

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 19th November



ROYAL HOUSE DAY



Thank you so much for supporting our House Day on Tuesday - we had a super time in our house teams finding out about the Royal family, imagining what we would do if we were King or Queen for the day, discovering who guards Buckingham Palace and the crown jewels, and making some crowns of our own.

KEY STAGE 2- AUTHOR VISIT- TUESDAY 13.11.18

Children's author Anthony McGowan was a wonderful visitor to Isleham Primary on Tuesday 13th November. He kept the children in all the Key Stage 2 classes thoroughly entertained with his funny stories, and readings from his book, as well as his story of his horrendous journey from Ely Train Station on his bike!



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CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need cake break this year – We raised **£109.57!**



TAG RUGBY TEAMS

Well done to all the children from Year 5 & 6 who took part in the Tag Rugby tournament in Ely on Friday afternoon. 29 children from Isleham took part in the event at The Hive in Ely. A great time was had by the 29 children who attended the event, and there was even a joint 2nd place award for the competitive A Team!

After the opening ceremony, where the children danced and introduced themselves, it was time for the matches against the other 5 schools who took part. The two B teams had a range of activities to attempt over the afternoon such as throwing practice, team rules and a fun tag rugby game. The A team had the task of competing to represent Isleham, and did the school proud with their respectful play and team spirit! The first couple of games were draws and the third game a sad loss, but after that the Isleham team found their stride and won the final 2 matches. Everyone played an important role during the matches by either pulling the tags, defending against the opposition as they moved forward, or by scoring the tries. After the last game, it was clear that the team stood a great chance of gaining a position in the final placements, and they were not disappointed when they achieved joint second! What a fantastic result, and a fabulous afternoon of sporting activity! Congratulations to all involved.





OUR NEW SCHOOL DAY

The registers are now taken promptly each morning between 8.55am and 9am, so that we can start lesson time at 9am. This is having a significant impact on the amount of learning time we have each morning. Thank you for ensuring your children arrive by 8.55am.

MORE EXCITING NEW STAFF NEWS

Mrs Georgina Gibbs will be joining us from 1st January 2019 as a part-time class teacher in Year 5 (3 days per week). Mrs Gibbs is an outstanding teacher who really impressed us during her recent interview day. She has previously worked at The Weatheralls School in both Year 5 and Year 6 and as English subject leader. We are sure she will be a great asset to the Isleham teaching team and work well alongside Mrs Deacon, Mrs Rayner and Miss Norman with your children. Mrs Deacon will maintain an overview of the teaching needs of the Year 5 class to ensure that there is a seamless transition for the children as they get to know Mrs Gibbs better in January.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Well done Year 1 for your super assembly on Friday the 16th November.



On Friday 23rd November, Year 2 will be presenting their assembly for parents at 2.45pm.

Don't forget that the following week, you are also welcome to join us from 1.30pm for walking to the church and Christingle service on the 28th November,

and from 2.45pm for carol singing on the playground on the 30th November followed by the school Christmas fair. Your children are welcome to wear some festive headgear e.g. a Santa hat or antlers on Friday 30th November!

PTA NEWS



ISLEHAM'S FUNDRAISING THERMOMETER

Last Monday, the school council were delighted to launch our new Fundraising thermometer which is now displayed in the playground to help you keep track of how much money has been raised by parents throughout the year to support the school's ICT provision.

DON'T FORGET THAT THIS WEEK WE ARE ACCEPTING TOMBOLA PRIZES FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR - ANY NEW OR UNUSED ITEMS WHICH WOULD MAKE GREAT PRIZES OR GIFTS IN THE TOMBOLA. THE PTA ARE OFFERING A PRIZE FOR THE CLASS WHO BRING IN THE MOST PRIZES



STAR OF THE WEEK



On Thursday afternoon, the following children were awarded 'Star of the Week' certificates...

Year 1- Ethan for great confidence using background knowledge

Year 2- Lewis for fantastic presentation doing column addition

Year 3- Connor for persevering with his descriptive writing

Year 4- Harry for amazing recall of his multiplication facts and achieving 120,000 coins in TT Rockstars

Year 5- Harison for listening to all instructions and persevering with tasks

Year 6- Evie & Kai for hard work in their circuit training

Year R- Daisy for being like 'Marvin the motivated mouse' in her 'mini-me' activities

WELL DONE TO ALL THESE CHILDREN.

Well done also to the following Reception children who have also won certificates in previous weeks, but inadvertently been missed from the newsletter!

8.11.18- Alex for always arriving at school ready to learn and making good learning choices in the classroom

1.11.18- Reuben for persevering when learning to form the letters in his name

18.10.18- Finn for being positive and always trying his best

11.10.18- Barnaby for always being helpful in the classroom

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK





In our school assemblies each week, we explore some of the school's Christian values and share stories from the Bible. This week, we will be thinking about the story of Samson and the Philistines and Ruth Finds a new home. We will be thinking about the Christian values of loyalty, love, trust and friendship



MENU THIS WEEK

This week's menu options are listed below.

| | MEAT FREE  Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Freshly baked bread | Garlic bread | Wholemeal bread | Focaccia | Rosemary wholemeal bread | Garlic & herbed ciabatta |
| Menu choice 1 | Vegetable burger with wedges | Chicken pasta | Beef lasagne | Thanksgiving Lunch: Please see below | Fish fingers & chips with tomato ketchup |
| Menu choice 2 | Jacket potato with cheese and beans  | Penne pasta with tomato and basil sauce | Jacket potato with cheese and beans | Vegetarian sausages with roast potatoes and yorkshire pudding | Aubergine and pepper bake |
| Sides | Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads | Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads | Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads | Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads | Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads |
| Desserts | Chocolate brownie Sliced fresh fruit | Fudge tart Sliced fresh fruit | Sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce Sliced fresh fruit | Fruit cookies Sliced fresh fruit | Marble cake Sliced fresh fruit |

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

Thursday's lunch is a special Thanksgiving lunch:-

Option 1 - Roast Turkey

Option 2 - Vegetarian Sausage with roast potatoes

Dessert - Turkey cupcakes



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 21st November- Deadline for Christmas card/ tag/mug orders from your child's individualized design- through School Fundraising www.school-fundraising.co.uk

Friday 23rd November- 2.45pm- Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 27th November- PTA Christmas Fair final planning meeting- Group room 3.30pm

Wednesday 28th November- Family Worker drop-in at Isleham Primary 9.15am to 10.45am- no need to book- if you have any concerns or queries about your child, Linda Beeton will be happy to chat with you.

Wednesday 28th November- 2pm- Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church Isleham (parents welcome to attend and accompany the children on the short walk to the church, setting off from school at 1.30pm- please wear warm clothes!)

Friday 30th November- 2.45pm- Carols on the playground (weather permitting- please wear warm clothes) followed by PTA Christmas Fair

Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd/ 8th & 9th December- Isleham Festival of Light in St Andrew's Church Isleham

Sunday 9th December- 4pm- Community Carols at St Andrew's Church Isleham

Tuesday 11th December- 2pm- Year R Nativity Concert (1 of 2)

Wednesday 12th December- 10am- Year R Nativity Concert (2 of 2)

Thursday 13th December- 2pm- Year 1 & 2 Performance of 'Hey Ewe!' (Show 1 of 2)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & Christmas lunch for all year groups



Friday 14th December- 10am - Year 1 & 2 Performance of 'Hey Ewe!' (Show 2 of 2)

Tuesday 18th December- 'Steve Sausage' show for all year groups and Christmas parties (pm)

Wednesday 19th December- Break up for Christmas holidays at the end of the school day





**THE
ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

RAFFLE
TICKET
SALES
COMING SOON!

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 3.30PM-5.30PM

FREE ENTRY NEW SANTA'S GROTTO AND MUCH MORE!



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