

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS



Week commencing: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## NEW YEAR NEWS



We are pleased to have been able to welcome back most of our pupils to school today, and thank parents for their support in fine-tuning our drop-off and collection arrangements for pupils.

Thank you also to parents for letting us know if children are required to isolate, thus helping all in our school community to stay safe.

Please find below a message from Cambridgeshire County Council providing an update about the re-opening of schools in our area.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns about school provision at this time.

Please note that as the school is currently open to all pupils except those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, it will not be possible to offer a full programme of remote learning to pupils whose parents have chosen for them to remain at home. We will however endeavour to post as many home learning tasks as possible each day for pupils staying at home, via the Class Story pages of ClassDojo.

Thank you again.

With best wishes,

Mrs Skillern

## Information for parents on the reopening of schools

There has been considerable national debate on the reopening of schools from the start of the Spring Term.

Secondary age pupils will have a phased return prior to all pupils returning on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. However, under current legislation all other education establishments (including early years, primary, infant, junior, specialist and alternative provision) are required to reopen fully during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January.



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This is supported by government guidance and recent announcements by both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education. All schools have completed health and safety risk assessments.

The latest Covid-19 weekly infection rates for Cambridgeshire and in Peterborough are below both the England average and the East of England average. These rates are updated on a daily basis and both councils monitor them closely. Covid-19 infection rates remain higher in Peterborough than in Cambridgeshire, although are rising more rapidly in Cambridgeshire.

The county council believes that a blanket closure of schools is not the correct response when taking account of the overall national & local position and guidance and what is best for pupils. As a result, it has taken the following stance:

1. Where schools are unable to operate safely due to a lack of staff, all maintained schools will be fully supported to make decisions over either partial closure or full closure of the school. Remote learning will be offered to any pupil whose bubble or school is closed. This will be reviewed on a daily basis in line with the school's individual risk assessment.
2. The current Covid-19 situation will be monitored on a bi-weekly basis, at ward and school catchment area. If we determine that there is a high and increasing trend in infection levels equivalent to that in other areas where there has been national direction to close schools, we will seek support from the Department for Education to close the school to all but vulnerable and key worker children.

The preventative measures that educational establishments have put in place have been hugely effective in managing Covid-19 cases and staff have worked relentlessly. The support of parents has also been crucial and they have worked closely with schools to both reduce the spread of the virus and ensure their children are able to continue with their education.

Parents are invited to speak to the school for further advice on the precautions it is taking to keep children safe in school. For school age pupils up to the end of year 11, attendance remains compulsory.

The information in this statement is correct as of today (4th January) and further updates will be issued in the coming days if needed.

### **CHRISTMAS IPAD THANKS**

Some of our Year 1 children enjoyed trying out some of the extra iPads generously donated to the school by King's Ely at the end of last term. We will enjoy making use of these in school. THANK YOU TO ALL AT KING'S ELY.



### ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK

This week we will be finding out about New Year traditions and considering why so many pets require rehoming just after lockdown and Christmas-time.



### MENU THIS WEEK

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Freshly baked bread</b>	Bread	Wholemeal	Garlic bread	Rosemary wholemeal	Focaccia
<b>Menu choice 1</b>	Cheese & Tomato pizza	Sausage under wraps with herby diced potatoes	Beef/Vegetable bolognese served with pasta	Roasted chicken with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Fish fingers & chips with garden peas or beans
<b>Menu choice 2</b>	Jacket Potato with cheese	Jacket Potato with cheese	Jacket Potato with cheese	Quorn fillet with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Jacket Potato with cheese
<b>Menu choice 3</b>	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
<b>Desserts</b>	Chocolate sponge Sliced fresh fruit	Shortbread cookie Sliced fresh fruit	Lemon drizzle cake Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate krispie Sliced fresh fruit	Iced Bun Sliced fresh fruit

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

### TERM DATES- SPRING 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Half term- week of the 15<sup>th</sup> February

Professional Development day for staff- school closed to pupils- 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Parents' Consultations (Pre-booked telephone appointments 4pm-7.30pm)- 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February



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