

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 12th September 2016



A BUSY FIRST WEEK

We enjoyed a wonderful first week back in school last week with some glorious sunshine. The children have settled very quickly back into school life and into their new classes.

We were especially proud last week of the Year 6 'buddies' who did an excellent job looking after their Reception 'charges' on the younger children's taster days; the Reception children seemed to thoroughly enjoy their first days in school as a result.



Thank you too for your club reply slips. Lunchtime and after-school clubs commence this week- see overleaf.

With all best wishes,
Mrs Skillern

MESSAGES FOR THE OFFICE

Please note that if you have an urgent message for the class teacher about pick-up arrangements for your child, this needs to please be telephoned through by 2.30pm at the very latest- otherwise it is not always possible for the Secretary in the office to run round to each teacher to hand over the messages, especially if she is caught taking other calls, or attending to parents in the office area.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

The best time to visit the school office is just after dropping off your child to school in the morning or just before collecting him/her at the end of the day. The office is unfortunately not open at lunchtimes, and needs to close promptly at 3.30pm.

CLUBS CONFIRMATION

A full list of clubs running this term is included below. If you requested for your Key Stage 1 or 2 child to attend any clubs this term, you will have received the club notification slip on Friday. Please speak to the office if you are unsure which clubs your child has been allocated to.

Club	Time
Cross Country Running	Monday lunchtime
Chess Club	Tuesday lunchtime
ICT Club	Tuesday lunchtime
Recorder Club	Wednesday lunchtime
Multiskills Club	Wednesday after school
Drama 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.

There are still several places available at Multiskills club after school on Wednesdays. Please let the office know if your child in Year 1, 2 3 or 4 would like to join this club for the term. It promises to be an excellent after-school club, which can be adapted to incorporate the favourite sports of the group, and is taught by sports specialist Hayley.

Payment for Archery and Multiskills Clubs

If your child has been allocated to either Archery or Multiskills club, 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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



A very happy birthday to the children who celebrate their birthdays this week:-
Macy on the 13th September, Arthur on the 14th September, Sophia L on the 14th September, Isaac on the 17th September and Ben M on the 18th September.

CONGRATULATIONS 'SAPPHIRES'!

The winning house group for the Summer Term 2016 was the 'Sapphires'. Well done to all who contributed to the Sapphires' success! The Sapphires celebrated on Friday morning with a special playtime, including parachute games, football, cricket & giant Connect 4 on the field!



MENU

Please find overleaf 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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Organic beef lasagne with garlic bread	Chicken and sweetcorn pie with gravy and mashed potatoes	Mega ham and tomato pizza	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers and chips
DESSERTS	Rice pudding with mandarin oranges	Cappuccino cake with organic milk	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Apple pie with custard 50%	Mini flapjack and fruit 50%
	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 50%

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

The curriculum got off to a flying start last week. All of the children did some wonderful work on the characteristics of effective learning in PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education), and looked to create some colourful characters to help the younger children identify and understand the characteristics we seek in children in Isleham School. The children came up with some super ideas, and our final 6 Isleham 'characteristic characters' for posters around the school have now been decided upon.

They are:-

- Penelope the positive peacock, who always looks on the bright side!
- Carl the creative chameleon, who always thinks of exciting ways to complete each task!
- Marvin the motivated mouse, who always wants to show how well he can do!
- Pepper the persevering pony, who always keeps on going, even when things are tough!
- Ryan the respectful rhino, who always waits his turn and looks after everything and everyone around him!
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- Izzie the independent iguana, who always listens well and has a go for herself before asking for help!

The characteristic posters will soon be displayed around the school and incorporate at least one suggestion or image from each class group.



Thank you to all the children who contributed their ideas to make these lovely characters come to life.

OPEN CLASSROOMS

Please note that we will not be running 'open classrooms' on Thursdays this term, 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 18th October and Tuesday 13th 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.

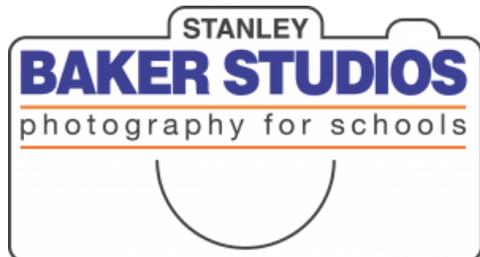
SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you 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 key reminders about uniform:-

- All children please need a burgundy jumper, sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. Please NO red or black- 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 22nd September



There will be an opportunity for children to have their individual school portraits taken on the morning of Thursday 22nd 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.

DATA SHEETS & MEDICAL FORMS

The office will be emailing you a data sheet this week, which please needs to be carefully checked and filled in, to ensure we have current emergency contact details for you, and correct information about your child. Medical detail forms will also be sent for completion. Thank you in advance.

NEWSLETTER DESIGN COMPETITION

Throughout the month of September this year, we are running a competition for children of the school to design a new 'footer' for the newsletter which can be used throughout the remainder of the year.... The children are 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.

We have already received several superb entries. If your child would 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 23rd September 2016.

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 23rd September, with winners announced in the newsletter and assembly on the 26th September.

MUSIC LESSONS AT ISLEHAM



Please find attached to this newsletter, the flyer recently circulated from Mr Wright about instrumental tuition and extra-curricular music lessons at Isleham Primary School. We are incredibly fortunate to have a wealth of brass instruments in school which can be loaned out to pupils who would like to learn to play free of charge. Your only cost will be the cost of the lessons, and assistance with fees can be offered when needed. Please contact the office or Mr Wright directly for more information.

EAST ANGLIAN SAILING TRUST FUNDRAISING

For a couple of years now, the school's Chair of Governors, Mr Neil King, has been involved with a fantastic charity- The East Anglian Sailing Trust, crewing on trips providing opportunities for visually impaired (VI) and blind people to experience sailing. This month he is completing a 26 mile walk along Hadrian's Wall raising money for EAST. If you would like to sponsor him and help raise funds for EAST, please visit his 'mydonate' page:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/neilking1>

My donate do not charge any commission and Mr King is ensuring that every penny donated will go to EAST.

If you want to find out more about the great work EAST do, or maybe get involved yourself, please contact Mr King or visit the VI sailing section of the EAST website:

<http://www.east-anglian-sailing-trust.org.uk/index.php?pageid=27> THANK YOU

MESSY CHURCH



Don't forget that all are welcome at 'Messy Church' for fun, crafts and worship for all the family, every second Sunday of the month at Fordham Church 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Remaining dates this term:-

October 9th, November 13th & December 11th. For more information, contact Revd Sue on 01638 721662

DIARY DATES- SEPTEMBER 2016

- Monday 12th September- lunchtime and after-school clubs commence, plus swimming lessons.
- Monday 12th September- Reception children commence full-time days in school
- Thursday 22nd September- School portrait photographs
- Friday 23rd September- Deadline for Newsletter Design Competition
- Wednesday 28th September- Full Governors' Meeting 7pm
- Friday 30th 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 26th September. Thank you in advance.)

ADVANCE NOTICE- DIARY DATES- OCTOBER 2016

- Week commencing 10th October-NO clubs running due to Parents' Consultations
- Thursday 13th 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 17th to Thursday 20th October- Year 6 'Bikeability' classes
- Thursday 20th October- Year 1 visit to Ely Museum
- Friday 21st October- school closed- Professional Development Day for staff
- Week commencing 24th October- HALF TERM- no school