

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS



Week commencing: Monday 19th October 2020

COVID-SAFETY & HALF TERM APPROACHING

As the rate of infection has risen in all areas this past week, including in East Cambridgeshire, we ask all families to please adhere stringently to the latest guidance, and practice social distancing both in and around the school grounds. We obviously wish our school to remain open, and for you and your children to feel safe in our school, so we ask you to also be Covid-safe if carrying out visits or welcoming visitors during half term, and ensuring you and your children continue to not enter the school site if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms.

Thank you all in advance for this and for the safety measures you have been supporting to date.



You may have seen our Police Community Support Officer on Wednesday last week chatting to families about distancing and keeping the roads and pathways clear. Please ensure that school drop-off and pick-up is not elongated unnecessarily. Please 'drop and go', or 'pick up and go' to ensure others can also access and exit the site promptly, and step back from others to ensure 2-metre distancing of adults on site.

Our half term week starts at the end of the school day on Friday.

We hope you will all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November after half term.

Many thanks,
Mrs Skillern

ABSENCE DUE TO SELF-ISOLATION

Please note that if your child is isolating due to possible or definite close contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, or who is awaiting test results, your child will be expected to carry out ClassDojo work. Maths, English and topic work will be set each day.



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HEADLICE & LONG HAIR

Unfortunately, we have multiple cases of headlice in school currently in more than one year group bubble. It is essential please that all parents check their child's hair regularly, and remove any lice or eggs- wet-combing is the recommended method to do this.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please ensure that if your child has shoulder-length hair (or longer), this is tied away from their face during school-time with bobbles, clips and/or hairbands.

RESURFACING WORKS IN ISLEHAM THIS WEEK

Just a reminder of resurfacing works happening this week:-

- Beeches Car park on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October
- Post Office footpath to either Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd or Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd.

Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS- A MESSAGE FROM ALEX WHITEHOUSE AT 1ST FORDHAM RAINBOWS

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1: SPACES FOR GIRLS AT FORDHAM RAINBOWS

We are the youngest section of Girlguiding, and we have lots of fun! Come and join us on Tuesday evenings at Fordham Scout Hut (the closest group to Isleham). We do badges, play games, do crafts, outdoor activities, learn new things and make new friends. We are for girls aged 5-7 but are happy to add younger girls to our waiting list. Please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus to register your interest. Currently following all appropriate COVID guidelines and social distancing measures.

PARENTS' CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS THIS WEEK

Reception	Wednesday 9.00am-12.00pm	Monday 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 1	Thursday 9.00am-12.00pm	Wednesday 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 2	Tuesday 9.00am-12.00pm	Thursday 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 3	Friday 9.00am-12.00pm	Wednesday 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 4	Wednesday 9.00am-12.00pm	Wednesday 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 5	Tuesday 9.00am-12.00pm	Monday 4.00pm-7.00pm
Year 6	Tuesday 9.00am-12.00pm	Monday 4.00pm-7.00pm

Staff are looking forward to speaking to you this week for a telephone consultation appointment, except in cases where it has been possible to arrange Zoom meetings.

PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT PARENTS EMAIL THE SCHOOL IN AN EMERGENCY BETWEEN 4PM & 7PM OR CONTACT JLR PLAY CIC USING THEIR TELEPHONE CONTACT IF THEIR CHILD IS AT AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB, AS PHONELINES WILL BE IN USE FOR TELEPHONE CALLS MOST EVENINGS.



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AUTUMN MINI REPORTS

The staff will have a mini report to talk through with you at your child's parents' meeting which summarises your child's baseline data since starting back in September, and target areas to support progress. You will receive a copy of the report and any comments and notes from your child's teacher AFTER the meeting.

Each child in Year 1 to 6 has carried out the PIRA (reading) and PUMA (maths) assessments this term relating to the summer term content for maths and reading (as expected of children in the previous year group). E.g. Children in Year 6 have completed summer term Year 5 assessments.

Your child's report shows their standardised score in this assessment.

PIRA & PUMA statistical analysis is based on large numbers of children nationally taking the PIRA & PUMA tests, and then looking at what these children went on to achieve in national tests such as SATs.

Their analysis demonstrate that children achieving 94-114 tend to go on to achieve the expected standard in national tests; children with scores of 115 and above stand a greater chance of achieving the 'greater depth' standard in national tests.

If your child is currently not working at their expected level (94 or above), please use the next set of pupil targets provided on your child's report as a guide to the priority areas in which to support them in the second half of this term.

Performance indicator	Standardised score
Working towards	Up to 93
Working at	94-114
Working at greater depth	115 and above

If your child has special educational needs and is on the SEND register, the staff will go through your child's Assess Plan Do Review (APDR) targets during the parents' consultation meeting too.

Thank you for your patience with these new arrangements for consultations. We hope you will find the new report format informative.



ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK

This week we will continue exploring the value of Compassion through the story of the Good Samaritan.



Revd David will also lead one of our assemblies about one of Paul’s letters. We will be singing ‘If I were a butterfly’.

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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAT FREE					
<i>Freshly baked bread</i>	Garlic bread	Wholemeal	Poppyseed bloomer	Rosemary wholemeal	Focaccia
Menu choice 1	Jacket Potato Cheese & beans	Beef or vegetable burger in wholemeal roll & salad	Beef or vegetable lasagne & salad	Roast pork or quorn fillet with Roasted Potatoes & stuffing	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Garden Peas or Beans
Menu choice 2	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
<i>Desserts</i>	Chocolate cookie Sliced fruit	Fruity flapjack Sliced fruit	Cheesecake with fruit compote	Berry mousse Sliced fruit	Fruit jelly Sliced fruit

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

MESSAGES FOR SCHOOL STAFF

Please can I remind you that messages for staff for the day ahead should please be emailed to office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk by 8.45am daily, or given verbally to the member of staff on the gate at drop-off time. We cannot guarantee that general messages can instantly be relayed to your child or their teacher if you email during the day.



VIRTUAL CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Our virtual class assemblies will be pre-recorded for ease and posted online on the 11th and 12th November. We are not able to livestream these as it is essential for us to ensure that only those with photo/ video permission are in view for the assembly. We obviously still hope you will enjoy watching these- perhaps with your child.

PREMIER EDUCATION- SPORTS CAMP AT HALF TERM AT ISLEHAM PRIMARY

Please ensure you have booked your space if you would like to attend this half term

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October 2020 Holiday Camps!

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SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Y6 parents - please ensure that you have completed and returned the application for your child to join secondary school this year. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2020.



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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!

19/10/2020	-	Parents' Consultation meetings at booked times during the week
20/10/2020		
21/10/2020		
22/10/2020	End of school day	Mini reports and APDR documents for SEND pupils out to parents following parents' meetings
23/10/2020		
25/10/2020		British Summer Time ends
26/10/2020		HALF TERM WEEK STARTS Premier Sports club 26.10.20 to 30.10.20 at Isleham
31/10/2020		Vigil of All Saints/ Hallowe'en
01/11/2020		All Saints Day
02/11/2020		
03/11/2020		
04/11/2020		
05/11/2020		
06/11/2020		
08/11/2020		Remembrance Sunday
09/11/2020		
10/11/2020		
11/11/2020	3.00pm	Year 5 & 6 Virtual Class Assemblies via ClassDojo
12/11/2020	3.00pm 6.30pm	Year R to 4 Virtual Class assemblies via ClassDojo Full Govs Meeting

