

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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## GREEN FINGERS' GARDENERS!

You may have seen the huge sunflowers peeping over the fence in the past couple of weeks. Well done to the gardening club who planted them. They are the tallest we have ever seen!



A bumper crop of tomatoes was also harvested last week, and Year 6 enjoyed tasting them at snacktime.

With all best wishes,  
Mrs Skillern

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P.T.A. (PARENT- TEACHER ASSOCIATION)

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the PTA will take place after school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. This is an opportunity to celebrate all the work of the PTA in the past year, and elect those wishing to be involved this year. There is a free crèche for school-aged children and refreshments will be provided. Please come along if you can.

## PONY CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS FOR ISLEHAM GIRLS



Two young sisters-Faith & Georgia, who are both in the Littleport and District Pony Club, competed at Chelmondeley Castle, Cheshire, in the Pony Club National Championships in the summer. They competed in the Musical Ride, a synchronised ride involving 10 other ponies and several hours and days of practice. The event was attended by thousands of competitors and spectators. The theme was the Rio Carnival and out of 18 teams they were delighted to come 5th. This was a great achievement and we are extremely proud of their achievement.

### P.E. HEALTH & SAFETY- EARRINGS

A great deal of frustration has been caused for some staff and children alike within the last week regarding pupils either being asked to remove earrings, or missing out on P.E. in school because they are wearing them. Obviously, we do not wish children to miss P.E. or swimming classes; however, under Cambridgeshire County Council guidance and for safety reasons the wearing of earrings, ear studs or other jewellery (metal or plastics) is not permitted during sporting activities, PE or swimming. It is for this reason that we ask you to remove your child's earrings for PE days or support them in being able to do this themselves if they are a bit older.

Teachers are advised to prohibit the wearing of earrings, ear studs or other jewellery in all aspects of physical activity or where, on the basis of a risk assessment, there is a risk of injury to the wearer or to others or where there is a risk of standards of hygiene being compromised, such as in Food Technology lessons. Serious injuries have been sustained as a result of contact between pupils wearing jewellery and other pupils, equipment or apparatus especially during physical activity. This is an absolute duty under Health and Safety Regulations and includes rings and wristwatches, and it is for this reason that we ask you to please help your child to remove any earrings before school on days on which they have P.E. or swimming, unless they can quickly and confidently do this independently in school. Members of staff should not be personally involved in the removal and/or temporary secure storage of items of jewellery, both for hygiene and insurance indemnity reasons and to avoid inadvertent injury to the pupil.

In very exceptional circumstances (e.g. newly pierced ear, infection or similar short term medical condition) the ear lobe may be taped temporarily (4 to 6 weeks) with non-allergic (hypo allergenic) microporous tape if it is necessary to retain the stud in place for medical reasons. The school is obliged to adhere to these guidelines, and your support is greatly appreciated.

## CLUBS LIST

Please see below the list of clubs running this term.

Please note that those wishing to attend Cross Country running club must return a signed permission slip this Monday- today.

Club	Time
Cross Country Running	Monday lunchtime
Chess Club	Tuesday lunchtime
ICT Club	Tuesday lunchtime
Recorder Club	Wednesday lunchtime
Drama Club	Wednesday after school
Cheerleading Club	Wednesday after school
Y4 Science Club	Wednesday lunchtime
Art Club	Thursday lunchtime
Construction Club	Thursday lunchtime
Archery Club (KS2 only)	Thursday after school
Swimming Club (until half term for selected children)	Friday lunchtime
Craft Club (after half term)	Friday lunchtime
Maypole Dancing Club	Friday after school

Please note that all after school clubs will run until 4.15pm. Children can be collected from the playground the end of their club.

## A CALL TO CHEERLEADING CLUB!



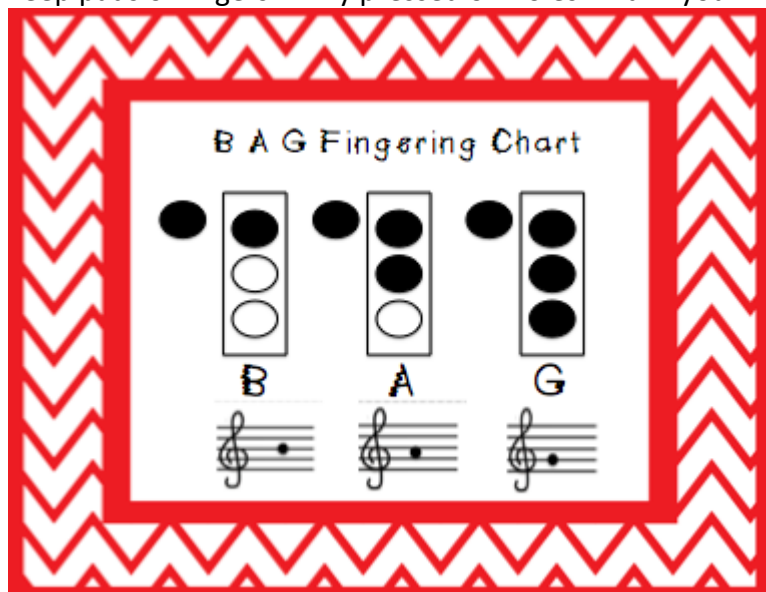
Our sports and dance specialist teacher Hayley Jackson is able to offer **Cheerleading Club after school on Wednesdays** for any pupils who would like to attend this term- children are welcome to attend this whether or not they already attend other clubs! (A small cost of £10 per term for all the classes will be payable). Multiskills was not a popular option, and we understand there was a clash with a local football group, so we are hoping this may be a more attractive prospect for some children. Please let the office know if your child would like to attend. Thank you.

## Payment for Archery Club & Cheerleading Club

If your child has been allocated to Archery Club or will be attending Cheerleading club this term, please arrange to pay £10 towards the staffing costs for these activities by Agora Pay or in cash to the office BY Friday 30th September. Please speak to the office in cases of financial hardship and support can be offered in line with our charges and remissions policy. Many thanks.

### **Recorder Club**

If your child is attending Recorder Club, please help him/her to practice the notes B A G as much as possible this week, as all of the recorder group will be playing in church for the harvest service at the end of next week, and some are finding it difficult to make a controlled sound if they have not played before. Encourage them to blow gently 'tu' and keep pads of fingers firmly pressed on holes. Thank you.



(thumb on back hole of recorder, and 1 finger on top front for B, thumb on back hole of recorder, and 2 fingers on top front for A and thumb on back hole of recorder, and 3 fingers on top front for G with left hand.)

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2016-17**

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The Following two children have been voted as School Council representatives in each class:

Year 1: Connor Henderson & Freya McTurk

Year 2: Jesse Wales & Erin Turner

Year 3: Zac Cox & Evie Stackhouse

Year 4: Thomas Fleming & Amy Cole

Year 5: Joseph Drayton & Elizabeth King

Year 6: James Churley and Sophia Webster

## MENU

Please find below details of this week's school menu. The daily menu is also on display in school for the children to view. If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please do so in advance via the online payment system- SIMS Agora. [www.payyourschool.co.uk](http://www.payyourschool.co.uk)

WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 29<sup>th</sup> Aug • 19<sup>th</sup> Sept • 10<sup>th</sup> Oct • 7<sup>th</sup> Nov • 28<sup>th</sup> Nov • 19<sup>th</sup> Dec • 16<sup>th</sup> Jan • 6<sup>th</sup> Feb • 6<sup>th</sup> Mar • 27<sup>th</sup> Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Award winning pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes	Organic beef chilli with mixed rice	Chicken pasta bake with garlic and herb focaccia	Roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce and gravy with roast potatoes	Battered cod fillet with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Chocolate surprise cake and organic milk	Apple and banana crisp with custard	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Peach pudding with vanilla sauce	Mini chocolate oat biscuit and fruit
	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt

50p

Contains 50% fruit

## OPEN CLASSROOMS

Please note that we will not be running 'open classrooms' on Thursdays this term, except in Reception class, as this is the afternoon when several teachers have their planning, preparation and assessment time and therefore books are in the process of being marked and staff are not all available to meet with you. We will instead open the classrooms on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December so that you can come in and browse through your child's books and work, and chat to the teachers. Of course, please do still feel free to speak with your child's teacher quickly at the beginning or end of each day if you have any concerns, or book an appointment via the office if you need to discuss a matter in more detail.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you once again to all parents who are supporting the school's uniform guidelines and are ensuring their children have the correct uniform items for school.

A few queries answered:-

- Polo shirts and sweatshirt/ cardigans do not need to have the school logo. Of course, if you have purchased smart plain burgundy uniform for your child which does not have the school logo- this is perfectly acceptable.
- All children so though please need a burgundy jumper, sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. If you do not have a burgundy top for your child, there are many second hand items (which we are willing to give out to you) available in the office, or new items can be purchased from the office.
- Black school shoes are far preferable to trainers for the long school day; however, if you have purchased completely plain black trainers for your child to wear in school this year, these will be permitted.

- ALL items of uniform and all possessions must please be clearly named with permanent marker pen, sew-in tags, iron-on tags or attach-a-tags. We are able to ensure lost items return to their owners very quickly if they are clearly named.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DATE- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**



There will be an opportunity for children to have their individual school portraits taken on the morning of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The photographer will also take photographs of siblings together (who attend Isleham School). Unfortunately, it will not be possible for pre-school-aged siblings or non-pupils of the schools to be photographed with their brother or sisters on this occasion.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



A very happy birthday to the children who celebrate their birthdays this week

### **NEWSLETTER DESIGN COMPETITION**

Thank you for all your wonderful entries so far for the Newsletter Footer Design Competition.... The children were invited to draw a long thin picture or pictures of the school, of Isleham village or of the school children, and submit it to the competition. We have some lovely art prizes for them to win.

If your child would still like to enter the competition, please print out the entry form attached with the newsletter and return it to school by the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016- THIS FRIDAY.

Your child should hand his/her completed entry form to his/her class teacher. The entries will be judged by our school art co-ordinator Mrs Barber and Mrs Skillern on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, with winners announced in the newsletter and assembly on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.



### REMAINING DIARY DATES- SEPTEMBER 2016

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September- School portrait photographs
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September- Deadline for Newsletter Design Competition
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September- Newsletter Design Competition winners announced.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September- Full Governors' Meeting 7pm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September- Harvest Service- St Andrew's Church, Isleham 2pm (Parents welcome. Each child is invited to **bring a tin or sealed packet of food** for The Three Rivers' Churches' Harvest collection from next Monday- 26<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you in advance.)

### ADVANCE NOTICE- DIARY DATES- OCTOBER 2016

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Year 5 visit to Ely cathedral
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October- PTA AGM in the School Hall- all parents of the school welcome at 3.30pm to listen to the reports from the existing committee and to make committee elections for the coming year. A free crèche is being provided.
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October- 'Messy Church' for fun, crafts and worship for all the family, at Fordham Church 3.30pm-5.30pm. For more information, contact Revd Sue on 01638 721662
- Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October-NO clubs running due to Parents' Consultations
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October- Parents' Consultation appointments 1.30pm-7.00pm  
Appointment time selection sheets will be sent out to parents at the end of September, to enable you to select convenient time slots.
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Year 6 'Bikeability' classes
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Year 1 visit to Ely Museum
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October- school closed- Professional Development Day for staff
- Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October- HALF TERM- no school