofsted, and they will want to hear the positives about the school as well as any concerns you may have.

If you do have concerns about any aspect of your child's experience at Isleham Primary School, please remember that the first point of contact should be with your child's class teacher- if that does not resolve the issue, then the Head should be contacted. If, for any reason, you wish to make a complaint, there is a complaints policy available on the website and through the school office.

Thank you,
Mrs Fiona Borley, Chair of Governors

STAFF BABY NEWS

We are delighted to announce that **Miss Diplock** and her partner are expecting a baby in the New Year 2020. Miss Diplock is planning to work until the end of January 2020 before the baby is due in February and we are hoping that she will co-teach alongside a replacement teacher from the start of the spring term to enable there to be a good transition for the Reception Class children. We will be advertising for a replacement teacher to cover her maternity leave from this week. We are very excited that we will now be able to share the excitement of watching her baby bump grow before the new arrival can visit in 2020!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following children who were recognised last week with 'Star of the Week' awards:-
w/c 30.9.19

Year R - Archie for engaging in his learning in a very positive way

Year 1 - Eden for working hard in writing in Science, English and Guided Reading tasks

Year 2 - Emily for writing a thoughtful prayer for Harvest and Lois for being a great role model in the classroom

Year 3 - Beau for working hard with his reading at home and school

Year 4 - Maisie-Blue for wonderful play-script writing



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Year 5 - Abigail for excellent participation in all lessons

Year 6 - Anaïs for excellent problem-solving skills in Maths extension tasks

YEAR 4 EXPLORE THE PARLIAMENTARY LOAN BOX



We are fortunate to have a Parliamentary loan box in school at present; the loan box contains a range of objects to help us learn about and understand of the work of Parliament. The Year 4 children are shown here investigating the contents. Here is what they saw and learnt:-



The Speakers robes

In the House of Commons, the Speaker makes sure everyone follows the rules during debates. It is their job to decide whose turn it is to speak and to call 'order' if the debate gets too noisy!



Clerk's wig

Clerks are senior officials in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Their job is to give advice on the process and rules during debates.



A Bill

An idea for a new law, or a proposed change to an existing law is called a Bill. Every Bill has to go through a series of steps on its journey to becoming law. It must be discussed in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. If both Houses agree, the Bill is given Royal Assent by the monarch and becomes an Act of Parliament and part of the law.



Despatch box

There are two wooden despatch boxes in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. In the Commons debating chamber, the despatch boxes sit on either side of the table that divides the Government from the Opposition. Ministers and Shadow Ministers stand at the despatch boxes to speak.

Mace

In the House of Commons and the House of Lords a ceremonial mace is used to represent royal authority. They are brought into the debating chambers at the beginning of each day and without them debates cannot take place.

Division bell

The division bell rings to let members know they have eight minutes to take part in a vote.

There are about 500 bells around Westminster.



Cloth backdrop of the House of Lords and the House of Commons

We used these to recreate the House of Commons and the House of Lords.



MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAT FREE Freshly baked bread	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Ciabatta	Poppy seed wholemeal	Focaccia
Menu choice 1	Vegetable lasagne with salad	Sausage & mash	Salmon pasta bake	Roast chicken with roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding	Fish & chips with garden peas
Menu choice 2 	Jacket potatoes with cheese and coleslaw	Vegetable & chickpea bolognese	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes	Vegetable pitta bread pizza with chips
Sides	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads			
Desserts	Chocolate Brownie Sliced fresh fruit	Strawberry mousse Sliced fresh fruit	Fudge tart Sliced fresh fruit	Berry cheese cake Sliced fresh fruit	Orange & lemon muffin Sliced fresh fruit

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

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK



This week, we will be thinking about Pressing on towards the prize! Bible Reading: Philippians 3.10-14

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM

Mon 7.10.19	NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK DUE TO PARENTS' EVENINGS Parents' Evening (1 of 2) 4pm-7pm
Tues 8.10.19	Parents' Evening (2 of 2) 5pm-8pm
Thursday 10.10.19	'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Charity Day
Weds 16.10.19	6.00pm Governors Resources Committee Meeting
Mon 21.10.19- Fri 25.10.19	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 28.10.19	PD Day- School closed for staff training
Fri 8.11.19	6.30pm Resources Committee meeting
Sun 10.11.19	10.45am Remembrance Parade and service in St Andrew's Church- House Captains invited to attend
Fri 15.11.19	Flu Vaccinations in group room
Thurs 28.11.19	2.30pm- Christingle Service in St Andrews Church
Fri 29.11.19	2.45pm Carol singing on the Playground 3.30pm- 5.30pm PTA Christmas Fair
Thurs 5.12.19	6pm P&S Committee Meeting



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Mon 9.12.19	1.45pm Year R Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 10.12.19	2pm- Year R Nativity 1 of 2
Weds 11.12.19	10.00am Year R Nativity (2 of 2) 2pm Year 1 & 2 Xmas Play Dress Rehearsal
Thurs 12.12.19	2pm Year 1&2 Xmas Play 1 of 2
Fri 13.12.19	10am Year 1 & 2 Xmas Play 2 of 2
Mon 16.12.19	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Fri 20.12.19	Autumn Term ends
Mon 6.1.20	Spring term starts

COMMUNITY NEWS We have had some great entries already for the 'Name the Gritter' competition- if you have any more ideas, please let Mrs Skillern have your entries by this Friday 11th October. Many thanks!



NAME THE GRITTER

Cambridgeshire County Council, are having new Gritters delivered this Autumn
We are now asking Junior Travel Ambassador School pupils to **NAME THE GRITTERS**
We are looking for **INNOVATION, IMAGINATION, and of course HUMOUR!!**

The lucky winners will be invited to a naming ceremony at one of our depots in the county and will all receive a Road Safety Goodie Bag and a picture of their Gritter!

Please fill in the form below and return to your school by **Monday 14th October**
GOOD LUCK!

I would like the Gritter to be called:

My name is: _____

My School is: _____



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