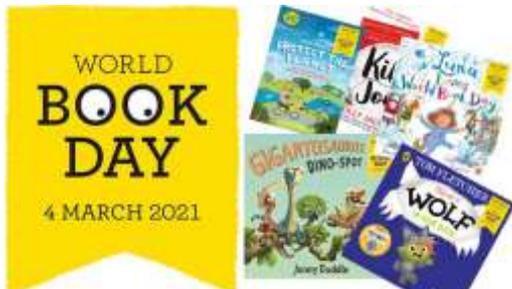


ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 1st March 2021



WORLD BOOK DAY- THIS THURSDAY- 4TH MARCH 2021



This Thursday we are excited to celebrate World Book Day. On the day, each class will have a special Zoom session. During this, we would love for children to share their creations whether it be a character potato, wooden spoon, book in jar or box (see last week's newsletter for details). The timings for the Zoom sessions are as follows:

Reception: [10-10.30 am](#) , **Year 1:** [11-11.30 am](#) , **Year 2:** [10.30-11 am](#) , **Year 3:** [9.30-10 am](#) , **Year 4:** [2-2.30 pm](#) , **Year 5:** [11.30-12 pm](#) , **Year 6:** [1.30-2 pm](#)

Tasks on the day will also include taking part in some exciting quizzes starring our very own Isleham Primary staff members. Will you be able to find the owner of each 'Shelfie' book shelf from the clues? Will you be able to identify the mystery 'Masked Reader'? More details of tasks, quizzes and more will be on your Class Story on Thursday. We can't wait!

NEXT WEEK: THE RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR ALL PUPILS FROM 8.3.21

I am sure you have all been following the news to establish the nation's 'road map' out of Covid-19 and the much-anticipated wider re-opening of schools. I and the school team have been working hard to put all the necessary measures in place for all pupils to return to school safely from the 8th March 2021. I appreciate this may be a source of concern for some of you, but please be assured, 'wider reopening' does not mean a return to 'normal'. We will continue to remain vigilant and maintain & adapt the various protocols we have developed since September 2020 to ensure the safety of our school users.

With recorded incidents of Covid in the community well below national figures, we are confident the chance of infection is falling too, however this is not the time to take unnecessary risks. The Government has published a detailed 'road map' outlining the country's route out of Covid restrictions, but the emphasis upon social distancing, minimal social contact between households and essential travel only, remain clear.

Our Covid Risk Assessment has not been diluted in anyway and it is very much our intention to continue implementing strong safeguarding measures to reduce the risk of infection in and around the school. This means the following arrangements instigated before Christmas will continue:



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- Further staggered times for the beginning and end of the school day which will continue with the one-way system, allowing for social distancing of adults during the collection and drop-off of pupils
- Pupils will remain in class-specific bubbles with contact between adjacent classes kept to a minimum and no direct contact with other year groups across the school
- All classroom-based staff will be allocated a class bubble and their movement between classes will be avoided as much as possible.
- Children will continue to eat their meals in their respective classrooms (or in the hall/ group room for Reception and Year 1 children) separate to other classes
- Assemblies and Collective Worship will continue to be conducted via Zoom/ video link
- School protocol regarding suspected and confirmed cases of Covid remain the same with parents encouraged to keep children off school if they are poorly. Children in school displaying symptoms will be isolated immediately and parents instructed to collect as soon as possible.
- Contact tracing procedures remain in the event of a confirmed case.

In addition to this, the following procedures have been instigated since January:

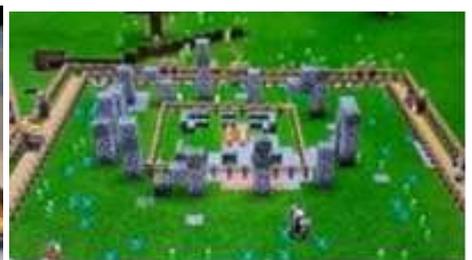
- All staff will continue to undertake two Lateral Flow Tests each week.
- Staff and pupils classified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable will continue to shield until at least 31st March

Whilst the school is reopening to all pupils, with its breakfast club and after-school childcare provision in place from 7.45am daily and up until 5.15pm (latest pick-up) daily, there are some aspects of our provision we are unable to provide immediately. This includes: all after school sports clubs this term, and swimming (which will not resume until the Summer Term at the earliest and will be subject to Government Guidance and our own Risk Assessment Protocol). Rest assured, these will resume as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. I appreciate the reduced numbers of pupils accessing the school during this lockdown has enabled parents to see space in the staff car park at the beginning and end of the day; however, we must please ask that no vehicles attempt to turn into the staff car park in future other than staff vehicles, as our main pedestrian exit is via the vehicular access gates, and this is a busy thoroughfare. Do please continue to make sure alternative arrangements are made to avoid compromising punctuality e.g. park in The Beeches car park.

An information leaflet about re-opening is now available on ClassDojo and via our school website; please make sure you read through this leaflet to keep abreast of developments and the systems and procedures in place. Please be aware attendance for statutory school age children will once again be compulsory from 8th March 2021. We look forward to welcoming your children again to school very soon.

WORK TO SHARE

Year 4 have created these super models of Stone Henge at home. Well done Year 4. The biscuit versions look especially appealing!





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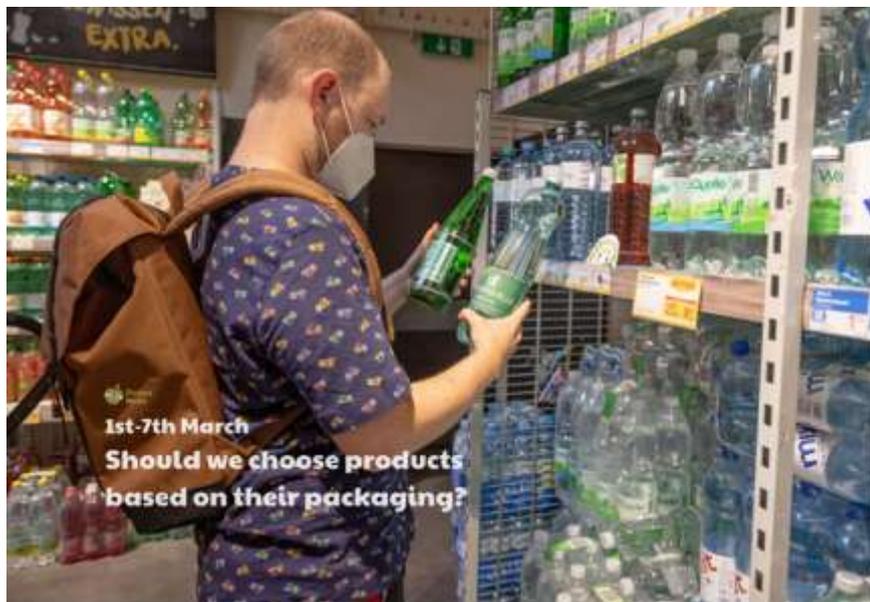
In Year 2, the children have been learning about the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Just before half term they learnt about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. They used their learning of 2D shapes to create these shape dragons and enjoyed some crafts to celebrate the start of the 'Year of the Ox'. These look amazing- well done to all.



In the first week back to the second half of the Spring term, the Year 2 children have worked really hard on poetry in their English lessons. They each chose a poem which appealed to them and learnt techniques and strategies to help them learn the poem off-by-heart. If any parents would like to listen and watch their performances, please take a look on the School Story page of Class Dojo.

ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK

This week we will continue our exploration of the theme of courage through our Bible stories, and considering this question from our Picture News series:-



SCHOOL MENU THIS WEEK

Our lunch menu this week consists of cheese rolls and packed lunch items.



COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Our updated Communications Policy has been ratified by the governing body this term and is now available on our website, reinforcing the expectations of the school in terms of responding to any parental queries via telephone, letter, ClassDojo or email, and expectations of parents in terms of communication. http://www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk/website/communicating_with_the_school/544892 Please can I reinforce the need for longer messages to be sent via the office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk email address rather than to individual teachers or members of staff? Thank you in advance.

TERM DATES- SPRING 2021

Thursday 4th March- World Book Day

Monday 8th March- All pupils to return to school after lockdown

Friday 26th March- end of Spring term at end of the school day

