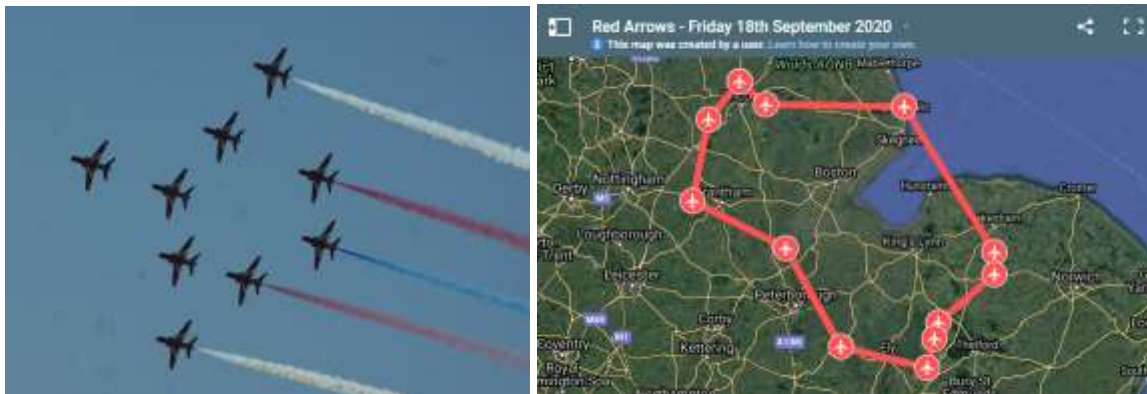


# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 21st September 2020



## RED ARROWS FLYPAST



It was exciting on Friday to see the Red Arrows display time flying over Isleham and Mildenhall on Friday last week as part of the Mildenhall Air Force Birthday Bash celebrations. The children were thrilled to see how close the team were flying in formation and the planes made an amazing noise!

**PTA AGM- PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM THIS THURSDAY- ALL PARENTS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL WELCOME**



**Reminder: PTA AGM this THURSDAY:**

Just a quick reminder from the PTA about the forthcoming AGM, which will be held on Thursday 24th September THIS WEEK via Zoom. The meeting will take place at 4pm - you are all invited and we would really love to see as many of you there as possible. Login details are as follows:

**Zoom meeting code: 681-068-7393**

**Password: 037579**

We, the current committee, will be stepping down from our roles this year to allow some new parents/ carers to take over the reins. We will, of course, continue to support the new PTA committee, either in an advisory capacity or to help out at any events the new committee chooses to run, and we want to ensure that the transition over to the new committee is as smooth as possible.



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It is hugely important for our lovely school to have an active PTA committee. Not only do we raise funds for 'larger' projects such as classroom smart screens, playground equipment, audio-visual equipment etc, but the PTA also contributes to many other perks that all of our children benefit from, such as subsidising class trips, buying Year 6 leavers polo shirts, etc. So please do have a think about becoming a PTA committee member and what role you might like to undertake (Treasurer, Secretary and Chair are the main roles that need filling. Each of these roles can be a joint role held by 2 people if preferred).

If you have any questions about any of these roles and what they entail, please do contact us via the PTA FB page or email [islehampta@gmail.com](mailto:islehampta@gmail.com)

### **TERRACYCLE WASTE RECYCLING WITH GEOFFREY DABROWA**

You may have seen on the Isleham News Facebook page that crisp packets are being very successfully recycled in the village. Mrs McDonald (mum of Ellouise and Noa) was been doing a fantastic job before lockdown collecting and sending off our school-collected crisp bags, and Geoffrey Dabrowa has been running a very successful local scheme. Now with the new Covid-safe restrictions in school, the collections are not so straightforward for schools. Therefore, we are delighted that Geoffrey Dabrowa has agreed to include the school in his Terracycle local fundraising along with The Shed in West Row and St Peters Church West Row in future. Crisp packets can be dropped off directly to Mrs Dabrowa, ideally folded flat. The collection point is 22 Beck Road. Huge thanks go to Mrs McDonald for all her previous work in collecting and fundraising for the school and to Mr Dabrowa for taking on future collections from us.



### **PETS AS THERAPY CHARITY COLLECTION & ANIMAL- THEME CLOTHES DAY- WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

You may remember that just before lockdown, we were hoping to carry out a Pets as Therapy (PAT) fundraising day for the charity who provide Basil (and his owner) with training to support reading in our school by making a large image of a dog out of coins on the playground. It seems that our plan to create a giant dog coin picture will not be possible in the current climate due to the increased sanitisation needed for all the coins.

However, we would love to support this fantastic charity who enable volunteers like Sarah Asbury to receive training and attend schools like ours to support reluctant readers. Each term, we have many



children who benefit from this service, and your child may be next.

Please give generously if you can- any amount large or small- via the school's SIMS Agorapay.

**You are also invited to wear clothes with an animal theme on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September next week** to help us all raise awareness for the PAT charity (-we will allow extinct creature images/ costumes such as dinosaurs or cartoon/ imaginary/ mythical creatures such as unicorns & dragons to be worn too! Please no real fur clothing, or cuddly toys/ real pets to be brought to school though!)



**PETS AS  
THERAPY**

Thank you in advance for your generosity in giving to this amazing charity.

#### **OFFICE CONTACT FORMS**

Contact forms for your signature have been forwarded to each family on Friday last week. Please return these as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance.

#### **ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK**

We continue our focus in assemblies this week on the value of generosity



and Revd Sue will lead our Tuesday assembly about the parable of the vineyard. We will be continuing with our BSL practice to help us sign words to accompany our songs of worship, celebrating St Matthew's Day (the patron saint of money) and in our Picture News assembly, considering why more visits have not been allowed to those in care homes during Covid-19, and how these can take place safely.

#### **SPREADING JOY**

We are aware that many elderly residents in particular experienced extreme loneliness in lockdown earlier in the year, and as bubble groups are once again becoming more restricted as to when they can mix, we are inviting your children to design a flower card, for 'sending joy' to those in local residential and care homes from Isleham Primary School. Please take a photo of a flower picture or drawing your child has





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drawn or painted, and send this via ClassDojo for my attention. We will make up some cards for distribution to those in sheltered housing or care homes in and around Isleham. THANK YOU



### 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
<b>MEAT FREE</b>  <i>Freshly baked bread</i>	Poppyseed bloomer	Wholemeal	Garlic bread	Rosemary wholemeal	Focaccia
<b>Menu choice 1</b>	Cheese & tomato pizza	Sausage under wrap with rice	Beef bolognaise or Neapolitan pasta	Roast Chicken /quorn fillet with Roasted Potatoes & stuffing	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Garden Peas or Beans
<b>Menu choice 2</b> 	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
<b>Desserts</b>	Chocolate sponge Sliced fruit	Shortbread Sliced fruit	Lemon drizzle cake Sliced fruit	Banana cake Sliced fruit	Ice cream Sliced fruit

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



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## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS

Year 6 parents should now be aware that the process to apply for secondary school for next September 2021 is now open and will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Parents will receive their offer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. Any late applications received after the 31<sup>st</sup> October will be allocated on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please make applications on time to ensure the best opportunity of obtaining one of your 3 school preferences.

In order to apply for a secondary school place, you will need to log into the Citizen Portal to make your application. Last year the majority of parents chose to make their applications for a school place online. Parents must apply via their home local authority (where they pay their Council Tax to) for transferring from Primary to Secondary school.

This is the link to the Cambridgeshire online application process:-

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

If parents do not wish to make their application online, paper application forms are available on request if you call 0345 045 1370. Any students that have deferred places must apply via a paper application as the portal will not accept their date of birth for this transfer group.

If you have any questions about the application or online processes please refer to the booklet on our website "**Next Steps - Starting Secondary School; a guide for parents 2021-22**" or contact the Admissions Team.

## 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!

21/09/2020		
22/09/2020		
23/09/2020		
24/09/2020	4pm-5pm	PTA AGM via Zoom: meeting code: 681-068-7393 Password: 037579
25/09/2020		
28/09/2020		
29/09/2020		
30/09/2020	All day	'Animal theme day' in school. Donations to 'Pets as Therapy' via Sims Agora pay to support the charity providing Basil the reading dog at Isleham
01/10/2020		
02/10/2020		
05/10/2020		
06/10/2020	6.30pm	Govs P&S Cttee Meeting
07/10/2020		
08/10/2020		



09/10/2020		
12/10/2020		
13/10/2020	6.30pm	Govs Resources Ctte Meeting
14/10/2020	From 9.00m	Pupil Flu Vaccinations in school
15/10/2020		
16/10/2020	End of school days	Mini reports out to parents in advance of parents meeting
19/10/2020	5.00pm-8.00pm	Parents' Evening 1 of 2
20/10/2020	3.30pm	SLT Catch-up
21/10/2020	4.00pm-7.00pm	Parents' Evening 2 of 2
22/10/2020		
23/10/2020		
25/10/2020		British Summer Time ends
26/10/2020		HALF TERM
27/10/2020		HALF TERM
28/10/2020		HALF TERM
29/10/2020		HALF TERM
30/10/2020		HALF TERM
31/10/2020		Vigil of All Saints/ Hallowe'en
01/11/2020		All Saints Day
02/11/2020		
03/11/2020	6.30pm	Govs Resources Ctte Meeting if needed
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
13/11/2020		

